

MINISTER VAKITI SRIHARI DECLARES MAKTHAL CONSTITUENCY AS STATE’S NUMBER ONE IN DEVELOPMENT

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State Minister for Sports, Animal Husbandry, Youth Services, and Fisheries, Vakiti Srihari, extended his warm congratulations to the people of Makthal constituency and the entire state on the successful completion of two years of the People’s Government (Praja Palana). The Minister proudly asserted that he is spearheading the development of the Makthal constituency at an unprecedented pace, urging the public to critically observe and compare the state of the constituency before and after the year 2023. Highlighting a major developmental initiative, the Minister announced a key Cabinet decision to explore the establishment of an 800-megawatt thermal power plant in

Makthal under the stewardship of NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation). Should this vital project materialize, it is projected to generate employment opportunities for approximately 4,000 unemployed youth in the region, providing a significant boost to local livelihoods. Furthermore, the Minister revealed the launch of the Makthal-Narayanpet-Kodangal Lift Irrigation Scheme, a massive water project initiated with an estimated budget of 5,000 crores. Addressing land acquisition issues for the project, he announced a significant increase in compensation for displaced farmers. The compensation rate per acre has been raised from 14 lakhs to 20 lakhs, an additional 6 lakhs, which benefits the affected farmers with an add-



ed 57 crores. In terms of infrastructure, the Makthal-Narayanpet road is set for a major upgrade, with 210 crores sanctioned for its expansion into a four-lane road. The educational sector is also receiving a substantial boost with the establishment of the Young India Integrated School in the constituency, which will feature all modern infrastructure and facilities, backed by a budget of 250 crores. Additionally, 42 crores have been sanctioned for the construction of the Anugonda R&R Center for rehabilitation and resettlement purposes. Minister Srihari also detailed the extensive farmer welfare measures, noting that 363 crores in loan waivers have been implemented in the constituency, directly benefiting 33,788 farmers. The govern-

ment procured about 270,000 metric tons of paddy during the Kharif and Rabi seasons, depositing 619 crores into farmers’ accounts, with an additional 122 crores disbursed as a bonus payment. The Minister also highlighted the expansion of social security, confirming the sanction of 12,552 new ration cards in Makthal alone, benefiting approximately 60,000 people, who now receive 6 kgs of fine rice per head. Health infrastructure is set to improve dramatically with the opening of a 150-bed hospital on ten acres in Makthal town within the next six months, and 26 crores sanctioned for a 50-bed hospital in Atmakur town. New Dialysis Centers have been established in Makthal and Atmakur with an investment of 6 crores. Furthermore,

3,500 Indiramma houses have been sanctioned with a budget of 175 crores, along with 221 crores for BT road construction and 16 crores for repairs. 6 crores have been sanctioned for 20 Gram Panchayat buildings and 19 Anganwadi centers. The Minister also mentioned the Mini Tank Bund bea utification in Makthal town at a cost of 6 crores and the government’s approval for establishing a Court in Makthal, with the MLA camp office temporarily allocated for the court building. Minister Srihari concluded with a bold pledge to ensure Makthal constituency achieves the Number One position in development across the entire state, promising to secure more funds in the next three years to fulfill this ambitious goal.

DEPUTY CM BHATTI VIKRAMARKA ANNOUNCES TELANGANA GLOBAL RISING SUMMIT DETAILS

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Malu formally announced the comprehensive details of the upcoming “Telangana Global Rising – 2025 Summit” during a media briefing. He confirmed that the state government is organizing this prestigious event at the Bharat Future City on the 8th and 9th of this month. He explicitly clarified that this summit is an exclusive Economic Summit, with the core objective centered on achieving a 3 Trillion Dollar economy for Telangana by the year 2047. The foundational Vision

Document guiding this economic goal has been meticulously prepared incorporating valuable advice and suggestions from both the NITI Aayog and the ISB (Indian School of Business) – Hyderabad. The Deputy CM stated that the summit will formally commence at 1:30 PM on December 8th and will be inaugurated by the State Governor, Jishnu Dev Varma. He expressed great satisfaction that such a significant event is being hosted at the Future City. He highlighted that the entire Cabinet, under the strategic leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, collectively deliberated and contributed to the formulation of this ambitious Vision Document. The summit is set to feature keynote addresses from numerous world-renowned economists and prominent global figures. The line-up of speakers on the first day, December 8th, includes Nobel Laureate Abhijit Banerjee, Eric Swider (Director of Trump Media & Technology Group), Minister Sridhar Babu, Karnataka Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar, Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Union Minister Kishan Reddy, and Deputy Chief Minister

Bhatti Vikramarka himself. A key highlight will be the keynote address by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy at 2:30 PM on the 8th. Following the major addresses, the summit will transition into multiple department-specific sessions, scheduled to begin between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM. These sessions will feature the respective Cabinet Ministers, their Principal Secretaries, and subject matter experts. Similar in-depth sessions will continue throughout the second day, December 9th, starting at 9:00 AM, leading up to the closing ceremony at 6:00 PM. Details regarding the dignitaries attending the concluding session are set to be announced shortly. Deputy CM Vikramarka further elaborated on the international participation, revealing that the summit will host 154 delegates from 44 countries across 6 continents, with a significant representation of 46 delegates from the United States alone. He emphasized that all political parties within the state have been invited to ensure broad support for the state’s economic future, with officials personally extending the invitations. He confirmed that the Chief Minister, himself, and

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FORMER MINISTER HARISH RAO ACCUSES CONGRESS OF STALLING WELFARE SCHEMES AND PRUNING RATION CARDS

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Senior BRS leader and former Minister T. Harish Rao has issued a strong condemnation of the Congress government under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing them of deliberately stalling welfare schemes and creating an “insecurity hub” in Telangana. Speaking at a press event, Harish Rao alleged that the government is attempting to drastically prune the list of beneficiaries for welfare schemes rather than expanding coverage. He specifically targeted the issue of ration cards, demanding that the government immediately issue them to all eligible applicants without imposing confusing pre-conditions. He criticized the government for trying to compile beneficiary lists in Hyderabad, far removed from the ground reality, instead of relying on local village-level selection processes. Harish Rao highlighted the BRS government’s humanitarian approach under former CM KCR, noting they issued over 6,47,479 new ration cards and provided ration support to an additional 20,69,033 beneficiaries over ten years. He emphasized that the BRS significantly increased the income limits for ration card eligibility to ensure more poor families benefited, raising the rural limit to 1.5 lakh and the ur-

ban limit to 2.5 lakh. Taking current inflation into account, Harish Rao demanded that the Congress government adjust these limits further to 2.55 lakh for rural areas and 3.4 lakh for urban areas to prevent the exclusion of needy families. The BRS leader also accused CM Revanth Reddy of attempting to blackmail voters by threatening to cancel their ration cards and other benefits if they did not vote for the Congress party in bye-elections. Furthermore, Harish Rao criticized the Congress government for stalling the implementation of 11 major projects worth an estimated 13,000 crore. He pointed out the failure to implement loan waivers and the government’s boasts about the Arogyasri scheme while failing to pay pending bills amounting to 1,900 crore owed to hospitals. He urged the people of the state to reject the current “chaotic and anarchic” rule and stressed that only the Chief Minister’s family seems to be benefiting, while the rest of the 40 million people of Telangana are suffering. Harish Rao concluded by asserting that the verdict of the people in the recent election should be seen as a crucial opportunity to set a new political tone against the current administration’s alleged failures and anti-people policies.

FORMER MINISTER HARISH RAO SLAMS CONGRESS OVER FAILURE TO SUPPLY UREA TO FARMERS

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Senior BRS leader and former Minister T. Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, specifically targeting Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, labeling the current administration as a “curse” upon the state’s farmers due to its “anti-farmer policies.” Harish Rao highlighted a critical and immediate issue by referencing the plight of farmers in Dharamaopeta village of Khanapur Mandal in the Narsampet constituency, which the Chief Minister had recently visited. The farmers in this area are reportedly facing severe hardships and long queues for urea, directly contradicting the CM’s recent pronouncements of success. The BRS leader severely criticized CM Revanth Reddy for focusing on “empty rhetoric” and wasting public funds on “victory celebrations” while neglecting the basic needs of the agricultural sector. He mocked the CM’s announcements of the

“Global Summit” and “Vision 2047” by challenging him to prioritize the immediate and essential task of ensuring adequate urea supply to the farmers. Harish Rao accused the government of abandoning the agricultural plan, resulting in a situation where farmers, women, and the elderly are forced to stand in lengthy queues for hours to secure fertilizer. He asserted that the government’s “immoral rule” has become a curse, and the ir anti-farmer policies are making the lives of cultivators a living hell. The former Minister expressed deep shame that the current administration and the government have failed to learn any lessons from the severe urea shortages and bitter experiences of the previous season. He warned that if the situation is already so dire at the start of the season, it is likely to worsen significantly in the coming months. Harish Rao concluded his statement with a strong demand to the state government.

BRS WORKING PRESIDENT KTR SLAMS CENTRE AND CONGRESS OVER NEW LABOUR CODES

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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), speaking at a round table meeting of labor unions at Telangana Bhavan, delivered sharp criticism against both the Central Government and the Congress State Government over the proposed new labor codes. KTR began by paying tribute to B.R. Ambedkar on his death anniversary, noting that the Telangana state itself was formed due to the Constitution written by him. He observed that India faces a stark contradiction between having the world’s richest individuals and pervasive poverty. KTR argued that implementing laws brought in the US and Europe under the guise of the ‘World is a Global Village’ concept is unsuitable for India’s social context. He specifically criticized bringing in new reforms as part of Free Trade Agreements without considering local social realities, calling for rebellion against such laws. He highlighted that 92% of the country’s population holds white ration cards, underscoring the widespread poverty. He commended former CM KCR for always prioritizing the welfare of the poor with a human touch, cit-



ing the example of KCR providing textile orders worth 3,500 crores over ten years for Bathukamma sarees to support the Sircilla weavers. He contrasted this with the current government, noting that KCR previously provided financial aid from the party funds to the families of weavers who committed suicide when the party was in opposition, to awaken the rulers, and later provided government aid when in power. KTR used the economic success of China—now a \$60 trillion economy compared to India’s \$4 trillion—as an example of a nation that achieved results by constantly adopting new policies aligned with its people. He criticized the lack of debate on such critical issues in India. He asserted that the solution to many problems lies in electing a party that fights for the people and

has adequate representation in Parliament. He lamented that the BRS’s lack of Lok Sabha representation enables the Congress and BJP to collude on such laws. KTR provided the recent disruption caused by Indigo Airlines as a direct example of the negative impact of monopoly and the Central Government placing critical infrastructure like ports and airports in the hands of a few. He mentioned that over a thousand flights were canceled, turning airports into ‘bus and railway stations’, and attributed this chaos to labor exploitation. He claimed the Central Government succumbed to Indigo’s pressure rather than the airline yielding. KTR warned that if the new labor codes are implemented, the kind of discomfort and chaos witnessed with Indigo would spread to other sectors.

He declared that the BRTU (BRS Trade Union) has no objection to working with any labor union to oppose the new codes, as there are no elections currently. He reiterated that preventing the implementation of the labor codes in Telangana would serve as a ‘compass for the entire nation’. KTR strongly questioned how the Congress government could implement a bill that Sonia Gandhi opposed in Delhi. He called for the start of the protest from Telangana, including meeting the Union Labor Minister and Parliamentary Standing Committee members in Delhi. KTR announced that they would stagnate the Assembly and Council sessions until the labor codes implementation is stopped, and they plan to hold the next round table meeting in Warangal.

Former Minister Harish Rao Slams Cm Revanth Reddy Over Governance And Slbc Project

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Former Minister and senior BRS leader Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, using a harsh analogy: "Just because a dog is seated on a golden throne, it doesn't change its nature. Similarly, seating Revanth Reddy in the Chief Minister's chair will not change his old habits, nor can he change them." Harish Rao challenged the CM, asking what he has achieved in the past two years other than "crying over KCR Garu and the BRS Party." He accused the CM of "shamelessly wandering around under the guise of victory celebrations and speaking vulgarly," asserting that

such actions do not magically transform non-existent work into achievements. He warned that the public will not forget the welfare benefits delivered during the BRS tenure, regardless of the propagation of falsehoods. Harish Rao specifically targeted the CM's claim that the BRS government did not issue a single ration card, branding it as a "blatant lie," and demanded a clarification on whether the 6,47,479 ration cards sanctioned by the BRS are untrue. He also questioned the CM on the BRS government's move to increase the ration from 4 kg per person to 6 kg per person for every family member. Turning to the sensitive SLBC (Srisailem



Left Bank Canal) Project, Harish Rao questioned who held a grudge against the people of Nalgonda and who initially designed the project to be a "never-ending project," and who neglected it. He countered the CM's accusations by providing figures, stating that the BRS government spent 3,892 crores and completed 11.48 kilometers of tunnel work, questioning if the Congress government lacks these records or why the CM repeatedly resorts to falsehoods. He further blamed the current government's "ill-conceived decisions, negligence, and reckless actions" for plunging the SLBC into its current critical state. He accused the CM of being respon-

sible for the loss of eight innocent lives due to taking action without proper precautions or conducting a necessary study. Harish Rao declared that the CM's comments on irrigation cause "irritation" to the public, especially since the government has not provided water to a single new acre in two years. He lambasted the CM for failing to stop Andhra Pradesh from illegally diverting Krishna water and preparing DPRs for illegal projects, while choosing to "cry over the BRS." He labeled the current administration as a "useless government" for being unable to retrieve the bodies trapped in the SLBC tunnel. The former Minister criticized the CM

for prioritizing "playing football" and neglecting governance and public issues while all sections of society suffer, comparing it to "Nero fiddling while Rome burned." He questioned the CM's commitment, asking, "Are you the Chief Minister of the state or a world player?" Harish Rao concluded by urging the CM to abandon his "illusory world" of "Global Summits" and "Scam Plans," arguing that the public has recognized the government's deceit, incapacity, and "scam-ridden rule," calling for him to focus on actual administration and drop his arrogance and ignorance.

