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Fadnavis Takes Oath as Maha CM Shinde, Pawar as Deputies CM



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Devendra Fadnavis has officially taken oath as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra for his third term during a grand ceremony at Mumbai's Azad Maidan. Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde and NCP's Ajit Pawar were sworn in as Deputy Chief

Ministers, marking the beginning of the Mahayuti 2.0 government. The event was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers, several Chief Ministers, Bollywood celebrities Shah Rukh Khan, Ranveer Singh, and Ranbir Kapoor, as well as industrialists Mukesh Ambani and Gautam

Adani, and sports icon Sachin Tendulkar. This marks Fadnavis's third term as CM. His first tenure spanned from 2014 to 2019, while his brief second term in November 2019 lasted just five days. Speculation surrounding Eknath Shinde's position ended after Shiv Sena leader.....

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SRK, Salman and others attend oath ceremony of Maharashtra CM

As the Maharashtra Assembly welcomed Devendra Fadnavis as the Chief Minister, Bollywood stars lined up at the oath taking ceremony. The bigwigs of B-town like Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan, Sanjay Dutt, Ranbir Kapoor, Ranveer Singh, Rohit Shetty, Vidya Balan and her 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3' co-star Madhuri Dixit attended the event in the entertainment capital of India.

Both Salman and SRK, whose iconic film 'Karan Arjun' re-released in cinemas recently, were dressed in their formal best.

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Congress MPs Protest in Parliament with 'Modi-Adani Ek Hain' Jackets

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Congress MPs staged a unique protest in Parliament on Thursday, wearing jackets emblazoned with the slogan "Modi-Adani Ek Hain" (Modi and Adani are one). The demonstration was part of the party's ongoing campaign to demand answers from the government over the alleged financial irregularities and corporate favoritism linked to the Adani Group. The MPs entered the Parliament premises sporting the slogan jackets and raising slogans against the government. They accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of protecting billionaire businessman Gautam Adani, whose conglomerate has faced scrutiny following reports of alleged stock manipulation and financial mismanagement.

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, said the protest aimed to highlight the "unholy nexus" between



the Modi government and the Adani Group. "The BJP government has remained silent on the serious allegations against Adani. This is not just about one man but about systemic corruption and favoritism," he stated. The Congress also reiterated its demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to investigate the allegations against the Adani Group. Party leaders have accused the government of shielding Adani by avoiding a transparent inquiry into the matter.

The demonstration drew sharp reactions from the ruling BJP, with party leaders dismissing the protest as "political theatrics." BJP spokesperson Gaurav

Bhatia called the Congress's actions an attempt to divert attention from its own leadership crisis and corruption allegations. The Adani issue has been a focal point of political conflict between the Congress and the BJP, with the Opposition consistently raising it in Parliament and public forums. Despite the government's denials of any wrongdoing, the Congress continues to press for accountability, using protests like Thursday's to amplify its demands. The Parliament session witnessed a stormy start, with Congress MPs vowing to keep the pressure on the government until their demands for a JPC probe are met.

7.0 magnitude earthquake strikes California, tsunami warning issued

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A strong earthquake was felt widely across Northern California on Thursday and authorities have issued a tsunami warning.

The quake struck at 10:44 am west of Ferndale, a small city in coastal Humboldt County near the Or-

egon border, according to the US Geological Survey. It was felt as far south as San Francisco, where residents felt a rolling motion for several seconds. It was followed by smaller aftershocks. The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, known as BART, has stopped traffic in all directions through

the underwater tunnel between San Francisco and Oakland.

At least 5.3 million people in California were under a tsunami warning after the magnitude 7.0 earthquake, the US Geological Survey said in a yellow alert, which predicts localised but minimal damage.

CM Revanth Reddy Warns BRS Leaders Over Disruptive Behaviour



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Kaushik Reddy Arrested After Alleged Misbehavior with Police



BRS MLA from Huzurabad, Padi Kaushik Reddy, was arrested on Thursday night following allegations of misbehavior with Banjara Hills Inspector KM Raghavendra. The arrest came after an incident on Wednesday in which the MLA allegedly obstructed the inspector's duties during a heated exchange at the Banjara Hills police station.