Bjp M P Eatala Rajender Criticizes Congress For Pending Bills Of Sarpanches

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BJP Member of Parliament Eatala Rajender sharply criticized the ruling Congress government for its failure to clear the pending bills for works executed by Sarpanches, despite the party having been in power for two full years. MP Rajender voiced his criticism while actively campaigning in support of local election candidates backed by the BJP across several villages in the Kamalapur Mandal, Hanamkonda district, including Ka-

malapur, Bheempally, Kannur, and Gundedu. Addressing the local residents and party workers, MP Rajender asserted that the development activities currently visible in the villages are being carried out exclusively with funds released by the Central Government. He went further to claim that even the construction of double-bedroom houses, a flagship welfare scheme, is being executed utilizing funds provided by the Central Government. The BJP leader highlighted the precari-

ous financial condition of the state, stating that the State Government lacks the necessary funds even to pay the salaries of sanitation workers in the Panchayats. This critique underscored his argument that the state government is failing in its fundamental financial and administrative responsibilities at the grassroots level, which directly impacts the day-to-day cleanliness and maintenance of the villages. He also touched upon the unethical electoral practices, noting reports that

some individuals are attempting to "buy votes with money" during the local elections. MP Rajender strongly emphasized the intrinsic value of human dignity, stating, "The self-respect of people cannot be priced." He positioned himself as a dedicated advocate for the poor, affirming, "Eatala is a son who fights for the poor." He assured the local populace that regardless of whether he is in a position of power or not, the responsibility for ensuring that they receive all necessary amenities and

benefits remains his priority. This statement aimed to build confidence in the BJP candidates and to reassure the electorate of his continued commitment to the constituency's welfare and its residents. His campaign pitch focused heavily on the need for local representation that aligns with the resource-rich Central Government, positioning the BJP as the most effective channel for sustained rural development and the timely release of funds for village works. The campaign event served to

mobilize local support and highlight the alleged administrative and financial shortcomings of the incumbent Congress regime in fulfilling its local body obligations, especially concerning the salaries of essential workers and the reimbursement for executed works by local representatives. The MP's visit provided a political platform to advocate for greater transparency and financial accountability from the state government towards the rural local bodies.



MLC ADDANKI DAYAKAR COUNTERS KCR'S REMARKS

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MLC Dr. Addanki Dayakar delivered a sharp counter to the recent statements made by BRS Chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), asserting that neither the BRS nor the BJP possesses the leadership capability to challenge Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Dr. Dayakar argued that the CM's confident declaration of remaining Chief Minister for the next ten years is rooted in this fundamental lack of formidable opposition. He stated emphatically that Revanth Reddy has evolved into a powerful political force with widespread public acceptance and approval. Addressing the BRS, Dr. Dayakar noted that KCR's recent statements regarding power have created visible confusion among BRS leaders. He delivered a severe critique of the BRS's current trajectory, stating that as long as KCR remains out of the public eye, the party's very survival is tenuous. He challenged the former Chief Minister to emerge as an "agitator and former CM" and actively engage in political struggle if the BRS is to have any chance of existence,

although he dismissed the possibility of them regaining power as a "mere dream." Dr. Dayakar warned that if KCR continues to remain invisible, the BRS will inevitably have to be "gifted away" to the BJP or another political entity.

The MLC also analyzed the internal dynamics of the BRS leadership, observing that KCR seems to be "testing" K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) by handing him the reins. He labeled the actions of senior leader Harish Rao as "suspicious" and noted that Kavitha has "stepped out" (implying she is no longer an active participant in core leadership). He concluded this analysis by declaring that without KCR, the BRS would become a "ban krupat party." Turning to the state government, Dr. Dayakar praised CM Revanth Reddy's efforts, stating that the Chief Minister is using the Global Summit as a platform to introduce the state to the world. He emphasized that the CM is treating development and welfare as "two eyes," indicating a balanced approach to governance. Dr. Dayakar concluded by affirming that the people of Telangana.

Brs Leader T Harish Rao Slams Congress Over Continuing Urea Shortage

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Senior BRS leader and former Minister T. Harish Rao launched a strong condemnation of the Congress government, accusing it of failing to resolve the persistent urea shortage that has plagued farmers. He highlighted that the crisis, which initially troubled farmers throughout the Kharif season, has now continued unabated into the current Rabi season. Harish Rao firmly stated that the farmers of Telangana are being pushed to the brink of desperation due to the "ill-advised policies" of the Congress government. To substantiate his claims, he directly referenced Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's recent movements, presenting a pointed challenge: "Revanth Reddy garu... These are the very hardships farmers are enduring to get urea in Dharmarao pet village of Khanapur mandal in Narsampet constituency, the same area you visited just yesterday," illustrating the CM's alleged disconnect from the ground realities. The BRS leader fiercely criticized the Chief Minister for his inability to ensure a consistent and adequate urea supply for the agricultural sector. He accused the CM of making "hollow claims about development" and of reck-



lessly "wasting public money on lavish victory celebrations," all while failing to execute tangible work on the ground. Harish Rao sarcastically attacked the CM's focus on macro-level projects, stating, "While you beat empty drums and show heaven in the palm by talking about Global Summits and Vision 2047, first focus on supplying urea to our farmers." He alleged that the Congress government's complete disregard for agricultural planning has forced farmers, including women and the elderly, to suf-

fer the humiliation of standing in long queues for hours just to procure the essential urea. He charged that the current rule has become a "curse for the farmers of Telangana" and that the anti-farmer policies are making farmers "see hell." Harish Rao expressed shame that the government had clearly learned nothing from the bitter urea crisis experienced during the previous season. He issued a grave warning, stating that if the situation is this dire right at the commencement of the Rabi season,

the scenario in the coming days could become "terrible." The former Minister concluded his critique by placing an urgent and non-negotiable demand on the government: to immediately implement all necessary arrangements to ensure there is no further shortage of urea and that farmers are not subjected to any more hardship or distress in securing the required fertilizer. He urged the government to prioritize the agrarian crisis over political grandstanding and international summits.

Brs Working President Demands Congress Halt New Labour Laws Implementation

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The Working President of the BRS Party issued a strong statement challenging the ruling Congress government in Telangana regarding the implementation of the new labor codes. The BRS leader highlighted a significant political contradiction, questioning how the Congress government in Telangana could proceed with the approval or implementation of laws that their own national leader, Sonia Gandhi, had explicitly opposed in the Parliament. This action, according to the BRS Working President, places the state Congress unit at odds with its central leadership and its stated ideological position on labor rights. In response to this perceived contradiction and the negative impact of the new labor laws on workers, the BRS leader announced a strategic plan of action for the party. He called for the organization of widespread awareness meetings (Avagahana Sadassulu) in all district headquarters across Telangana. The primary objective of these gatherings will be to directly challenge and demand that the Congress party

and the state government refrain from implementing the new labor codes. The BRS Working President stressed the national importance of successfully blocking these new labor laws in Telangana. He proclaimed that if the BRS movement succeeds in preventing the implementation of these new labor laws within the state, this victory would set a crucial precedent and serve as a "compass" (Diksuchi) or guiding light for other states across the country that are also resisting the codes. This stance positions the BRS as a key defender of labor rights and aims to mobilize significant support among the state's workforce. The BRS leader's push seeks to ensure that the state government does not endorse or enforce legislation that is deemed detrimental to the interests of workers and which has faced strong opposition at the central level from Congress leadership. This move is calculated to apply political pressure on the Congress government and strengthen the BRS party's image as the champion of labor and social justice issues in Telangana.



Dgp Has Senior Home Guards Cut Cake On Home Guards Foundation Day

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A special program was meticulously organized at the DGP office on Saturday, December 6, 2025, to commemorate the Home Guards Foundation Day. Home Guards working at the DGP office convened a special meeting and cordially invited DGP Sri B. Sivadhar Reddy as the chief guest for the celebrations. Upon arriving at the event, DGP Sri B. Sivadhar Reddy honored the occasion by having the cake, prepared for the Home Guards Foundation Day, cut by the most senior Home Guards. Home Guards, including female Home Guards, who have dedicated over 30 years of service collectively participated in the cake-cutting ceremony. Addressing the gathering, Director General of Police Sri B. Sivadhar Reddy extended his warm wishes to all Home Guards across the state on the occasion of their Foundation Day. He acknowledged and highly praised the pivotal role that Home Guards play within the State Police Department. The DGP particularly commended their commitment, noting that Home Guards deliver their crucial services without expectation of commensurate compensation. He drew a favorable comparison, stating that the current situation of Home Guards is considerably better than when he first joined the service, and emphatically praised them as the backbone of the Police Department. DGP Reddy revealed that certain issues concerning the welfare of Home Guards are presently under the active consideration of the government. He specifically highlighted that the matter of compassionate appointments needs to be resolved swiftly. He expressed his hope that these appointments could soon be implemented, similar to a program of homage, for the families of Home Guards who die in the line of duty. Furthermore, he mentioned that he has already held discussions with officials from various banks interested in providing life insurance coverage to the Home Guards. He pointed out that both HDFC and Axis Banks are already providing ex-gratia payments to the families of Home Guards who lose their lives while performing their duties. The DGP concluded his address on an optimistic note, expressing confidence that the Home Guards will soon hear good news regarding the issues currently under governmental review. The event was also graced by the presence of Home Guards Additional DGP Smt. Swati Lakra, who detailed the welfare schemes already being implemented by the government for the Home Guards. She specifically mentioned the recent distribution of 15,075 raincoats and 4,700 woolen jackets and confirmed ongoing discussions with relevant officials regarding other matters under government consideration. Other senior officials, including Law and Order Additional DGP Sri Mahesh M. Bhagwat, CID Additional DGP Charu Sinha, and IGP Sri S. Chandrasekhar Reddy and Dr. M. Ramesh, also participated in the function.



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Mlc Dasoju Sravan Attends Funeral Of Sai Eeshwara Chari, Demands Compensation

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The funeral rites for Sai Eeshwara Chari, who tragically committed suicide due to distress over the alleged deception by the Congress government concerning BC reservations, were concluded at the cremation grounds in Jagadgirigutta. Dasoju Sravan, a prominent BRS leader and MLC, attended the solemn final rites. MLC Sravan participated actively in the funeral procession, demonstrating his respect and support by carrying the bier of the deceased. He remained present until the very end of the funeral proceedings, offering solace and comfort to the bereaved family members during their time of profound grief. Speaking on the matter, MLC Dasoju Sravan condemned the situation that led to the tragic loss of life. He forcefully demanded that the government immediately provide comprehensive support and compensation to the distressed family of the victim. The suicide, stemming from deep frustration and alleged disappointment regarding the lack of clear action or perceived betrayal over the promised Backward Classes (BC) reservations, has brought the sensitive issue back into the political spotlight. Dasoju Sravan highlighted that Sai Eeshwara Chari's extreme step underscores the severe emotional and mental toll that political issues, particularly those concerning reservation and social justice, can inflict upon individuals who feel marginalized or misled by governing bodies. His presence at the funeral, a gesture of solidarity beyond simple political rhetoric, aimed to demonstrate the BRS party's commitment to the cause of BC welfare and reservations. The BRS leader's call for government aid is intended to ensure that the victim's family, who are now facing both immense emotional loss and financial hardship, receives immediate and adequate relief from the state. The incident is expected to intensify the political debate surrounding the implementation and commitment to welfare policies and reservation guarantees for the Backward Classes community within Telangana. The BRS party is likely to leverage this tragic event to further pressure the ruling Congress government on its handling of BC reservation policies in the state assembly and public forums.



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Mild Tension Breaks Out At Tank Bund During Ambedkar Death Anniversary Event

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A situation of mild tension briefly emerged at Tank Bund during the commemorative event held to mark Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's death anniversary. The incident occurred when a group of members belonging to the Mala Sangham (Mala Association) unexpectedly confronted Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, who was present at the memorial. The primary motive behind the confrontation was the group's unified demand for immediate amendments to the SC classification law. They sought direct intervention from the Deputy CM, who is himself a prominent figure from the Dalit community, to address what they perceive as long-standing inequalities or issues within the existing Scheduled Caste classification framework. The sudden protest action created a temporary security concern and led to the momentary disruption of the solemn ceremony. The Police personnel who were on duty at the location responded swiftly and decisively to the unfolding situation. They quickly moved to disperse the protesters and restore order to the area, ensuring the safety of the dignitaries and the smooth continuation of the memorial event. Fortunately, due to the rapid response and effective management by the police, no untoward incidents or escalated violence were reported. The incident underscored the deep sensitivity and ongoing political relevance of the SC classification and reservation issues in the state. While the ceremony proceeded without further disturbance, the confrontation highlighted the specific and pressing demands of certain Scheduled Caste groups regarding the equitable distribution of benefits under the existing classification system. The event serves as a public reminder to the ruling government, especially the Deputy Chief Minister, about the need to urgently address and resolve these highly contentious and politically charged issues within the Scheduled Caste community.

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Corporator Raj Jethender Nath Pays Homage To Ambedkar And Inaugurates Cc Road Works

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On December 6, 2025, Corporator Raj Jethender Nath of Division 133 (Machabollurum GHMC) participated in two significant events within his constituency. The day commenced with a solemn ceremony marking the 69th death anniversary (Vardhanthi) of Babasaheb Ambedkar at Ambedkar Nagar Colony, Division 133. The Corporator, along with numerous local leaders and residents, offered floral tributes and paid profound homage to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, acknowledging his immense and invaluable service and fundamental contribution to the nation, especially as the chief architect of the Indian Constitution. Later that day, Corporator Raj Jethender Nath moved on to inaugurate the highly anticipated Cement Concrete (CC) Road works. These specific road works, costing 35.5 lakhs, were commenced at Balaji Enclave Road Nos. 1, 2, and 3, situated near the Motkulakunta lake in the same division. These projects were described as long-pending infrastructure requirements that are expected to significantly improve connectivity and convenience for the residents living in these fully occupied colonies. Following the inauguration, the Corporator also visited the colony park, which had been previously developed under his supervision. During this visit, residents approached him with a request for the installation of lighting within the park area. Corporator Raj Jethender Nath promptly discussed the immediate requirement with the accompanying officials on-site and provided a firm assurance to the residents that the lighting project would be taken up positively and without delay. The entire program and initiative were well-received by the community. Attendees included Colony President Dr. Satyanarayana, along with several colony residents such as Raji Reddy, Chandrasekar Reddy, Praveen Reddy, Jhansi, Matha, Anu, and Rajitha, who warmly welcomed the developmental initiatives. Senior Congress leaders, including Bobbili Surender Reddy, Srinivas Goud, Laddu Reddy, D. Swami, Sampath Yadav, Naveen, Surender, Kriشنا, Venkatesh, Deva, and Venkat, also participated in the events, underscoring the political support for the local development agenda. The Corporator's dual focus on honoring historical figures and delivering tangible infrastructure improvements reflects a comprehensive approach to serving his constituency.

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Gopichand Inaugurates International Ube Conference At Yashoda Hospitals-Hitech City

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Yashoda Hospitals-Hitech City successfully hosted a significant 2-day International Conference and Live Workshop focused on Unilateral Biportal Endoscopy (UBE). The event, which serves as a major platform for advancing minimally invasive spine surgery, was formally inaugurated by the esteemed senior badminton player and Indian Coach Pullela Gopichand, alongside the Managing Director of Yashoda Hospitals Group, Dr. G. S. Rao. Speaking at the inauguration, Pullela Gopichand highlighted a critical public health issue, stating that sports injuries are a major concern in India, and observed that spinal problems, particularly persistent low back pain (LBP), are increasingly common among Indian athletes. This observation underscored the relevance of advanced procedures like UBE in the context of sports medicine. Dr. G. S. Rao, representing the host institution, emphasized the rapid modernization and expanding scope of the field of minimally invasive spine surgery. He proudly noted that the conference serves as a vital platform for the crucial sharing of medical knowledge among specialized medical professionals drawn from diverse countries, all converging to focus on the latest innovations in medical science and surgical techniques. Dr. Balara-jasekhar Chandra, a Senior Neuro & Endoscopic Spine Surgeon at Yashoda Hospitals-Hitech City, stated the overarching mission of the event. He declared that "Global UBE Conference 2025 is not just a conference, it is a platform to make minimally invasive spine surgery accessible to patients across the globe in a precise and safe manner." The conference brought together numerous international experts in the field to discuss and demonstrate cutting-edge techniques in UBE, which allows surgeons to treat various spinal conditions with smaller incisions, leading to less pain, shorter hospital stays, and faster recovery times for patients. The goal is to standardize these advanced, less-invasive methods and facilitate their wider adoption internationally, thereby improving patient outcomes and the overall quality of spinal care worldwide. The inauguration by a figure like Pullela Gopichand, who is deeply familiar with the physical demands and injuries faced by athletes, brought a compelling, real-world context to the medical discussions.