Emmanuel Macron vows to stay in office

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French President Emmanuel Macron will appoint a new prime minister in the coming days whose top priority will be getting a 2025 budget adopted by parliament, he said on Thursday after

the government was toppled by lawmakers.

Michel Barnier, a veteran conservative, became the shortest-serving prime minister in modern French history when he resigned on Thursday after parliament voted him out over his fiscal plans, barely three

months after he was appointed.

In a televised address to the nation, Macron said he would name a successor to Barnier "in the coming days." "The priority will be the budget," Macron said. A special law to roll over the 2024 budget and

avoid any gap will be put forward by mid-December.

Then the new government will prepare a full budget early next year, in particular to account for inflation, for a vote by parliament.

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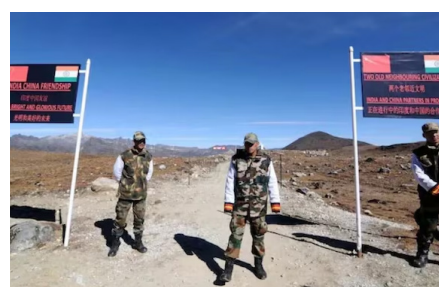
India on border truce with China: Both sides positively affirmed implementation

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India and China have "positively affirmed" the implementation of the disengagement along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), the Ministry of External Affairs said on Thursday. Both the countries have also agreed on the need for effective border management, in line with bilateral agreements.

"The two sides positively affirmed the implementation of the most recent disengagement agreement which completed the resolution of the issues that emerged in 2020," the MEA said in a statement.

Following this, both armies began the disengagement, dismantling the structures they set up in Eastern Ladakh's Depsang and Demchok areas after the 2020 Galwan clash, and pulling back personnel to their positions held prior



to the confrontation.

The 32nd meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) was held on Thursday in Delhi.

Both countries prepared for the next meeting of the Special Representatives, which is to be held in accordance with the decision of the two leaders in a meeting that took place on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Russia's Kazan on October 23, two days after the border truce.

Farmers can sell produce via WhatsApp: CM Naidu

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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu asked officials on Thursday to adopt new strategies to combat rackets engaged in PDS ration rice recycling and smuggling in AP. Officials must ensure that no further smuggling of ration rice occurs in this state, the Chief Minister said while holding a video conference with collectors and officials of 26 districts to review the paddy procurement process. Naidu asked officials to ensure that no farmer faced difficulties in the rice procurement process. "Strict actions would be



taken against the officials and employees who display negligence or refuse to assist rice millers, leading to hardships to farmers," he said. Naidu said farmers had faced problems in selling their produce in the past. This prompted his government to effect substantial changes in this year's rice procurement strategy.

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Maoist Madivi Mangli surrenders before Kothagudem police

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CPI (Maoist) party's Krantikari Adivasi Mahila Sangham (KAMS) South Bastar divisional committee in-charge Madivi Mangli surrendered before the Kothagudem police on Thursday.

She is the wife of former DKSZC member Karatam Rajesh and hails from Mettugudam village under Palmed police station limits in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh State. She joined Maoist party's Chaitanya Natya Mandali (CNM) in 2003 at the behest of Palmed LOS commander Sukku. The party arranged her marriage with Rajesh



when he was Gollapally LOC commander in 2007. When Rajesh was paralysed in 2018 the party sent her to Meenagatta to take care of him. In 2022 Mangli was given responsibilities of KAMS and she was asked to look after Palagudam, Gommuguda, Ittaguda, Meenagatta, Jaleruguda RPCs along with DKSZC member Kukati Vankatay

alias Vikas. Mangli took part in a couple of attacks that Maoists carried out against the security forces. She decided to surrender to police as the support to Maoist party in the tribal areas declining and the party was confined to Chhattisgarh because of its outdated ideologies, Superintendent of Police B Rohith Raju informed.