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On December 6, 2025, marking the death anniversary of the Chief Architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Malkajgiri MLA Marri Rajasekhar Reddy led solemn commemorations by paying rich tributes to the revered leader. The MLA commenced the day's events at his camp office where he offered a floral garland and paid his respects to a portrait of Dr. Ambedkar. Subsequently, he participated in grand floral tributes at two major locations within his constituency: the Ambedkar Circle in Bhudevi Nagar (Venkata Puram Division) and at the Ambedkar statue in Venkataropet (Alwal Division). These events were characterized by reverence and wide participation from local political leaders and community members. Addressing the attendees during the commemorations, MLA Rajasekhar Reddy delivered a compelling message, emphasizing the timeless relevance of Ambedkar's ideology. He stated, "The path of equality, justice, and social justice shown by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar is an eternal inspiration for every Indian. His ideas will remain a guiding light for generations to come." This statement encapsulated the spirit of the memorial, focusing on Ambedkar's lasting legacy as a champion of marginalized communities and the architect of India's foundational legal document. The programs saw significant attendance, including local Corporators Smt. Chintala Santhi Srinivas Reddy and Sabitha Anil Kishore Goud. Also present were BRS leaders Doli Ramesh, Revanth Reddy, Mosin, Janardhan, Suresh, and Arun. Representatives from various Ambedkar Associations, including Raju, Ramesh Senthil, and Prem, along with a large number of party workers and local citizens, participated actively. The collective presence of political leaders and community representatives from different backgrounds highlighted the bipartisan respect commanded by Dr. Ambedkar's contributions to the nation's democratic and social framework. The events reaffirmed the commitment of the local leadership to upholding the principles of social justice and equality championed by Ambedkar throughout his life.



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TPCC CHIEF MAHESH KUMAR GOUD VISITS YADADRI TEMPLE

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TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, accompanied by his family members, visited the sacred shrine of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Yadadri today. The prominent political leader participated in special prayers and rituals after having the darshan (sacred viewing) of the presiding deity, expressing his devotion and seeking blessings. The event highlighted the intersection of political life with spiritual tradition in Telan-

gana. Following the conclusion of his prayers, the temple authorities and priests extended a warm and traditional welcome to the TPCC President. As a mark of respect and tradition, they formally presented him with theertham (holy water) and prasadam (sacred food offerings). The visit was noted as a personal and spiritual occasion for the leader and his family amidst their political engagements, reinforcing their connection to the state's revered religious sites. The Telangana Pradesh Congr

ess Committee President's visit to such a major temple, which is a key symbol of the state's cultural heritage, often draws public attention, though the nature of the visit was purely devotional. Mahesh Kumar Goud, a key figure in the state's political landscape, offered prayers for the well-being of the people of Telangana and the success of the current government's welfare initiatives. The Yadadri temple, renowned as Telangana's own Tirupati, holds deep religious significance as

the abode of Lord Narasimha, an incarnation of Vishnu in five forms (Pancha Narasimha Kshetram).1 Its monumental renovation was a high-profile project, making it a critical cultural and spiritual landmark. Goud's visit is seen by political observers as a gesture to connect with the populace's spiritual sentiments and reinforce the ruling party's commitment to protecting and promoting the state's temple culture. In recent times, the TPCC chief has been actively engaged in state politics, addressing

policy matters like the HILT Policy and mediating disputes among party ministers to present a unified front.2 This temple visit provides a brief respite from his rigorous political schedule while subtly maintaining a public presence associated with Telangana's premier deity. His participation in the Archanas and Kalyanotsavam rituals, often performed for prosperity and peace, is a message of faith directed toward both his constituents and the party cadre.



TRAGEDY IN US: TWO TELUGU STUDENTS DIE IN ALABAMA FIRE ACCIDENT3



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A devastating fire accident in the United States has led to the tragic death of two Telugu stu-

dents and left another student severely injured.4 The accident occurred at an apartment complex in the Birmingham area of Alabama, where a group

of ten Telugu students were residing while pursuing their education at the University of Alabama.5 The apartment building was engulfed in a

massive fire, leading to a desperate situation for the students inside, particularly due to the rapid spread of thick smoke. Among the deceased is Udumala Sahaja Reddy (24), a young woman who had moved to the US four years ago for higher education.6 She hailed from Gunturpally village, Station Ghanpur Mandal, Jangaon district in Telangana. Reports indicate that Sahaja Reddy was trapped in the flames and perished at the scene of the accident. While the initial report focused on Sahaja Reddy's death, later updates confirmed that a second Telugu student, reportedly from Kukatpally, Hyderabad, also lost their life in the blaze.7 Furthermore, one more student sus-

tained serious injuries and has been hospitalized. The two students who tragically succumbed to their injuries were pronounced dead while undergoing treatment at a local hospital, following their rescue by the fire service personnel. The incident, which occurred rapidly with fire tenders arriving swiftly, nonetheless highlights the serious risks associated with off-campus student housing. Local Telugu associations in the US, along with the University of Alabama officials, have immediately stepped in to provide necessary support, including counseling for the surviving students and facilitating communication with the bereaved families. The

Telangana government is now under pressure to expedite diplomatic and logistical efforts to bring the mortal remains of the deceased students back to India for final rites, a process that typically involves coordination with the Indian Consulate in Atlanta. The shock and grief have been profound within the Telugu NRI community, prompting renewed discussions on the importance of fire safety awareness and adequate insurance coverage for international students. The survivors, having lost all their personal belongings, including academic documents and clothing, are being provided emergency relief by community groups.

FILM LAUNCHED ON THE LIFE HISTORY OF EX-MLA GUMMADI NARSAYYA

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The launch event for the film based on the life history of former Illandu MLA, Gummadi Narsayya, was inaugurated with great enthusiasm. Narsayya is celebrated as an icon of Adivasi self-respect and an exemplary figure who is ideal for everyone. The distinguished politician is noted for having won the MLA seat five times while continuing to lead a simple, ordinary life, setting him apart in the political sphere. The participants at the inauguration expressed immense happiness and pride that Narsayya's story, a

legacy of a son of Telangana, is now being made into a film that will transcend the state's borders and reach audiences across all of India. They emphasized that it is a moment of immense pride for all people of Telangana. The speakers wholeheartedly wished for the film to achieve spectacular success and garner wide public acclaim. Furthermore, they expressed a sincere hope that the narrative of Gummadi Narsayya's life would serve as a profound inspiration for the youth considering entering politics today, promoting values of simplicity, dedication, and integrity.



MINISTER PONNAM PRABHAKAR HOLDS COORDINATION MEETING FOR PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS

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State Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar held a crucial coordination meeting with key party leaders at his office in the Husenabad constituency center. The primary objective of the meeting was to strategize and provide direction to the party cadre in view of the upcoming Panchayat elections. The meeting focused on establishing a clear roadmap for the leaders, instructing them on how to conduct themselves during the electoral

process and, crucially, how to ensure the victory of party-supported candidates at the Sarpanch level. Minister Prabhakar delivered specific instructions, emphasizing the goal of securing a 100% success rate in the constituency. He directed that local party leaders who are not competing themselves must actively come forward, support the contesting candidates, and vigorously participate in the campaign activities within those respective villages. This directive aims to mobilize the entire party ap-

paratus behind the candidates endorsed by the party, ensuring a unified and strong campaign front. The Minister stressed the importance of cohesive efforts, reminding leaders that collective support is vital for maximizing electoral success. The coordination meeting serves as an early mobilization effort to solidify the party's position at the grassroots level ahead of the critical Panchayat polls, which are often a barometer of political strength in rural areas.

TGIIC CHAIRPERSON NIRMALA JAGGA REDDY ATTENDS ISHWARI BAI JAYANTHI CELEBRATIONS



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The 107th birth anniversary celebrations of the renowned social worker and politician, the late Ishwari Bai, were celebrated with grandeur. The event was organized under the leadership of Ishwari Bai's daughter, Geeta Reddy, a former

Minister and senior Congress leader. The celebration saw the participation of Nirmala Jagga Reddy, Chairperson of the Telangana Government Infrastructure and Industrial Corporation (TGIIC). During the program, Nirmala Jagga Reddy was felicitated and presented with a memento

by several dignitaries present, including former Minister Geeta Reddy, Legislative Assembly Speaker Gadham Prasad, and Ministers Seethakka and Vivek. Speaking at the event, Nirmala Jagga Reddy paid rich tribute to Ishwari Bai, stating that she was a source of inspiration for numer-

ous women throughout her political career. She highlighted the late leader's pivotal role in the first phase of the Telangana movement. Nirmala Jagga Reddy specifically underscored Ishwari Bai's lasting contribution to the upliftment of Dalits and women, asserting that society would nev-

er forget her dedicated efforts towards social justice and equality. The event served as a commemoration of a significant political and social figure in Telangana's history and reinforced the connection of current leaders to the state's legacy of social reform.

Telangana's Temples Marching Forward



Telangana's temples are seeing major improvements, thanks to the government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Endowments Minister Smt. Konda Surekha. The government is working hard to make temples beautiful and grand, but most importantly, they're making sure ordinary people have basic facilities when they visit. They are fixing many things that were ignored before and are giving special importance to the people's religious beliefs. This commitment was clear during the big festivals. The recent Sammakka Saralamma Jatara, the state's largest gathering, was held successfully, with the government spending

₹110 crores to ensure a smooth experience. Now, they are planning an even bigger festival next time, including permanent construction at the site. The Bonalu festival in Hyderabad was also celebrated on a grander scale, with ₹20 crores sanctioned—more money than before—due to the Minister's special interest. In a first, the Endowments Department started Mass Karthika Month Lamp Festivals (Deepotsavams), bringing spiritual light to all temples every evening during the holy Karthika month. They're also using technology: people who can't attend the Sammakka Saralamma festival can now offer 'gold' and receive

prasadam online through services like Mee Seva and the Postal Department. This online service was also available for prasadam during Maha Shivaratri. On the administrative side, the government gave promotions to 33 long-serving employees and moved temple staff around in transfers after 16 years. New events like the River Lamp Offering (Nadi Aarathi) have begun at sacred places like Bhadrachalam. Big Plans for Big Temples The government is spending about ₹400 crores to improve temples across the state. Yadagirigutta is getting a new gold plating on its main dome (about 63 kg of gold). They've also planned

a Vedic School and acquired a large area of land for building guest houses. Vemulawada received ₹76 crores for improvements, including building a new free meal (Annadanam) center. Bhadrachalam received ₹60.20 crores to buy land for future development. The government is also protecting temple property. They started a special effort to secure over 632 acres of temple land. They plan to use some of this land for solar plants, involving women's self-help groups (Indira Mahila Shakti Groups). They are also using modern mapping technology (GIS digitalization) to keep track of temple lands, which is a commendable step. Over-

all, Telangana's religious sites are not just being preserved; they are being actively developed using modern methods, greater funding, and a deep respect for the public's faith, ensuring a bright future for these cultural landmarks.



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The rupee's real problem: A rising import bill and stagnant exports



The Indian rupee's latest slide has sparked concern, especially since domestic fundamentals appear stable. Inflation remains within the RBI's tolerance band, economic growth hit 8.2% in Q2 FY26, and weakening US manufacturing data should typically soften the dollar. Yet the rupee continues to depreciate, and attributing this solely to tariff threats from the Donald Trump administration oversimplifies the issue. India's currency pressures stem from long-standing structural vulnerabilities in the external sector—not short-term geopolitical shocks.

At the core of the problem is a persistent mismatch: India's heavy import dependence alongside modest export performance. India relies on a narrow set of imports—crude oil, gold, electronics, edible oils, and key intermediate goods. As incomes rise and manufacturing expands, the import bill grows faster than export earnings, widening the current account deficit. HSBC estimates FY26's deficit may nearly double from 0.6% to 1.4% of GDP, signalling mounting pressure on the rupee.

Meanwhile, India's export performance has remained largely stagnant for decades. The country accounts for just 1.8% of global merchandise exports and 4.3% in services. By contrast, China's share jumped from 4% in 2001 to over 15% by 2022 due to its deep integration with global value chains and massive investments in logistics and manufacturing. India continues to grapple with high logistics costs, unpredictable regulations, quality-control issues, and limited participation in global supply chains.

This combination—high imports and stagnant exports—keeps the rupee vulnerable. Depreciation is often seen as a tool to boost exports, but in India's case the benefits are muted. The rupee has weakened more than 35% since 2015, yet export shares have barely moved. Many export industries depend heavily on imported inputs, meaning a weaker rupee simply raises production costs. In high-value sectors, competitiveness depends on reliability, innovation, and supply-chain integration—not currency movements.

The RBI's ability to influence this structural imbalance is limited. The central bank can smooth volatility but cannot sustainably support an artificially strong rupee without risking reserve depletion or capital flight. Durable currency strength must come from the real economy.

Policy priorities must therefore shift toward expanding export capacity. This includes strengthening R&D, improving university-industry collaboration, modernising logistics through programmes like Gati Shakti, and ensuring a stable, predictable trade regime. India also needs deeper participation in global supply chains through free-trade agreements and partnerships. Finally, a shift from volatile portfolio flows to long-term FDI would provide greater currency stability.

The rupee's recent depreciation is a reminder that currencies reflect economic strength. Without bold reforms to raise competitiveness and diversify exports, the rupee will continue to mirror India's unrealised potential.

India Needs More Bureaucrats, Not DOGE-Style Cuts, to Improve Efficiency



As the US disbands its controversial Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), once championed by Elon Musk and former President Donald Trump, the episode offers a cautionary tale for countries like India that often romanticise drastic bureaucratic downsizing. DOGE's 10-month run, marked by the firing of 2,60,000 federal workers, ultimately collapsed under its own chaos. Rather than improving governance, it promoted a techno-dystopia that sidelined human expertise in favour of hyper-automation.

Yet in India, where frustrations over red tape are common, many saw DOGE as a model for streamlining governance. This reflects a broader belief that bureaucracies are bloated and inefficient. However, global research—and India's own experience—suggest the opposite: the Indian state is severely understaffed, not overstaffed.