Telangana's crop loan waiver: A tale of unresolved complaints, growing frustration

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The Congress government's crop loan waiver programme in the State was expected to provide relief to many farmers, but has left many disillusioned and disappointed. They are facing serious challenges in getting the due consideration. Despite the rollout of three phases, the programme has been riddled with complaints from farmers who claim they are being denied the waiver despite meeting eligibility criteria.

The government recently set the stage for the fourth phase of the loan waiver by releasing funds. However, high hopes pinned on this phase were quickly dashed as the solution continued to elude many farmers. Over



one lakh complaints were taken up with agriculture department officials and bankers, but according to sources, hardly about 25 per cent of these were addressed. Frustration among farmers

Farmers are left in limbo, constantly visiting agriculture extension officers (AEOs) and banks in hopes of resolving their issues. The frustration is palpable as they continue to be denied the waiver and are forced to plead with various officials. The slow resolution process is attributed to the lack of a

proper grievance redressal mechanism, according to the farmers.

Reversal of funds

In a surprise move, the government had reversed loan waiver funds deposited in 28,000 accounts, returning the money to government coffers. Additionally, the BRS WhatsApp helpline has received around 1.5 lakh complaints on the loan waiver, highlighting the gravity of the issue.

Seganama Nagabhushanam, a farmer from Potharam revenue village in Siddipet district, had Rs.60,244 remitted to his

account towards his waiver on July 18. However, the waiver amount was returned to the government due to what was called by the agriculture officials 'direct benefit transfer' (DBT) failure. Tragically, Nagabhushanam passed away during this process, and his kin have been moving from pillar to post for the past three months seeking resolution. Local agriculture officials suggested they approach the Collector, but no resolution has been achieved so far. The family had pinned hopes on the fourth phase rollout, but finding Nagabhushanam's name missing from the list again has left them disheartened.

This is not an isolated case. More than 300 farmers in the village and the neighbourhood are anxiously waiting for the

waiver to be implemented. However, it appears to be a hard-fought battle with no end in sight. Farmers are growing increasingly anxious about when and where their complaints will be addressed. The government has assured that unresolved cases will be taken up by authorities, but specifics on the resolution process remain vague.

The loan waiver programme, while well-intentioned, has left many farmers in a state of uncertainty and frustration. The government needs to address their issues promptly and ensure that all eligible farmers receive the promised relief, said farmers from Potharam village. Until then, the farmers' plight continues, with many losing hope in the system.

Kisan morcha Chief held a rally konijerla to Vira centre with 200 bike's against govt anti farmer policies

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In the wake of call of Bharatiya Janata Party State President Hon'ble Mr. Kishan Reddy who was the chief guest in the charge sheet release program on the delay in implementation of 6 guarantees, a huge bike rally with about 200 bikes from Konijerla Center to Vira Town under the leadership of Hon'ble Mr. Kondapally Sridhar Reddy, President of the State Kisan Morcha today at 10 am. A rally was held. In this program Shri Sridhar Reddy said that this Congress government has cheated the people with six guarantees and 66 guarantees



and fired that silently showing violent on the farmer f. District Chief Secretary Shyam Rathod, Vira Assembly Convener Nelluri Koteswara Rao, District Leaders were present in this program. Bandaru Naresh, Narukulla Venkateswara Rao, Kovvuri Nageswara Rao, Dudukuri Karthik, Epuri Srinivas, Dupatki Mallikarjun, Mekala

Mallesh, Kosuri Gopalakrishna, Nallamotu Ramesh, Vaira Town General Secretary Manubolu Venkatakrishna, Orsu Srinu, Chintanippu Rama Rao, Vadlamudi. Venkatarao, Gupta Nagendrababu, Kolli Sudhakar, Dosapati Kalyan, T Sandhya, Mutiah and others were participated and made this program a mega grand success.