Much of India's administrative reform discourse relies

on curbing bureaucratic discretion through digital surveillance tools—MIS dashboards, biometric attendance, GPS tracking and command-and-control centres. These systems aim to “discipline” civil servants but often undermine their ability to deliver public services. Frontline workers, from teachers to anganwadi staff, say they are reduced to “clerks” uploading data rather than solving real implementation challenges.

Restricting discretion also removes critical feedback loops from frontline officers who best understand on-ground realities. When their voices are ignored, bureaucratic culture shifts toward rigid adherence to process rather than outcomes. Many officers describe themselves as powerless “post officers,” reflecting a system that over-values data compliance instead of service delivery.

International comparisons highlight India's staffing crisis. In 2011, government em-

ployment accounted for only 4.6% of total employment—far below the US, where public employment stands at 15.9%. India has 1,623 government servants per 1 lakh residents, compared to 7,681 in the US. At senior levels, the gaps are stark: a 23% shortfall in IAS posts in 2018, only 940 diplomats compared to nearly 14,000 in the US State Department, and nearly 48% vacancies among Block Development Officers, according to research by Devesh Kapur and Aditya Dasgupta.

As outlined in State Capability in India, co-authored by current Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan, India's state machinery performs remarkably well given its size and burdens. The real path to efficiency lies not in axing staff or replacing them with algorithms, but in empowering frontline workers, restoring autonomy, and expanding the workforce to match the country's administrative needs.

Putin in Delhi: India-Russia Ties Enter a More Transactional Phase

Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to New Delhi has renewed attention on a relationship long steeped in nostalgia and strategic habit. While expectations from his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi remain high, the India-Russia partnership is undergoing visible transformation, shaped by shifting global geopolitics, sanctions pressure, defence diversification, and India's broader multi-alignment strategy.

For decades, defence ties served as the backbone of bilateral relations. Since the 2000 Strategic Partnership declaration and the 2010 upgrade to a “Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership,” India has relied on Moscow for trusted defence supplies, advanced technologies, and diplomatic support. Legacy platforms—from MiG and Sukhoi aircraft to T-90 tanks and the INS Vikramaditya—cemented Russia's role as India's key armaments partner. Flagship ventures like BrahMos and the S-400 exemplified deep collaboration.

But the landscape is changing. Russia remains India's largest single defence supplier, yet its share of imports has declined sharply as New Delhi diversifies towards the US, France, Israel, and domestic production under Make in India. Sanctions and the Ukraine conflict have disrupted deliveries and payments, exposing the risks of overdependence and accelerating India's push for selective, high-end cooperation rather than broad reliance.



Energy and trade ties have expanded, particularly after India increased purchases of discounted Russian crude. Trade has surged to over \$65 billion, but remains starkly imbalanced: India's exports are still below \$5 billion. Western sanctions on Rosneft and Lukoil have complicated payments, creating rupee surpluses and pushing experiments with local-currency settlement. Ambitious connectivity initiatives—INSTC, Chennai Vladivostok, and the Northern Sea Route—have political backing but face infrastruc-

tural and sanctions-related hurdles. Geopolitically, both countries champion multipolarity and coordination in BRICS, SCO, and the G20. But Russia's tightening embrace of China limits Moscow's ability to balance Beijing on issues central to India's security. Meanwhile, India's deepening partnerships with the US, QUAD, and Europe constrain overt alignment with a heavily sanctioned Russia. This dynamic has led to a more pragmatic Indian approach—maintaining ties with Moscow while di-

versifying across multiple partners. Looking ahead, the relationship will remain relevant but more constrained and transactional. Cooperation will endure in nuclear energy, hydrocarbons, select defence technologies, and Eurasian connectivity. Yet Russia will no longer occupy the central position it once did in India's foreign policy. Instead, New Delhi will pursue a calibrated partnership—resilient in priority sectors but shaped by the realities of a rapidly evolving global order.

MODI AND PUTIN REAFFIRM STRONG ANTI-TERROR ALLIANCE

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India and Russia on Friday reaffirmed their long-standing strategic partnership and vowed to intensify cooperation in the global fight against terrorism. In a strong and symbolic joint statement delivered at Hyderabad House, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that the two nations “stand shoulder-to-shoulder and walk together in the fight against terrorism”, while Russian President Vladimir Putin hailed New Delhi’s efforts to promote global peace amid ongoing geopolitical turbulence.

The meeting marked Putin’s first state visit to India in four years, a trip loaded with diplomatic significance given the shifting global alignments, continued Western pressure on Moscow, and India’s own challenge of balancing relations between Russia and the United States.

A Shared Stand Against Terrorism

Prime Minister Modi opened his remarks by highlighting the shared security concerns of both nations and condemned recent terrorist attacks that have shaken India and Russia.

“Whether it is the terrorist attack in Pahal-gam, where 26 innocent people were killed by the Jaish-e-Mohammed, or the cowardly assault on the Crowds City Hall in Moscow... the root of all these incidents is the same,” the Prime Minister said, referring to the March 2024 Islamic State-Khorasan (ISIS-K) attack in Russia that left 149 people dead.

Reiterating India’s long-standing position, Modi stated, “Any terrorist attack is a direct assault on the values of humanity, and global unity against terrorism is our greatest strength.” The



remarks come at a time when both countries have intensified intelligence and security cooperation, particularly after Moscow strongly backed India following the Pahal-gam attack. Russia had publicly condemned the Pakistan-based Jaish group and stated it “stands in solidarity with India for elimination of terrorism in all its forms”.

The Kremlin had also supported India during Operation Sindoor, the military response targeting terror bases across Pakistan and regions illegally occupied by it. Friday’s joint statement further cements this alignment, signaling that counter-terrorism continues to be a core pillar of the India-Russia strategic partnership.

A Partnership That Has ‘Stood the Test of Time’

Reflecting on the durability of bilateral ties, PM Modi said the India-Russia friendship remained a stabilizing force despite global upheavals.

“Over the past eight decades, the world has witnessed ups and downs. Humanity has had to pass through many challenges and crises. Amidst all this, the India-Russia friendship has remained steady,

fast,” he said. He emphasized that the relationship is “rooted in mutual respect and trust,” and has consistently “stood the test of time.”

Putin’s presence in Delhi — his first state visit since the pandemic and the escalation of the Ukraine war — underscored Moscow’s continued prioritization of New Delhi even amid its growing dependence on China.

Energy and Trade: The Driving Forces of Cooperation

One of the most closely watched segments of the joint statement related to energy cooperation, especially at a time when Western nations, led by the United States, are pressuring India to scale down its purchases of Russian crude.

Putin reaffirmed Russia’s commitment to ensure “uninterrupted shipments” of fuel to India, a message of reassurance as global markets brace for another turbulent year. However, PM Modi chose his words carefully, making no specific reference to Russian oil. Instead, he highlighted cleaner and long-standing areas of joint work.

“Energy security has been a strong and important pillar of the India-

Russia partnership. Our decades-old cooperation in the field of civil nuclear energy has been crucial in giving meaning to our shared priorities for clean energy. We will continue this win-win cooperation,” the Prime Minister said.

Despite Modi’s diplomatic balancing act, both leaders signaled a push for deeper economic engagement. Russia announced plans to elevate annual bilateral trade to USD 100 billion, a major leap from the current levels. Officials exchanged agreements covering employment, health-care, shipping, chemicals, and maritime cooperation, including a new MoU for the shipping sector.

In what will be closely scrutinized by Western capitals, particularly the United States, Putin said India and Russia are “moving towards use of national currencies for bilateral payments,” a step that could further dilute dependence on the US dollar in global trade, especially within the BRICS framework.

Ukraine War: Peace Efforts and Diplomacy

The ongoing war in Ukraine — now in its fourth year with no visible resolution — was also a key point of discussion. Putin said he had a “very

informative and useful conversation” with Prime Minister Modi on the matter and thanked him for his consistent efforts to promote peace.

He revealed he had shared new details of a potential plan for peaceful resolution of the conflict and reiterated Moscow’s appreciation for India’s role as a “champion of peace”. India has maintained a balanced diplomatic stance throughout the conflict, calling for dialogue and cessation of hostilities without aligning fully with either bloc.

Expanding Horizons: Minerals, Technology, and Future Growth

Modi also emphasized expanding cooperation beyond traditional sectors. The PM highlighted new opportunities in critical minerals — an emerging global priority, especially for clean energy technologies — and reaffirmed the intent to strengthen the partnership across energy, trade, innovation, and defense.

“We will continue this trend while expanding to areas like critical minerals,” he said, signaling India’s interest in leveraging Russia’s resource-rich geography.

A Renewed Commitment

The Modi-Putin summit concluded on a note of warmth, strategic clarity, and shared global vision. While geopolitical tensions remain high internationally, the India-Russia partnership appears set for renewed momentum.

For New Delhi, the challenge will be to maintain this deep-rooted friendship with Moscow while navigating its increasingly complex relations with the West — a diplomatic balancing act that Prime Minister Modi seems determined to continue.

INDIA’S BIGGEST AIRLINE HIT BY UNPRECEDENTED MELTDOWN



TPN Bureau, New Delhi:

India’s largest airline, IndiGo, faced its worst operational crisis to date on Friday, cancelling more than a thousand flights and leaving passengers stranded across major airports. Calling it the “most severely impacted day” in the airline’s history, IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers issued a public apology this evening, acknowledging widespread disruption and assuring that efforts are underway to stabilise operations.

IndiGo, which operates around 2,300 domestic and international flights every day, cancelled “more than half” of its daily schedule. Passengers at airports across Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and other metros reported long queues, confusion, and last-minute announcements, prompting aviation authorities to intervene.

In a video statement, CEO Pieter Elbers apologised for the “major inconvenience” caused and attributed the unprecedented cancellations to a mix of regulatory changes and internal planning gaps. The crisis stems primarily from new pilot duty norms that increase weekly rest requirements from 36 to 48 hours and limit nighttime landings to two per week instead of six. These rules, aimed at improving pilot welfare, have strained IndiGo’s crew availability, leading to cascading disruptions across its extensive network.

Elbers admitted the airline had misjudged the impact of the new regulations. “Yesterday and today have been the most severely impacted days so far. The situation is a result of various causes, including misjudgment and planning gaps on our part,” he said. He added that while disruptions will continue into Saturday, the airline expects fewer than 1,000 cancellations. Normal operations are projected to return only between December 10 and 15.

To manage the crisis, the CEO outlined three key steps the airline is taking. First, he said IndiGo is prioritising customer communication, deploying additional support teams, and issuing detailed updates on refunds, cancellations, and rescheduling options. “Messages have been sent on social media, and a more detailed communication with information, refunds, cancellations and other customer support measures was sent,” he noted.

Second, Elbers said IndiGo has expanded call centre capacity to handle the surge in queries. The airline also urged passengers whose flights were cancelled to avoid coming to the airport, stressing that unnecessary crowding adds to delays and confusion.

Third, the CEO said the airline deliberately cancelled flights today to “reset” crew rotations and aircraft positioning for the coming days. “Earlier measures of the last few days, regret-

table, have proven not to be enough,” he said. “We have decided today to reboot all our systems and schedules, resulting in the highest numbers of cancellations so far, but imperative for progressive improvements starting tomorrow.”

As scenes of overcrowding and frustration spread across social media, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) stepped in to provide temporary regulatory relief. The aviation regulator granted IndiGo a short-term exemption from strict night-duty limitations for pilots and allowed the airline to substitute weekly rest periods with approved leave in certain cases. These measures are expected to ease crew shortages and help IndiGo accelerate its recovery plan.

Meanwhile, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu said the government will order a high-level inquiry into the disruptions and ensure accountability is fixed. The minister said passenger safety and service reliability remain the government’s top priority.

Despite the immediate uncertainty, IndiGo said it expects gradual improvements over the weekend and full normalisation by mid-December. However, with the airline handling nearly 60 percent of India’s domestic aviation traffic, the ripple effects of this crisis are likely to continue impacting travellers in the coming days.

KUDANKULAM EXPANSION ACCELERATES AS RUSSIA SENDS FUEL FOR THIRD REACTOR

TPN Bureau, New Delhi

Russia reaffirmed its commitment to India’s civil nuclear energy ambitions on Friday, with President Vladimir Putin emphasizing the strategic importance of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP) during a joint press briefing with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi. Calling Kudankulam a “flagship project” of India-Russia cooperation, Putin said Moscow remains fully committed to ensuring that the plant reaches its full six-reactor capacity, strengthening India’s long-term energy security.

Putin noted that two of the plant’s six VVER-1000 reactors are already operational and supplying power to the national grid, while four more reactors are at various stages of construction. “We’re conducting a flagship project to build the largest Indian nuclear power plant, Kudankulam. Two out of six reactor units have already been connected to the energy network, and four are still under construction. Getting this nuclear power plant to full power output will make an impressive contribution to the energy requirements of India,” he said.

His comments came shortly after Rosatom, Russia’s state-run nuclear corporation, confirmed the delivery of its first consignment of nuclear fuel for the initial loading of Kudankulam’s third reactor. The fuel assemblies were manufactured at the Novosibirsk Chemical Concentrates Plant and arrived in India earlier today on a special cargo flight. According to Rosatom, the



complete fuel delivery for Unit 3 will require seven flights from Russia, all part of a long-term supply contract signed in 2024 that covers the full operational lifespan of both the third and fourth reactors. The fuel delivery marks a major advancement for the expansion phase of the Kudankulam project, which has been central to India’s civil nuclear programme for over two decades. Russia has consistently supplied uranium fuel to the plant and provided the reactors’ design, engineering expertise, and operational support. With all six reactors expected to have a combined capacity of 6,000 MW, Kudankulam remains the largest and most significant nuclear facility under construction in the country.

Putin also signaled Russia’s willingness to expand nuclear cooperation into emerging and next-generation technologies. He said Moscow is ready to discuss projects involving small modular reactors and floating nuclear power plants—both of which represent the newest wave of global nuclear innovation. Such technologies can be deployed more quickly, require smaller footprints,

and could serve remote regions, islands, or coastal areas. He also highlighted the potential of nuclear technologies in non-energy applications such as medicine, cancer treatment, and agriculture, areas where both countries already collaborate through existing scientific partnerships.

The Russian President described Moscow as a stable and reliable supplier of energy to India, emphasizing that Russia continues to provide oil, gas, coal, and nuclear fuel despite global market pressures and geopolitical tensions. “Russia is a reliable supplier of oil, gas, coal, and everything required for the development of India’s energy,” he said, adding that uninterrupted supplies would continue for the fast-growing Indian economy.

For India, the Kudankulam project remains a cornerstone of its long-term clean energy strategy. The first two reactors have been operating successfully since 2013 and 2016, and the upcoming units are expected to significantly enhance the country’s non-fossil power capacity. As India expands its energy infrastructure to meet rising demand, nuclear power is poised to play an increasingly important role.

Putin’s two-day visit and the progress at Kudankulam reaffirm the durability of India-Russia strategic cooperation, especially in high-technology sectors. With fresh fuel deliveries underway and the next phase of construction advancing, the partnership is set to deepen further in the years ahead.