Untimely rains wreak havoc in Narayanpet

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Many parts in Narayanpet district experienced untimely rains on Thursday, causing damage to paddy being harvested and livestock. Some 700 quintals of paddy were soaked by the unexpected rainfall. Additionally, around 350 to 400 bags of paddy were exposed to rain in villages near the district headquarters resulting in big financial losses for the farmers.

In Maddur mandal of Narayanpet district, a buffalo died on the spot as it was struck by lightning. The district authorities are expected to soon assess the damage and provide necessary support to the affected farmers and livestock owners.

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The Chief Minister emphasized his government's commitment to balancing development and welfare while extending an invitation to Chandrashekhar Rao, Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay, and opposition leaders to attend the Praja Palana Vijayotsavulu celebrations from December 7 to 9 at Hussainsagar. Highlighting Telangana's cultural pride, Revanth Reddy announced the unveiling of the Telangana Talli statue on December 9 in the Secretariat, alongside festivities showcasing the state's rich heritage. He urged all political parties, including AIMIM and CPI, to participate and called on Chandrashekhar Rao to attend the Legislative Assembly session beginning the same day as the Leader of the Opposition.

In a sharp critique of the previous BRS government, Revanth Reddy accused Chandrashekhar

Rao of leaving Telangana with a debt burden of ₹7 lakh crore, compared to the ₹16,000 crore surplus inherited from Congress in 2014.

"We are paying ₹6,500 crore monthly as interest on debts incurred during Chandrashekhar Rao's tenure. Despite these challenges, we waived ₹21,000 crore in farm loans and created jobs," Revanth Reddy said, contrasting his government's performance in one year with the BRS's decade-long rule.

The Chief Minister urged Chandrashekhar Rao to engage constructively, citing examples of leaders like Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy and N. Chandrababu Naidu, who worked with ruling parties during their time in opposition. "Our focus should be on Telangana's progress. Leaders in Tamil Nadu unite despite differences; Telangana should follow the same path," he concluded.

Public Governance Vijayotsavam 2024 Celebrations Held at HMDA Grounds

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R santosh chowdary
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The Transport Department marked its victory celebrations at the HMDA Grounds under the theme "Public Governance Prajapalana Vijayotsavam 2024," with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy as the chief guest. Minister Ponnampalabharathi, along with MLAs, MLCs, MPs, Government Advisors, and senior officials, participated in the event.

During the ceremony, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy unveiled the new logo of the Transport Department and a brochure highlighting the achievements of the department. The CM also issued the scrapping policy orders and presented documents for job appointments under the Karunya scheme. He



handed over a cheque of ₹3902.31 crore for free travel, benefiting 115.76 crore women who traveled without fare. Minister Ponnampalabharathi highlighted the achievements of the Transport Department, noting that the state has implemented several key reforms since the formation of the public governance government in Telangana. These include the introduction of a new Electric Vehicle (EV) policy aimed at preventing pollution levels like those

in Delhi, a scrap policy to remove vehicles older than 15 years, and the establishment of automatic testing and driving centers. The Chief Minister also visited stalls showcasing the Transport Department's achievements and noted the progress in road safety, including the introduction of stricter enforcement of road rules, helmet usage, and traffic awareness programs.

Further, the Transport Department has made significant strides in

public services, such as the appointment of 113 new Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspectors (AMVIs) and the launch of 213 new vehicles, each featuring the new department logo. The CM emphasized the importance of using transport user charges for further reforms and improvements in the sector.

Addressing the history of the RTC's role in the Telangana movement, the CM recalled how RTC workers went on strike during the move-

ment, demanding better conditions. Under the current government's leadership, RTC has seen a complete turnaround, moving from a loss-making organization to a profitable entity.

The CM also acknowledged the support extended to RTC workers, including compassionate appointments, a 21% fitment, and bonds worth ₹280 crore. With regular allocations of ₹350-400 crore per month, RTC continues to thrive. He also praised the free travel scheme for women, a first of its kind in the country.

The event concluded with a call for continued support for the government's initiatives, especially the EV and Scrap policies, and the new electric bus policies under the leadership of the Chief Minister.

AIOBC Holds Dharna in Delhi, Demands OBC Rights Protection

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The All India Federation of Backward Classes Employees Welfare Association (AIOBC) held a dharna at Jantar Mantar in Delhi, with former minister Mr. V. Srinivas Goud joining the protest. The demonstration focused on pressing demands for the protection of OBC rights, urging the Central Government to take immediate action. Key demands included the abolition of the creamy layer system for OBCs, the conduct of a detailed caste census, and the removal of the 50% reservation cap to promote legal equality for OBCs. Protestors also



called for the strict implementation of reservation in job promotions, as well as the inclusion of OBC reservations in both the judiciary and private sectors. Additionally, they pushed for the implementation of reservation policies in Central Educational Institutions (CEIs). The protestors also

urged the Central Government to create a separate ministry dedicated to OBC welfare, emphasizing the need for systemic reforms to ensure equal opportunities and protection for OBC communities across various sectors.

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Tensions soared in Hyderabad on Thursday following the dramatic arrests of senior BRS leaders, including MLAs T Harish Rao, G Jagadish Reddy, and Padi Kaushik Reddy, by the Cyberabad police. The arrests deepened the political rift between the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and law enforcement, sparking widespread protests by party supporters across Telangana.

The controversy began early in the morning when police arrived at Kaushik Reddy's residence in Kondapur to arrest him in connection with a case filed at the Banjara Hills police station. The case originated from an altercation after Reddy visited the station to file a complaint alleging phone tapping by the Congress government. The situation escalated when Kaushik Reddy insisted that Station House Officer KM Raghavendra stay to receive the complaint. Police then charged



MLAs T Harish Rao, G Jagadish Reddy, and Padi Kaushik Reddy arrested from their residence at Hyderabad on Thursday.

Reddy with obstructing a public servant, unlawful assembly, rioting, and criminal intimidation.

BRS working president KT Rama Rao and senior MLA T Harish Rao swiftly condemned the actions of the police on social media, accusing the Congress government of undermining democracy and targeting BRS leaders. They criticized the police for focusing on a case against Reddy rather than investigating his complaint regarding alleged phone tapping by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

The situation took a dramatic turn later in the morning when Harish Rao attempt-

BRS Leaders Condemn Arrests Accuse Congress of Undemocratic Actions

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Following the arrest of senior BRS leaders in Hyderabad, party members strongly condemned the actions, accusing the Congress government of using law enforcement to target opposition voices and suppress dissent. BRS working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) was particularly vocal, taking to social media to express his outrage.

ed to meet Kaushik Reddy at his residence. Police, heavily deployed at the scene,

He demanded the immediate release of detained leaders T Harish Rao, G Jagadish Reddy, and Padi Kaushik Reddy, calling the arrests an attempt to stifle democratic processes. KTR alleged that the Congress government in Telangana was undermining democracy and using its power to silence those who questioned its unfulfilled promises and corruption. He claimed that opposition

blocked Harish Rao's entry, leading to a heated confrontation. He was arrested and

leaders, including BRS members, were being arrested and charged with baseless accusations, while those in power, particularly ruling party leaders, faced no consequences for alleged corruption. "Cases are being registered against those raising their voices for justice, while the ruling party leaders continue to get away with moneybags and suitcases," he stated, referring to allegations of

transported to the Gachibowli police station. Similarly, Jagadish Reddy and other

corruption among the Congress leadership. BRS senior MLA Harish Rao, who was also arrested, criticized the police's role in suppressing the party's legitimate demands. He and other leaders expressed disbelief that the police, instead of addressing the phone tapping allegations raised by Kaushik Reddy, had instead filed charges against him.

BRS leaders, who arrived at the scene in solidarity, were also detained and taken



to the Raidurg police station. They faced charges of obstructing police duty, criminal intimidation, and other offenses.