SPECIAL CESS ON PAN MASALA: LOKSABHA APPROVED

TPN Bureau, New Delhi:

The Lok Sabha on Friday approved the Health Security Cess Bill, 2025, paving the way for the imposition of a special cess on pan masala manufacturing units. The revenue generated from this cess will be directed toward national security initiatives and public health programmes. The bill, introduced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, was passed by a voice vote after a short but pointed discussion.

Explaining the purpose of the new levy, Sitharaman said that pan masala and similar products have long-term adverse effects on public health, and therefore industries manufacturing them should contribute financially to measures that improve national well-being. She emphasised that the funds collected would not remain solely with the Centre; instead, they would be shared with the states to support joint efforts in strengthening health infrastructure and security preparedness.

Currently, pan masala falls under the highest GST slab of 40 per cent. The Finance Minister clarified that the new cess would not impact GST revenue since it is being structured as a separate charge. The cess will be imposed based on the production capacity of each unit, ensuring an objective and measurable method of assessing liability.

Sitharaman also pointed out a decline in the contribution of cesses to



the government’s total revenue. Between 2010 and 2014, cesses accounted for nearly 7 per cent of revenue, while in the current financial year the figure has dropped to 6.1 per cent. She argued that the new cess is necessary to boost funds for crucial sectors linked to national health and security.

Government sources said the measure is also intended to send a strong public health message, given that pan masala consumption remains a major cause of oral and other health issues in India. By imposing an additional financial burden on manufacturers, the government aims both to raise essential revenue and to discourage the proliferation of harmful products.

With the bill’s passage in the Lok Sabha, the government is confident it will strengthen targeted revenue mobilisation for high-priority national needs. Opposition members, however, may raise implementation-related questions when the bill is introduced in the Rajya Sabha.

DON’T USE TEMPLE’S FUND: SUPREME COURT

TPN Bureau, New Delhi:

The Supreme Court on Friday delivered significant observations, ruling that funds belonging to temples cannot be diverted to rescue financially distressed cooperative banks. A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi made it clear that temple money is “entirely the property of the deity” and must be used strictly for temple-related purposes.

The court emphasised that temple funds cannot be treated as revenue sources for cooperative banks or used as a means to sustain their operations. The strong remarks came while hearing petitions filed by several cooperative banks, including the Mananthavady Co-operative Urban Society Ltd and the Thirunelli Service Co-operative Bank Ltd from Kerala. These banks had challenged an earlier Kerala High Court order directing them to return fixed deposits belonging to the Thirunelli Devaswom.

During the hearing, Chief Justice Surya Kant questioned the conduct of the banks. “You want to save a bank by using temple



money? What is wrong with directing that such funds be transferred to a nationalised bank offering higher interest instead of leaving them with a cooperative bank struggling to survive?” he asked.

The banks argued that the High Court’s order had created difficulties for them. However, the Bench rejected their submissions. “You must build credibility among the public. If you are unable to attract customers or deposits, that is your problem,” the court remarked sharply.

The Supreme Court allowed the cooperative banks to approach the High Court only to seek an extension of time to repay the temple’s deposits. It, however, refused to entertain their petitions challenging the High Court’s main order.

The dispute began after five cooperative banks, in which the Thirunelli Devaswom had placed fixed deposits, failed to return the funds even after the maturity period ended. Despite repeated requests from the temple authorities, the banks declined repayment, forcing the Devaswom to approach the Kerala High Court. The High Court subsequently directed the banks to refund the deposit amounts within two months.

Friday’s Supreme Court observations reaffirm the legal position that temple funds are sacred, dedicated to the deity, and cannot be diverted for any financial rescue operations. The ruling is expected to influence future cases involving the misuse or misallocation of temple properties by financial institutions.

Trump Administration Warns of “Civilisational Erasure” in Europe in New National Security Strategy

TPN Desk
The Trump administration has issued a stark warning about the future of Europe, cautioning that the continent could face “civilisational erasure” if current political, economic, and demographic trends persist. The warning comes in the 33-page National Security Strategy released by the White House, which outlines President Donald Trump’s vision for US military, economic, and diplomatic priorities.

The document, described by Trump as a “roadmap” to ensure that America remains “the greatest and most successful nation in human history,” places particular emphasis on Europe, assessing its security, economic, and political challenges in stark terms. It warns that certain European countries may not have militaries and economies strong enough to remain reliable allies in the decades to come.

The report highlights what it perceives as threats to European stability, including declining birthrates, mass migration, suppression of political opposition, censorship, and the erosion of national identity. It criticises the European Union and other transnational bodies for activities it claims undermine political liberty and sovereignty. According to the document, if these trends continue, Europe could become “unrecognisable in 20 years or less,” with economic challenges overshadowed by the “real and more stark prospect of civilizational erasure.”

In a controversial stance, the strategy encourages the growth of “patriotic European parties,” framing them as part of a broader revival of Western spirit. The document notes that the Trump administration has fostered ties with far-right parties in Europe, such as Germany’s AfD, classified as extreme right by German intelligence. The strategy suggests that America supports political allies in Europe who promote national sovereignty and a resurgence of traditional values.

European leaders have already reacted to the document. German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepuhl stressed that Germany does not require “outside advice” on domestic matters, while reaffirming that the



United States remains Germany’s most important NATO ally. He added that issues such as freedom of expression and the organisation of democratic societies should not be included in US strategic assessments of Germany.

The strategy also addresses the ongoing war in Ukraine, noting that Europe lacks confidence in managing relations with Russia. The Trump administration emphasises that resolving hostilities in Ukraine remains a core US interest. Earlier proposals from the administration reportedly included plans for Ukraine to cede some territory to Russia, though subsequent modifications were presented in Moscow. Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned that Russian forces may seize additional territory in eastern Ukraine if Ukrainian troops do not withdraw from the Donbas region.

In addition to its European focus, the National Security Strategy underscores the importance of protecting the Western Hemisphere from external threats and ensuring America’s primacy in global affairs. The document doubles down on Trump’s previous rhetoric on migration, national identity, and Western values, echoing his earlier speech at the United Nations, while signalling that the administration intends to prioritise US economic and security interests in policy and budget decisions.

Analysts say the report represents a continuation of Trump’s worldview, highlighting skepticism toward multilateral institutions, a focus on nationalism, and a willingness to critique traditional allies while maintaining strategic and military commitments.

Taiwan and Japan Express Concern Over China’s Largest Naval Deployment in East Asia

Taiwan and Japan have voiced concern over recent Chinese military activities in East Asian waters, following reports that Beijing deployed its largest maritime show of force to date. On Thursday, Reuters reported that China had mobilized more than 100 naval and coast guard vessels across the region, citing intelligence sources.



Speaking in Taipei on Friday, Taiwan presidential spokesperson Karen Kuo said the Chinese operations were not confined to the Taiwan Strait but extended from the Yellow Sea to waters near the disputed Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea, and further into the South China Sea and western Pacific. “This indeed poses a threat and impact to the Indo-Pacific and the whole region,” Kuo said.

Kuo urged China to exercise restraint, calling on Beijing to “live up to its responsibilities as a major power.” She added that Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te had instructed security forces to maintain full situational awareness and provide timely updates. Taiwan, she said, would continue to coordinate closely with friendly partners to safeguard peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific.

In Tokyo, Japanese Defence Minister Shinjiro Koizumi acknowledged the reports and said Japan was monitoring Chinese military movements “with great attention.” Koizumi noted that China had been expanding its presence and operations in areas surrounding Japan. “We make a constant effort to gather and analyse information on Chinese military movements with great attention,” he said, without providing specific details or a timeline of the Chinese deployment.

He emphasised that Japan would continue to monitor developments with deep concern and ensure thorough surveillance and intelligence gathering.

China has not commented directly on the recent maritime deployment. However, foreign ministry spokesperson Lin Jian stated that navy and coast guard operations in “relevant maritime areas” were fully compliant with both domestic and international law. China has urged other countries not to overreact to its activities.

The deployment comes amid rising regional tensions and ongoing disputes over territorial claims in the East and South China Seas. Analysts suggest that China’s enhanced maritime presence may be intended as both a demonstration of power and a signal to regional actors, including Taiwan, Japan, and the United States, of its expanding naval capabilities.

Observers note that such large-scale maneuvers increase the risk of miscalculations or incidents at sea, highlighting the importance of communication and restraint in the region. Both Taiwan and Japan appear determined to strengthen cooperation with international partners to manage potential tensions and maintain stability in the Indo-Pacific.

Putin’s India Visit Sends Message of Strategic Resilience Amid Western Pressure, US Trade Talks Continue



TPN Bureau, New Delhi

Russian President Vladimir Putin’s two-day visit to India has been widely interpreted as a powerful geopolitical signal, demonstrating that both Russia and India remain resilient to Western pressure. Chinese state media, in particular, has framed the visit as a “clear message” to the world that neither country is isolated, even as the United States and its allies encourage New Delhi to reduce economic engagement with Moscow.

The Global Times, quoting Li Haidong, a professor at China Foreign Affairs University, reported that the India-Russia coordination reflects a determination to strengthen “independent and autonomous capabilities” in international relations. According to Li, the partnership between the two nations is “highly strategic in nature” and has historically shown resilience against external interference.

Through Putin’s visit, India and Russia have jointly sent a clear message to the outside world: neither country is isolated,” Li said. He added that both sides enjoy extensive mutual support and strong complementarity, implying that sanctions and political pressure from the United States and the West are unlikely to significantly disrupt their bilateral ties.

The visit takes place at a critical juncture for India, which has traditionally maintained deep ties with Russia, particularly in defence and energy sectors. Critics argue that Putin’s high-profile presence in New Delhi could complicate India’s ongoing negotiations with the US and European Union over trade, which are vital for boosting exports and ensuring access to key markets.

The timing is especially

significant as Washington works to advance its Indo-Pacific strategy and strengthen its alliances in the region. A recent report by the US National Security Strategy highlighted the importance of improving commercial and strategic relations with India. The report emphasises that continued cooperation with New Delhi is crucial for regional security, including its role in the Quad alliance with the US, Japan, and Australia.

“We must continue to improve commercial and other relations with India to encourage New Delhi to contribute to Indo-Pacific security,” the report stated. It also noted that the US aims to align its allies and partners to prevent domination by any single competitor nation, a likely reference to China. The report’s release coincided with Putin’s visit, underlining the complex geopolitical dynamics India must navigate.

Despite the geopolitical sensitivities, India has sought to maintain a careful balance, continuing its long-standing partnership with Russia while keeping diplomatic channels open with the United States. Analysts suggest that this balancing act is part of New Delhi’s broader strategy of pursuing independent foreign policy decisions, ensuring that it remains engaged with multiple global powers without being forced into one-sided alignments.

In a parallel development, the US is moving forward with trade engagement. A delegation led by Deputy US Trade Representative Rick Switzer is scheduled to visit India next week to continue negotiations on a trade agreement. This step reflects Washington’s willingness to maintain economic cooperation despite geopolitical tensions with Russia.

Putin’s visit also reinforces the strategic and economic dimensions of India-Russia relations. Beyond diplomatic symbolism, the visit is expected to further cooperation in areas such as energy, defence, and technology. Officials from both countries have highlighted mutual commitments to advancing trade, expanding energy supplies, and exploring new avenues for industrial collaboration, underlining the multidimensional nature of the partnership.

As global attention remains focused on India, the visit underscores New Delhi’s growing role as a key player in international diplomacy. The events in Delhi demonstrate that India, while sensitive to Western concerns, is asserting its autonomy in foreign policy, strengthening strategic partnerships that serve its long-term national interests while balancing global pressures.

Netflix to Acquire Warner Bros Discovery for \$72 Billion in Major Hollywood Shake-Up

TPN Desk

Netflix has agreed to acquire the film and streaming assets of Warner Bros Discovery for \$72 billion (£54 billion), marking one of the most significant deals in the entertainment industry in recent years. The acquisition positions Netflix as an even larger force in Hollywood, combining its streaming platform with Warner Bros’ iconic library of films and series, including Harry Potter, Game of Thrones, and HBO Max.

The deal, valued at \$27.75 per Warner Bros share, carries an enterprise value of approximately \$82.7 billion, which includes the company’s debt. Both Netflix and Warner Bros boards approved the transaction unanimously, though it remains subject to regulatory approval. Netflix co-CEO Ted Sarandos expressed confidence that the necessary approvals would be granted, stating that the company is running “full speed” toward regulatory clearance.

“This is a rare opportunity to set Netflix up for success for decades to come,” Sarandos said, adding that combining Warner Bros’ content with Netflix originals such as Stranger Things will allow the company to deliver “more of what audiences love” and help “define the next century of storytelling.” Co-CEO Greg Peters noted that



while the HBO brand remains important for consumers, the company has not yet decided how to integrate the service into its broader offerings.

Netflix expects to achieve \$2-3 billion in savings from the merger, primarily by eliminating overlaps in support and technology functions. Films produced by Warner Bros will continue to release in cinemas, while the Warner Bros television studio will maintain the ability to produce for third parties. Netflix will also continue producing original content exclusively for its platform.

David Zaslav, president and CEO of Warner Bros, described the agreement as a combination of “two of the greatest storytelling companies in the world.” He said the merger ensures that audiences will continue to enjoy “the world’s most resonant stories for generations to come.”

The acquisition is anticipated to expand Netflix’s studio production capacity and bolster its investment in original content. The deal follows Warner

Bros’ plan to separate its streaming and studio divisions from its global networks division, which will become Discovery Global, encompassing cable channels such as CNN, TNT Sports in the US, and Discovery channels in Europe. TNT Sports International, however, will remain with the Netflix-acquired division.

Industry analysts have described the deal as a bold statement of Netflix’s intent to dominate the global streaming market. Paolo Pescatore, founder of PP Foresight, said the

move “underlines Netflix’s aspirations to be a global leader in the new world order of streaming,” though he warned that the size of the merger could present integration challenges.

Experts have also highlighted potential implications for consumers and Hollywood. Tom Harrington of Enders Analysis suggested that the merger could lead to reductions in television and film output, higher subscription prices, and resistance from unions. Danni Hewson of AJ Bell noted that Net-

flix’s promise to continue theatrical releases might mitigate some industry concerns but added that cost savings could raise scrutiny over pricing power.

Ahead of the deal, the Directors Guild of America expressed “significant concerns” about the merger, reflecting broader industry apprehension about the consolidation of creative power under one dominant streaming service. If approved, the acquisition is set to reshape Hollywood and the streaming landscape for years to come.

SENSEX SURGES 447 POINTS, NIFTY GAINS 153 ON RBI RATE CUT

TPN Desk

Indian equity markets rallied on Friday following the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25%, providing a boost to investor sentiment. The Sensex climbed 447 points to close above 68,200, while the Nifty rose 153 points to finish near 20,300. The rally was led by financial and automobile stocks, which are among the most sensitive to changes in interest rates.

Among the top gainers were State Bank of India (SBI), Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Maruti Suzuki, and HCL Technologies. Analysts noted that the RBI's move to lower borrowing costs is expected to benefit consumers and businesses alike, boosting demand for home loans, vehicle financing, and other credit products. "The rate cut is positive for large-cap financials and auto companies, as lower interest rates typically lead to higher loan growth and increased consumer spending," said a market strategist.



Despite Friday's gains, weekly performance remained muted. The Sensex and Nifty were largely flat for the week, reflecting a mix of positive and negative sectoral movements. Mid-cap and small-cap indices underperformed, with the Nifty Midcap 150 down 0.7% and the Nifty Smallcap 250 declining 1.8%. This

indicates that investors favored large-cap stocks amid selective buying, while broader market segments faced selling pressure.

A notable underperformer this week was IndiGo, whose shares dropped 9% following the airline's cancellation of more than 1,000 flights. The disruptions, described as the "most

severely impacted day" in the airline's history, were attributed to new pilot regulations and internal planning gaps. Regulators intervened, granting temporary relief to help IndiGo manage its operations and reduce further cancellations. Analysts highlighted that investor concerns over operational setbacks and po-

tential financial impact weighed on the stock.

Sectoral analysis shows that banking and financial services stocks were among the main beneficiaries of the rate cut, as lower borrowing costs are expected to spur credit growth. Automobile companies also gained on expectations of increased consumer demand for vehi-

cles. Meanwhile, technology stocks, led by HCL Technologies, contributed to the broader market gains, reflecting ongoing investor interest in the IT sector.

Looking ahead, market experts said domestic monetary policy and global cues will remain key drivers for equity markets. The RBI's accommodative stance to support growth is likely to provide continued momentum for rate-sensitive sectors, though caution remains around companies facing operational or regulatory challenges.

Overall, Friday's surge in Sensex and Nifty highlights renewed investor optimism following the RBI rate cut, with financials and auto stocks leading the rally. However, the underperformance of mid- and small-cap stocks, along with sector-specific concerns such as IndiGo's flight cancellations, underscores that markets remain cautiously optimistic, balancing macroeconomic support with company-level risks.

RBI CUTS REPO RATE BY 25 BASIS POINTS, HOME LOAN BORROWERS TO BENEFIT



TPN Desk

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has once again brought good news for home loan borrowers by reducing the repo rate by 25 basis points, bringing it down to 5.25%. This marks the fourth rate cut by the central bank this year, resulting in a total reduction of 125 basis points in 2025. The move is expected to provide substantial savings for borrowers across the country.

Several banks have already passed on the benefits of earlier rate cuts to borrowers, although the impact may vary depending on the reset cycle of the loan. With the latest 25-basis-point reduction, home loans linked to the External Benchmark Lending Rate (EBLR) are expected to see a further decrease in EMI burdens. Interest rates that were around 9% last year have now fallen to below 7.5%, offering long-term financial relief for borrowers. Financial experts estimate that a reduction of 125 basis points on a ₹50 lakh home loan could save nearly ₹9 lakh over the tenure of the loan.

For example, if an individual takes a ₹50 lakh loan for 20 years at an interest rate of 8.50%, the monthly EMI would be ₹43,391. Following the repo rate cut, with interest rates dropping to 7.25%, the EMI would reduce to

₹39,518, resulting in a monthly saving of nearly ₹4,000. Over the long term, this could save approximately ₹9.29 lakh. If borrowers continue paying the same EMI amount, the loan tenure could reduce by about 42 months, saving nearly ₹18 lakh in interest payments, experts say. They also suggest that when banks pass on the benefits, borrowers may consider reducing the loan tenure instead of lowering the EMI to maximize savings.

While home loan borrowers stand to gain, the repo rate cut has a downside for depositors. Fixed deposit (FD) rates are likely to decline as banks adjust to the lower policy rate. Although existing FDs will not be affected, new deposits may earn lower interest. Currently, long-term FDs offer interest rates between 7% and 7.25%, but these are expected to decrease further following the RBI's decision.

The central bank's rate cut is part of its ongoing effort to support economic growth and reduce the cost of borrowing. With home loan EMIs becoming more affordable, borrowers can expect relief in their monthly budgets, while banks and financial institutions will adjust deposit offerings in response to the monetary easing.

SEBI BANS FINANCIAL INFLUENCER AVADHUT SATHE: FREEZES ₹546 Cr

TPN Desk:

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has taken a major step to regulate the booming "finfluencer" ecosystem by banning financial influencer and market trainer Avadhut Sathe from participating in the securities market. The regulator found that Sathe, through his organization Avadhut Sathe Trading Academy Private Limited, was offering investment advice without proper registration, prompting SEBI to prohibit him from entering the securities market and to order the attachment of assets worth ₹546 crore.

Sathe, a prominent figure in investor education, has gained massive popularity for his trading sessions and on-line advice related to the stock market. SEBI observed that he was advising investors on stock purchases and sales without holding any regulatory licenses, raising concerns about potential risks for retail investors. In August, the regulator conducted inspections at his residence and the academy to assess his activities.

Originally from Dadar,



Mumbai, Sathe studied engineering and worked in the IT sector across Singapore, Australia, and the United States before focusing full-time on trading after returning to India in 2007. In 2008, he founded Avadhut Sathe Trading Academy, which combines technical analysis, market psychology, yoga, and motivational sessions into its training programs. His approach

has drawn widespread attention both in India and abroad, with hundreds of thousands of followers on platforms like YouTube. Reports indicate that his courses range from ₹21,000 to ₹1.7 lakh for three-month programs. A video of Sathe dancing during a trading session in 2023 went viral, further boosting his popularity.

According to SEBI, the

academy collected ₹601 crore from approximately 3.37 lakh investors. Beyond providing training, the academy actively advised participants on which stocks to buy or sell during live market sessions.

Such practices, SEBI noted, could mislead retail investors into following questionable trading strategies. Other financial influencers have criticized Sathe for sharing stock

tips in private groups, potentially influencing inexperienced traders.

The rapid growth of Sathe's business also drew SEBI's attention. While he earned ₹17 crore in fees in 2021, the income reportedly rose to ₹86 crore in 2023, with projections suggesting it could reach ₹200 crore by 2025. This exponential expansion, coupled with unregistered advisory activities, was a key factor behind SEBI's regulatory intervention.

SEBI's directive includes freezing Sathe's assets until further notice, ensuring that the ₹546 crore raised from investors cannot be moved or utilized without regulatory oversight. The move highlights the regulator's commitment to safeguarding investors from unregistered financial advisors and maintaining the integrity of India's securities market.

As India witnesses a surge in fintech-based financial education and influencer-driven trading advice, SEBI's decisive action against Sathe sets a strong precedent for regulating the rapidly growing segment of unlicensed financial influencers.

SPICEJET CAPITALIZES ON INDIGO CRISIS

TPN Desk:

The ongoing operational crisis at IndiGo has provided a strategic opportunity for rival airline SpiceJet, which moved quickly to expand its services amid widespread flight cancellations and delays. While IndiGo continues to grapple with stranded passengers and operational bottlenecks, SpiceJet has added multiple new flights from Delhi and Mumbai to meet the surge in demand, positively impacting its business and stock performance. Conversely, IndiGo's shares have been negatively affected due to the disruption.

SpiceJet announced the additional flights on social media platform X, stating, "Quick update: We have added additional departures from Delhi and Mumbai today for your convenience." The airline also provided detailed information on flight numbers, destinations, and timings for the new services.

The expanded schedule includes flights from Delhi to Mumbai, Ayodhya, Pune, Bangkok, Bengaluru, and Kolkata. Meanwhile, Mumbai-based departures now cover Jaipur, Patna, Goa, Bengaluru, Gorakhpur, Chennai, and New Delhi. The airline's prompt response highlights its strategy to capture demand generated by IndiGo's operational setbacks, turning a competitor's crisis into a commercial advantage.

However, the spike in fares has drawn attention. According to SpiceJet's website, one-way tickets from Mumbai to Delhi for late-night flights were priced at ₹40,599 and ₹34,299—dramatically higher than the regular ₹4,000-₹7,000 range. This surge reflects the pressure of limited seat availability amid high demand, as travelers urgently seek alternatives to canceled IndiGo flights.

Despite the announcement of additional flights, most of the new services were already sold out at the time of reporting, suggesting that



the airline is operating at full capacity to accommodate displaced passengers. Industry experts note that while the high fares may attract criticism from travelers, the move is a significant revenue booster for SpiceJet during a period when competitors are struggling operationally.

Financial analysts have pointed out that SpiceJet's quick operational response demonstrates the flexibility and opportunistic strategies of smaller carriers in the Indian aviation market. By swiftly reallocating aircraft and increasing flight frequencies, the airline has not only addressed urgent passenger needs but also strengthened its position in the domestic sector, particularly in key hubs like Delhi and Mumbai.

For IndiGo, the crisis continues to weigh heavily, affecting customer trust and investor confidence. Regulatory intervention and temporary relief measures have been implemented, but recovery is expected to take time. Meanwhile, SpiceJet's decisive approach has underscored the importance of agile planning in a competitive industry where one airline's misfortune can become another's opportunity.

Overall, the IndiGo disruption has reshaped short-term dynamics in India's aviation sector, with SpiceJet emerging as the primary beneficiary through expanded flight offerings, record fares, and increased market visibility.

SANCHAR SAATHI APP CLIMBS TO No.1 ON APP STORE AMID CONTROVERSY



TPN Desk:

The government-backed Sanchar Saathi app has achieved a remarkable milestone, climbing to the number one position on the App Store after rising sharply from its previous rank of 127. The sudden surge comes amid heightened public attention and

controversy surrounding the platform, reflecting both widespread curiosity and public debate over its use and privacy concerns.

Launched to help mobile users access information related to their telecom connections, Sanchar Saathi enables individuals to verify all

mobile numbers registered under their name, manage subscriptions, and check for unauthorized connections. The app is part of the government's initiative to improve transparency and consumer awareness in the telecom sector, ensuring that users have easy access to criti-

cal data related to their mobile connections.

The recent controversy has revolved around concerns over user privacy and the collection of personal data. Critics have questioned whether the app, which requires access to sensitive information such as phone numbers and

identity details, could compromise user security. Despite these criticisms, or perhaps because of the widespread debate, the app has witnessed an unprecedented surge in downloads.

Industry analysts note that such a rapid climb on the App Store—from 127th to the top position—is unusual in India's competitive app market, dominated by social media, streaming, and gaming platforms. The spike indicates strong public engagement and the influence of media coverage in driving app adoption, particularly when controversies or disputes attract nationwide attention.

Government officials defending the app have emphasized that Sanchar Saathi is a secure and reliable tool aimed at protecting consumers' telecom connections. They have assured users that the app complies with data protec-

tion guidelines and is designed to strengthen user control over their mobile services. Officials also highlighted that the platform provides valuable services, including identifying unauthorized mobile connections, reporting complaints to telecom operators, and managing multiple numbers efficiently.

The Sanchar Saathi app's ascent to the top of the App Store highlights the growing role of digital platforms in shaping public discourse. It also underscores how controversies, while sometimes drawing criticism, can significantly boost awareness and user adoption. As the debate around privacy continues, the app's developers and government agencies are likely to focus on reinforcing security measures and addressing public concerns to maintain trust while sustaining its newfound popularity.



Fabergé ‘Winter Egg’ Expected to Fetch Rs 200 Crore at Auction



A rare Fabergé masterpiece—famously known as the Winter Egg—is once again headed to auction, and experts believe it could command an extraordinary price of Rs 200 crore. Just four inches tall, the jewel-like creation is considered one of the most exquisite and valuable decorative eggs ever made.

Crafted in 1913 for Tsar Nicholas II of Russia, the Winter Egg was designed by Alma Pihl, one of the very few female artists at the House of Fabergé. The Tsar commissioned it as an Easter gift for his mother, Empress Maria Feodorovna. Today, only two eggs created by Pihl survive—one held by the British royal family, and this newly surfaced piece now set for sale.

What sets the Winter Egg apart is its extraordinary craftsmanship. Made from rock crystal, the exterior shimmers like frozen glass and is embellished with nearly 4,500 dia-

monds, giving it a glistening, frost-like appearance. Inside the egg lies its signature surprise: a miniature basket of flowers, crafted from precious stones and quartz. The delicate design symbolises the transition from winter to spring, capturing the elegance and imagination for which Fabergé is renowned.

The egg’s journey through history is just as striking as its design. After the fall of the Romanov dynasty in 1917, many royal treasures were sold off by the new communist regime. Despite its immense value, the Winter Egg was reportedly sold to a London dealer for only £450 due to Russia’s financial crisis at the time.

More than a century later, the piece is poised to break auction records. With its rich imperial history, intricate artistry, and extreme rarity, the Fabergé Winter Egg stands as one of the world’s most extraordinary—and expensive—art objects.

Over 1,000 Amazon Workers Warn Against ‘Warp-Speed’ AI Rollout



More than 1,000 Amazon employees have signed an open letter urging the company to slow down its rapid expansion of artificial intelligence systems, warning that the current “all-costs-justified, warp-speed” approach could harm workers, democracy and the environment. The letter, published on November 26, comes amid Amazon’s ongoing plan to cut up to 14,000 corporate jobs globally this year.

The signatories include engineers, product managers and warehouse associates, reflecting concerns across the company’s workforce. Their message has also drawn support from over 2,400 employees at other major tech firms, including Microsoft, Apple, Google and Meta—showing a broader industry unease about unchecked AI growth.

Employees argue that Amazon’s leadership is pushing ahead with AI adoption without adequate guardrails, risking mass job displacement and expanding workplace surveillance. They also highlight the environmental cost of large-scale AI infrastructure, which demands vast energy resources at a time when climate concerns are mounting.

The letter warns that deploying powerful AI tools without proper oversight could contribute to democratic backsliding, especially when combined with rising global authoritarianism. Workers fear that AI-driven decision-making in logistics, hiring, productivity tracking and customer-facing services could concentrate power and reduce transparency.

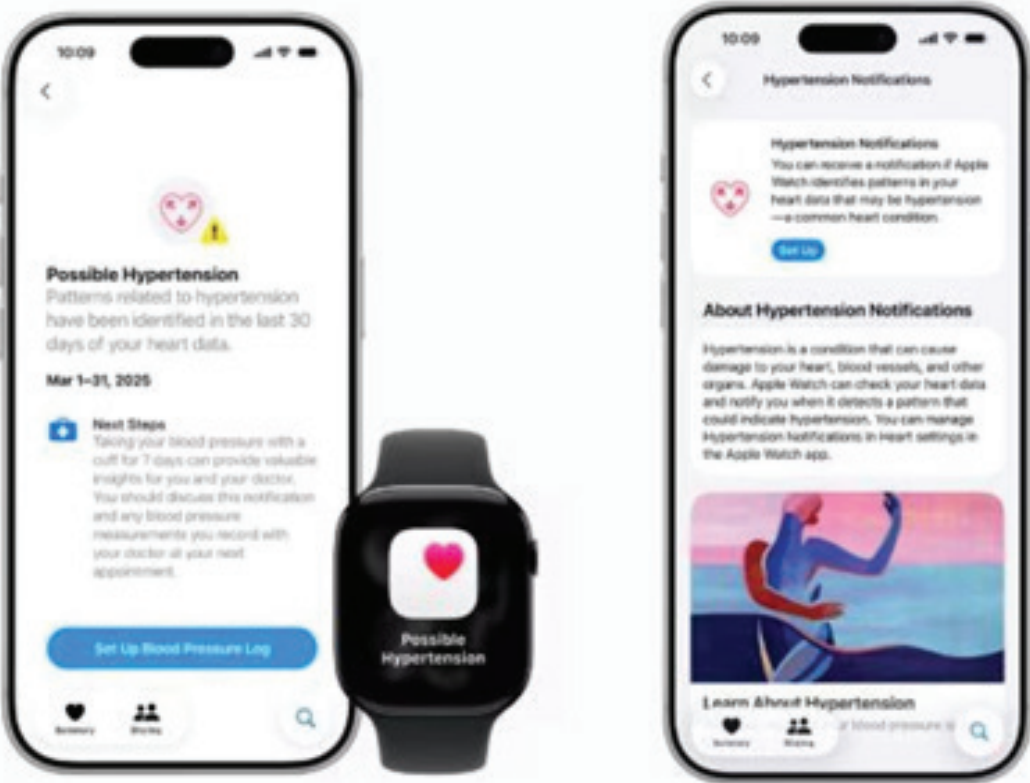
“We believe that the warp-speed approach to AI development will do staggering damage,” the letter states, urging Amazon to invest in stronger safety, privacy and ethical standards before scaling further. Employees want clearer policies on how AI may affect job roles, along with commitments to retraining and protecting workers’ rights.

As Amazon accelerates integration of generative AI across e-commerce, cloud services and warehouse operations, the internal pushback underscores a growing divide between corporate strategy and employee anxieties. Workers say AI innovation is inevitable—but warn that without meaningful safeguards, its consequences could be far-reaching and irreversible.

Apple Watch Rolls Out Hypertension Alerts for Users in India

Apple has introduced a new hypertension notifications feature for Apple Watch users in India, aiming to help identify signs of chronic high blood pressure in people who may not know they have the condition. The feature analyzes 30 days of PPG (photoplethysmography) sensor data using machine learning and is designed specifically for users without a prior hypertension diagnosis.

Unlike a traditional blood pressure monitor, the Apple Watch does not measure blood pressure directly or show BP readings. Instead, it looks for long-term patterns linked to chronic hypertension and alerts eligible users—those over 22, not pregnant, and undiagnosed—if concerning trends emerge. Once enabled through the Watch or Health app, the feature runs automatically in the background.



Dr. Adam Phillips, a cardiologist at Apple involved in developing

the feature, said it is built on three principles: scientific valida-

tion, actionable insights, and privacy. Apple used data from

over 100,000 participants to design the feature and clinically vali-

dated it on 2,229 adults. In testing, it achieved 41.2% sensitivity in detecting hypertension and 92.3% specificity in identifying users without it—performance comparable to clinical BP cuffs.

The feature works on Apple Watch Series 9, 10, 11, Ultra 2, and Ultra 3. If a user receives a notification, Apple recommends logging blood pressure for seven days using a certified external BP cuff. Reports generated through the Health app can be shared with doctors via email, messaging apps, or WhatsApp.

Hypertension affects 1.3 billion people worldwide, with nearly half going undiagnosed. Apple says its goal is to help this large population get early alerts that can encourage timely medical evaluation and prevent complications such as heart attacks, stroke, and kidney disease.

Russian Firm Claims Neurochip Can Turn Pigeons Into Human-Controlled Drones

A Russian neurotechnology company, Neiry, has announced that it is developing a system that can turn real birds—starting with pigeons—into remotely operated “biodrones.” According to a translated post from the company, its implanted neurochip allows an operator to control the bird’s flight by uploading tasks, similar to programming conventional unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

Unlike trained messenger birds, Neiry claims its biodrones require no training at all. After surgery, the bird can reportedly be guided through brain stimulation. By activating specific neural regions, researchers say they can create an impulse that makes the bird “want” to fly in the commanded direction.

The company argues that using live birds offers significant advantages. Pigeons can naturally navigate complex urban environments and have better endurance than many mechanical drones. Neiry also asserts that the risk of operational failure is equivalent to the normal chances of a bird falling mid-flight.



The biodrone system involves implanted electrodes, a back-mounted stimulator, and a remote controller that sends directional cues. A GPS receiver tracks the bird’s location in real time. Neiry claims that operators can manage entire flocks, up-

dating flight paths through the neural interface. A pigeon equipped as a PJN-1 biodrone can reportedly fly up to 310 miles in a day, and with adequate sunlight for the on-board power system, nearly 1,850 miles in a week. Founder Alexander Panov

says the company plans to expand the technology to other species: ravens for heavier payloads, gulls for coastal monitoring, and albatrosses for long-range ocean surveillance. Neiry states that the project is in its final testing

phase and will soon be used for remote monitoring. However, the company has not disclosed how many birds have been harmed during development or provided data on surgical success rates, raising ethical and welfare concerns.

AI Firms Fall Short of Global Safety Standards: Study



A new report from the Future of Life Institute (FLI) has found that the safety practices of leading artificial intelligence companies—including Anthropic, OpenAI, xAI and Meta—remain far below emerging global standards. The findings were released in the latest edition of FLI’s AI Safety

Index on Wednesday. The independent expert panel that evaluated these companies concluded that, despite rapid efforts to build increasingly powerful and potentially superintelligent AI systems, none of the firms has developed a robust, reliable framework to control or align such ad-

vanced technologies. The report warns that safety measures are not keeping pace with the accelerating AI race. The study comes at a time of growing public anxiety over the societal impacts of smarter-than-human systems. Recent incidents linking AI chatbots to self-harm

and suicide cases have intensified scrutiny. Concerns have also risen around AI-powered hacking, manipulation, and psychological harm. Max Tegmark, MIT professor and president of FLI, criticized the regulatory vacuum surrounding AI development. “Despite recent up-

roar over AI-powered hacking and AI driving people to psychosis and self-harm, US AI companies remain less regulated than restaurants and continue lobbying against binding safety standards,” he said. While governments worldwide are exploring guardrails for advanced AI, the tech industry continues its rapid expansion. Major companies are investing hundreds of billions of dollars to scale up machine learning infrastructure, signaling no slowdown in the competitive push toward superintelligence. FLI—founded in 2014 and initially supported by Elon Musk—has long warned about the existential risks posed by uncontrolled AI. Just this October, a group of prominent scientists including Geoffrey Hinton and Yoshua Bengio called for a moratorium on developing superintelligent AI until stronger public oversight and scientific understanding are in place. The institute argues that without stringent safety standards, the gap between AI capabilities and governance will continue to widen, increasing the risk of real-world harm.

Visakhapatnam ODI Decider: India and South Africa Clash for Series Victory



Cricket fans are eagerly anticipating the third One Day International (ODI) match between India and South Africa at Visakhapatnam, as the series hangs in the balance. With the series currently tied 1-1, this final ODI has become the decisive encounter, promising intense competition and high stakes for both teams. After India's victory in the first match and South Africa's comeback in the second, all eyes are on this clash to determine the series winner.

In the opening ODI, India delivered a commanding performance, showcasing their batting depth and bowling strength. The top order laid a solid foundation, while middle-order contributions ensured a competitive total. India's bowlers then executed a disciplined plan, restricting South Africa's batting line-up and clinching a

comprehensive win. The match highlighted India's balanced team composition and the experience of its key players in handling pressure situations.

However, South Africa demonstrated their resilience in the second ODI, leveling the series with an impressive performance. Their bowlers applied consistent pressure on the Indian batsmen, exploiting gaps and maintaining tight lines and lengths. The South African batsmen responded effectively in their chase, building crucial partnerships and overcoming early setbacks. This victory not only showcased South Africa's adaptability but also set up a thrilling decider at Visakhapatnam.

The third ODI carries immense significance as it will determine the outcome of the series. Both teams are expected to field their strongest line-ups, with

strategic adjustments based on the performances in the first two matches. India will rely heavily on its experienced batsmen, who have consistently provided stability in previous games. Contributions from the middle order will be crucial, particularly in navigating tricky phases of the innings. On the bowling front, India's pace attack and spin duo will be tasked with breaking partnerships and containing the South African batsmen.

South Africa, on the other hand, will aim to carry forward the momentum from their second-match victory. Their all-rounders and middle-order batsmen will play pivotal roles in setting or chasing totals, while the bowlers will focus on exploiting weaknesses in India's batting order. With the series on the line, both sides are likely to play aggressively, bal-

ancing risk and caution to gain an edge over their opponents.

Visakhapatnam's pitch and weather conditions will play a crucial role in the match. Analysts predict a balanced wicket that offers opportunities for both batsmen and bowlers, potentially leading to an exciting contest with twists and turns throughout the game. The coastal conditions might aid swing bowling in the early overs, while spinners could come into play during the middle overs, adding another layer of strategy for the captains.

Fans can expect an electrifying atmosphere in the stadium, with supporters from both nations turning out in large numbers. The decider ODI is not only about claiming the series but also about building momentum for upcoming international fixtures. A win

here would boost confidence and morale for the victorious team, while a loss could trigger a period of introspection and analysis.

Both teams have shown remarkable skill, determination, and adaptability in the first two matches, setting the stage for a memorable showdown. The third ODI at Visakhapatnam promises to deliver intense cricketing action, strategic battles, and high drama, providing fans with a perfect finale to this closely contested series.

As the players take to the field, all eyes will be on the performances of star players and emerging talents alike. The decider ODI is set to be a showcase of competitive spirit, technical prowess, and tactical acumen, making it a must-watch for cricket enthusiasts across India, South Africa, and the world.

Cricket World Awaits as Virat Kohli Eyes Third Consecutive ODI Century



TPN Desk:

The cricketing world is abuzz as India gears up for the third and decisive ODI against South Africa at Visakhapatnam. All eyes are on Virat Kohli, who has been in sublime form, scoring centuries in the first two matches of the series. Fans, analysts, and former players alike are eagerly anticipating whether Kohli can achieve a remarkable hat-trick of centuries in the series, a feat that would further cement his reputation as one of the modern greats of the game.

Kohli's performance in the first two ODIs has been extraordinary. In the opening match, he anchored India's innings with his trademark calm and precision, compiling a century that set up a dominant total. His ability to rotate strike, punish loose deliveries, and maintain a steady pace helped India secure a comfortable victory. In the second ODI, despite South Africa's spirited comeback, Kohli once again showcased his class, crafting another century under pressure and keeping India competitive in a closely fought match.

The third ODI now holds even greater significance. With the series tied 1-1, Kohli's form could be the decisive factor in determining the winner. Fans are not only hoping for a series victory but also eagerly looking forward to witnessing Kohli achieve the rare milestone of three consecutive centuries in a bilateral ODI series — a feat achieved by only a select few in international cricket.

Cricket enthusiasts around the world are already speculating on Kohli's approach for the

decider. Analysts suggest that his success lies in combining patience with aggression, adapting to pitch conditions, and capitalizing on any early breakthroughs. Kohli's exceptional hand-eye coordination, footwork, and ability to read the game have been on full display in this series, giving Indian fans every reason to believe he can repeat his heroics.

The stakes are high not just for Kohli but for the Indian team as a whole. A strong performance from their star batsman can inspire the rest of the line-up and create momentum in crucial phases of the match. Moreover, a century from Kohli in the third ODI would provide India with a solid platform to chase or defend totals, significantly increasing their chances of clinching the series against a formidable South African side.

Across social media, fans have already started planning celebrations, with hashtags and posts expressing excitement and hope. Former players and commentators have lauded Kohli's consistency and mental fortitude, noting that such performances often define the outcome of closely contested series.

As the match approaches, cricket fans everywhere are holding their breath, hoping to witness history in the making. Whether Virat Kohli achieves the much-anticipated hat-trick of centuries or not, his dazzling form and dedication continue to inspire millions and underscore why he remains one of the most celebrated cricketers in the world today.

Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli's Future in World Cup 2027 Looks Bright After Stellar Performances

The debate over the future of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli in Indian cricket seems to be nearing a resolution, much to the delight of fans and cricketing pundits. The ongoing tussle between Gautam Gambhir and the senior Indian stars — popularly referred to as ROKO — may finally be coming to an end as per sports circles. The discussion around whether these stalwarts should be included in the 2027 World Cup squad has been a hot topic in recent months, but their recent performances against South Africa have shifted perceptions within the BCCI.

Earlier, Gautam Gambhir had expressed strong reservations about including Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli in the upcoming World Cup, citing concerns over age and workload management. He had reportedly advised the BCCI to consider the longer-term future of Indian cricket, suggesting that newer, younger players should gradually replace the senior duo. This stance, however, did not sit well with fans or some former players, who have long recognized the unmatched talent and match-winning capabilities of the two veterans.

The South Africa series became a turning point for Rohit and Kohli. Both players displayed world-class performances, proving that age has not dulled their skills or temperament. Kohli, in particular, impressed cricket enthusiasts with his consecutive centuries in the



ODIs, showing remarkable consistency, focus, and resilience under pressure. Rohit Sharma, too, played crucial innings that stabilized India's batting line-up and guided younger teammates through challenging situations.

According to sources within cricketing circles, the BCCI has reportedly reconsidered its earlier stance, which was influenced by Gambhir's opinion. The board is now leaning towards retaining both Kohli and Rohit in the squad for the 2027 World Cup, recognizing the immense value of their experience, leadership, and ability to perform in high-stakes matches. Cricket fans across India have welcomed this move, flooding social media with messages of support and ap-

preciation for the two stars.

Prominent former players have also spoken in favor of ROKO. Madan Lal praised their performances, stating that both veterans are "playing like 28-year-olds" and continue to be instrumental in India's successes. Senior cricketing figure Ravi Shastri, who has previously coached the Indian team, cautioned the BCCI against making any hasty decisions regarding their careers, emphasizing that the experience and composure of Rohit and Kohli in critical situations are irreplaceable.

The possible reconciliation between Gambhir's camp and ROKO could herald a new phase of harmony within Indian cricket. It is believed that the board is keen to maintain a balance

between youth and experience, ensuring that emerging players get opportunities while the senior players continue to mentor and lead the team in crucial tournaments like the World Cup.

With the World Cup 2027 still a few years away, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli now appear poised to play a pivotal role in India's campaign. Fans, analysts, and cricketing legends alike are optimistic that these stalwarts will continue to entertain, inspire, and deliver match-winning performances on the biggest stage. Their recent displays against South Africa have not only silenced critics but have also reignited hopes that the Indian cricket team will field its strongest possible squad in pursuit of global glory.

Indian Bowling Woes Against South Africa Put Pressure on BCCI Ahead of Third ODI

As the India-South Africa ODI series reaches its climax, the focus has shifted sharply to the Indian bowling attack, which has struggled to make a significant impact despite home conditions and strong batting performances. While India has managed big scores with the bat, it has been the bowlers' inability to capitalize on these totals that has caused concern among fans, analysts, and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

The second ODI, played in [city], highlighted India's vulnerability with the ball. South Africa, chasing a formidable total, capitalized on inconsistent line and length from Indian pacers and spinners alike. Despite the team posting a competitive score, India succumbed to a defeat that was largely attributed to a lack of penetration in the bowling department. This has sparked widespread debate over the effectiveness of the current pace attack and the strategy being employed by the team management.

One particular focus has been on Mohammed Shami, India's senior pacer. While Shami has been a match-winner in the past, his recent performances against South Africa have come under scrutiny. Critics argue that the team may need to rethink its pace options, considering fresh faces or giving more responsibility to other bowlers who have shown promise in domestic and franchise cricket. The BCCI, in consultation with the team management, is reportedly evaluating the bowling combinations for the upcoming Third ODI, which could prove pivotal in deciding the series.

The stakes are high as both teams are tied in the series, making the third ODI a decider. Cricket analysts suggest that India



cannot rely solely on its batting prowess; a balanced team with a strong, disciplined bowling attack is essential to secure a series victory. Experts have highlighted the importance of quick bowlers who can exploit early movement, as well as spinners capable of controlling the middle overs and taking crucial wickets.

Team captain [name] and the bowling coach have reportedly been working closely with the pacers and spinners to fine-tune their strategies, emphasizing variations, field placements, and better execution under pressure. Sources indicate that the bowlers are being trained to adapt quickly to South Africa's batting strengths, particularly their ability to chase down high totals with calculated aggression.

The Third ODI, set to take place in Visakhapatnam, is expected to witness a more aggressive and cohesive bowling unit from India. Fans are hoping that the bowlers will rise to the occasion, delivering consistent breakthroughs and containing the opposition's run rate. Ana-

lysts believe that a strong bowling performance could not only secure the series but also boost the confidence of the Indian bowling department, which has struggled at crucial moments in recent international fixtures.

While questions linger over individual players like Shami, the broader challenge for the team remains clear: the bowlers must step up to complement India's batting firepower. The series outcome could hinge on whether the Indian pacers and spinners can deliver disciplined, strategic, and pressure-driven performances to outsmart the formidable South African lineup.

With the third ODI serving as the decider, all eyes will be on India's bowlers to see if they can address their shortcomings and help the team clinch a hard-fought series victory on home soil. Fans, selectors, and cricket experts alike will be watching closely to gauge whether India can finally find the perfect balance between batting and bowling to dominate the series.

Andhra King Taluka Movie: Ram Pothineni’s Crazy Video Song Released



Ram Pothineni’s latest outing as a lead actor, Andhra King Taluka, directed by Mahesh Babu P, has recently hit theaters. Produced under the banner of Mythri Movie Makers, the film brought together an ensemble cast with Ram Pothineni in the lead role and Kannada actor in a pivotal supporting character. However, despite high expectations, the film failed to make the desired impact at the box office and could not fully satisfy the fans.

The film also featured the talented actress Bhagyashree Bose as the female lead, portraying the role of the Kingdom’s beauty. Her performance was widely appreciated and emerged as one of the highlights of the movie. The production team had invested significant effort in ensuring grandeur in both storytelling and visual presentation, making it a much-anticipated release among Telugu cinema enthusiasts.

Adding to the film’s buzz, the makers have now released a full video song titled Pappy Shame, which has already garnered attention across social media platforms. The song stands out not only for its catchy tune but also because it features Ram Pothineni himself lending his voice to the track, adding a personal touch and connecting with fans in a unique way. The lyrics of the song were penned by Bhaskarbatla Ravikumar, while the music composition was provided by the duo Vivek-Mervin, combining energetic beats with engaging visuals to create a memorable song sequence.

The song’s release has sparked excitement among fans, who are sharing clips and reactions online, highlighting the hero’s performance and the vibrant choreography. Despite the

movie’s lukewarm response, the video song offers a chance for audiences to relive the energy and charm of the film, bringing renewed attention to the project.

The movie’s storyline revolves around political intrigue and kingdom-related drama, incorporating action, romance, and entertainment elements that are typical of Ram Pothineni’s films. The inclusion of a Kannada actor in a key role adds cross-industry appeal and introduces a fresh dynamic to the narrative. While the film’s reception has been mixed, the makers’ promotional strategies, including song releases and social media engagement, aim to sustain audience interest and boost overall viewership.

Mythri Movie Makers, known for producing high-budget, visually grand Telugu films, have put considerable effort into the production values of Andhra King Taluka. From elaborate sets to stylized action sequences, the film was designed to offer a cinematic experience that resonates with fans of commercial Telugu cinema. However, it appears that while some aspects like performances and music have been appreciated, the overall storyline did not meet audience expectations entirely.

In conclusion, Andhra King Taluka may not have achieved blockbuster status, but with engaging performances, a talented cast, and recently released energetic songs like Pappy Shame, the film continues to capture attention. Ram Pothineni’s singing debut in the track and the overall promotional activities ensure that fans remain invested in the movie and its music, keeping the excitement alive despite the initial response.

Vision Cinema House Unveils Heart-Warming First Look of ‘Haiku’ on Producer Dr. Arulanandhu’s Birthday

Vision Cinema House, the rapidly rising production banner helmed by producers Dr. Arulanandhu and Mathewo Arulanandhu, has unveiled the first look of its upcoming bilingual film Haiku on the special occasion of Dr. Arulanandhu’s birthday, December 5, 2025. Known for backing authentic and emotionally resonant cinema, the production house has already made a mark with acclaimed films like Joe and Kozhi Pannai Chella Durai, and Haiku promises to continue that legacy.

Haiku is a heartfelt romantic drama set against the tender backdrop of youth and student life. The first look poster captures the lead pair seated amid an empty gallery of colorful chairs, radiating a gentle spark of chemistry. A heart-shaped sky trail adds a poetic touch, reflecting the film’s soft, emotional narrative. The line “Falling Soon” at the center of the poster teases audiences with a feel-good journey that celebrates first love, friendship, and self-discovery.

The film stars Aegan in the lead role alongside Sridevi Apalla, widely recognized for her work in Court: State vs A Nobody, and Femina George of Minnal Murali fame. The cast is further strengthened by Adhirchi Arun and several other pivotal characters, promising a layered and engaging cinematic experience.

Haiku is written and directed by Yuvaraj Chinnasamy, who co-wrote the screenplay with Hariharan Ram. Known for his rooted storytelling and youthful vibrancy, Yuvaraj brings a fresh narrative voice to the project, blending simplicity with emotional depth. The film’s music, composed by Baby Vijai Bulganin of Court fame, promises a breezy and melodic soundscape that complements the romantic and emotive tone of the story.

With this new venture, Vision Cinema House continues to uphold its commitment to nurturing emerging talents and supporting meaningful



storytelling. The production house has been lauded for giving a platform to fresh voices, and Haiku embodies this vision by combining a strong narrative with young, energetic talent both in front of and behind the camera.

The unveiling of Haiku coinciding with Dr. Arulanandhu’s birthday added a celebratory touch, as the team expressed heartfelt wishes to the producer for his enduring dedication to the growth of new filmmakers and storytellers. Executive producer Aegan Arulanandhu, co-producer Srinivas Niranjan, and producers Dr. D. Arulanandhu and Mathewo Arulanandhu have all played pivotal roles in bringing the project to life under the Vision Cinema House banner.

Fans can expect more updates in the coming weeks, including teaser releases, glimpses of the cast, and official announcements regarding the film’s theatrical release. With its fresh take on young love, self-discovery, and the vibrancy of student life, Haiku is poised to be a charming, heartwarming addition to contemporary South Indian cinema.

Akhanda 2 Release Postponed: Fans Frustrated as Legal Issues Stall NBK’s First Pan-Indian Film

Tollywood superstar Nandamuri Balakrishna’s eagerly awaited pan-Indian project, Akhanda 2, has hit an unexpected roadblock, leaving fans disappointed and frustrated. The film, which promised to be a milestone in NBK’s illustrious career, has been postponed indefinitely without any official release date. This marks the first time in Balakrishna’s career that a major project of his stature has faced such a delay.

Akhanda 2 had been touted as a grand cinematic venture, with Nandamuri Balakrishna actively participating in promotional events across multiple cities, including Chennai, Bangalore, and Mumbai. Fans were eagerly anticipating the release, expecting a blockbuster that would cement NBK’s position in the pan-Indian film market. However, despite the extensive promotions and high expectations, the film has yet to see the light of day due to legal complications involving the producers.

The production house, 14 Reels, is reportedly facing negligence allegations and unresolved financial obligations, particularly concerning payments to ERO’s International. The issue has escalated to the courts, further complicating the film’s release. While 14 Reels has vowed to settle the dues, the de-



lay has already generated significant unrest among NBK’s fan base. Many fans have taken to social media to express their anger and frustration, some even questioning if there is a conspiracy to sabotage the film at this critical juncture.

Fans are particularly puzzled over the decision of director Boyapati Srinu to collaborate with 14 Reels despite the ongoing disputes. Questions are being raised across social media platforms about the producer’s credibility and the reasons behind choosing them for such a significant project. Industry insiders reveal that discussions are underway among key figures in Tollywood to resolve the legal and financial hurdles and ensure the film’s eventual release, but no concrete solutions have emerged yet.

The postponement of Akhanda 2 has cast a shadow over what was supposed to be a landmark event in Balakrishna’s career. For NBK, this pan-Indian film was not just another release but a strategic step to expand his

reach beyond Telugu cinema into other regional and national markets. The delay has created a sense of uncertainty not only for the actor and the production team but also for distributors and theater owners who had invested heavily in the film’s promotions and anticipated earnings.

While fans continue to voice their concerns and push for clarity, the industry remains hopeful that the legal issues can be resolved swiftly. Sources indicate that prominent Tollywood personalities and stakeholders are actively engaged in mediation efforts to bring all parties to a consensus, aiming to finally give Akhanda 2 the release it deserves.

As of now, neither the producer nor the filmmakers have provided a new timeline for the film’s release. Until the legal complications are resolved, fans of Nandamuri Balakrishna remain in suspense, eagerly awaiting updates on a film that could potentially be one of the biggest highlights of Tollywood in recent years.

‘Tere Ishq Mein’: Dhanush and Kriti Sanon’s Romantic Drama Wins Hearts, Trailer Goes Viral



The much-awaited romantic drama Tere Ishq Mein, starring Dhanush and Kriti Sanon, directed by Anand L. Rai and produced by Bhushan Kumar, has received phenomenal response from audiences since its release. The movie is steadily making its mark at the box office, with viewers lauding the performances of the lead pair. Fans are particularly impressed by the on-screen chemistry between Dhanush and Kriti, praising the way the characters and their emotions have been portrayed. Adding to the appeal, A.R. Rahman’s soulful music has struck a chord with the audience, elevating the cinematic experience.

Recently, the Telugu trailer of the film created a significant buzz online, further raising excitement for the movie. The trailer beautifully showcases the emotional journey of the protagonists, including themes of love, heartbreak, and the struggle to overcome emotional pain. Audiences have appreciated the depth of the story, highlighting how the film portrays not only the joy of romance but also the unspoken pain and vulnerabilities that accompany

it. Anand L. Rai’s signature storytelling style is evident in the way the narrative unfolds, making the film an engaging cinematic experience. The director’s nuanced depiction of emotional depth adds a layer of realism, making the characters’ experiences relatable to viewers.

The movie has been produced under the banners of Gulshan Kumar, T-Series, and Color Yellow Productions, with Anand L. Rai, Himanshu Sharma, Bhushan Kumar, and Krishna Kumar serving as producers. Anand L. Rai has also directed the film, while Himanshu Sharma and Neeraj Yadav have contributed to the writing. The music, composed by Oscar-winning maestro A.R. Rahman, combined with lyrical contributions by Irshad Kamil, has enhanced the emotional and romantic appeal of the movie. The film’s production values, combined with a strong narrative and a memorable soundtrack, make it a standout release in contemporary Indian cinema.

The story follows the journey of love between the lead characters, exploring both the highs and

Mythri Movie Makers Secure Nizam Rights for Aadi Saikumar’s ‘Shambhala’ Ahead of Christmas Release

Aadi Saikumar’s upcoming mystical thriller Shambhala: A Mystical World, is all set for a grand worldwide theatrical release this Christmas, on December 25th. The film, directed by Ugandhar Muni and produced by Rajasekhhar Annabhimoju and Mahidhar Reddy under the Shining Pictures banner, has already generated substantial anticipation among audiences with its intriguing promotional material and captivating teasers.

Adding to the excitement, Tollywood’s prominent production and distribution house, Mythri Movie Distributors LLP, has acquired the Nizam distribution rights for the film at a notable price. Known for handling several successful Pan-India releases, Mythri Movie Makers’ involvement is expected to significantly enhance Shambhala’s visibility in the crucial Nizam region. Their strong distribution network and experience are anticipated to create a wider reach for the film, potentially boosting its box office prospects.

The film’s theatrical rights across other regions have already been finalized, ensuring a well-organized release across the country. On the non-theatrical front, the producers have also completed strategic deals. OTT giant Aha has secured the streaming rights for Shambhala, allowing viewers to access the film online shortly after its theatrical run. Meanwhile, Zee Network has acquired the satellite broadcasting rights, guaranteeing a wide television audience once the film completes its theatrical journey.

For overseas releases, Moonshine Cinemas has been entrusted with the distribution, ensuring that the film reaches audiences around the globe. This coordinated approach to theatrical and digital distribution underscores the producers’ aim to maximize the film’s reach and establish a pan-India and international presence.



The promotional campaign for Shambhala is already in full swing, with teasers, posters, and other marketing initiatives generating buzz on social media platforms. The team is now preparing to intensify their marketing efforts as the release date approaches, promising a high-octane promotional rollout that includes interactive fan engagement activities, interviews, and media appearances. With such strategic marketing and distribution in place, the anticipation surrounding the film is reaching its peak.

Shambhala: A Mystical World blends elements of fantasy, adventure, and thriller genres, offering audiences a unique cinematic experience. With Aadi Saikumar in the lead, the film promises a gripping narrative, visual spectacle, and an immersive storyline that has intrigued fans and moviegoers alike. The combination of a compelling plot, strong production values, and a strategic release plan positions Shambhala as one of the most awaited Telugu films of the year.

As the film gears up for its Christmas release, expectations are high for both its box office performance and reception among audiences worldwide. With Mythri Movie Makers handling the Nizam region, the team’s distribution strategy across India and internationally, and a robust promotional campaign, Shambhala is poised to make a significant impact this holiday season. Fans of Aadi Saikumar and Tollywood enthusiasts alike are eagerly awaiting the film’s premiere, ready to step into the mystical world promised by the film’s intriguing title.