As news of the arrests spread, BRS leaders and supporters, including Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council S. Madhusudhana Chari, MLC K. Kavitha, and former ministers P. Sabitha Indra Reddy, Vemula Prashanth Reddy, S. Niranjan Reddy, and Mohd Mahmood Ali, rushed to the police stations in an effort to secure the release of the detained leaders. Despite protests and negotiations, the arrests were upheld, fueling further tension as the leaders

remained in detention for over seven hours.

The arrests sparked a wave of political outrage from BRS supporters, who accused the Congress government of using law enforcement to silence opposition. In response, party workers burned effigies of Revanth Reddy, the state government, and the police across various districts, including Manthani, Jangaon, Karimnagar, and Suryapet. Condemning the arrests, KT Rama Rao, who was attending a conference in Kochi, demanded the immediate release of the detained leaders. He criticized the Congress government for suppressing dissent and arresting individuals and elected representatives who questioned the administration's unfulfilled promises. "While opposition leaders face arrests and charges, ruling party leaders walk away with moneybags and suitcases," he remarked, intensifying the political clash.

BRS Leader Dasoju Sravan Accuses Govt of Suppressing Opposition and Misusing Power

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BRS leader Dasoju Sravan has accused the state government of suppressing democratic rights by filing false cases against opposition leaders and making arbitrary arrests, including those of Harish Rao and MLA Koushik Reddy. He condemned the police raid on Koushik Reddy's residence, describing it as a sign of authoritarian rule. Sravan also criticized the alleged misuse of power against Harish Rao, calling it a personal vendetta against the BRS.



The leader further accused the government of failing to fulfill its six guarantees and resorting to arrests instead of addressing the concerns of the public. Sravan urged the citizens of Telangana to unite in opposition to what he called the oppressive tactics of the Congress-led government.

Kavitha: No Need to Fear Arrests, slams cong

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MLC Kavitha visited the Banjara Hills Police Station today to meet with MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy, who was arrested earlier in the morning. Kavitha voiced strong criticism of the government's handling of the situation, calling for the immediate release of Reddy and other arrested BRS leaders.

Padi Kaushik Reddy had reportedly called the Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) to sched-



ule an appointment but found the ACP absent upon arrival at the police station. Subsequently, he requested the Circle Inspector (CI) to file a complaint, leading to cases being filed against him for allegedly ques-

tioning the CI's actions. Kavitha, addressing the media at the police station, condemned the delay in Reddy's appearance before the court. "If he was arrested at 10 am, he has not been remanded till now," she pointed

out, accusing the authorities of taking illegal actions. She also criticized the government for filing unjust cases against Reddy, labeling them as baseless and politically motivated.

Kavitha demanded that the cases against Reddy be withdrawn, emphasizing that the government was suppressing its people. "The government lacks the courage to listen to the people," she said. "This is not Indiramma's kingdom, it's the police's kingdom now," she added, drawing parallels

to a state of emergency. The MLC further called for the immediate release of the arrested BRS leaders, insisting that the illegal cases against them should be dropped. Reaffirming Reddy's innocence, she stated, "There is no reason why Kaushik Reddy has not been presented in court till now."

As tensions continue to rise, Kavitha's remarks indicate growing discontent with the current government's handling of opposition leaders.

16th Maha Padipuja Celebrated at New Bowenpally Kadakpura with Devotion and Reverence

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Dp srinivas rao
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The 16th Maha Padipuja was held with immense devotion at Kadakpura, New Bowenpally, under the leadership of Marga Sasi Guruswamy. The event was graced by notable dignitaries, including Jampana Pratap, the former Vice-President of the Cantonment Board, who emphasized the importance of Ayyappa Maladharana in nurturing both physical and mental sanctity.

The celebration began with the chanting of sacred hymns and bhajans in honor of Lord Ayyap-



pa, setting a spiritually charged atmosphere. Devotees participated in the Abhishekam, offering Panchamritas (a sacred mixture of milk, curd, honey, ghee, and sugar) to the deity. The ritual of climbing and worshipping the sacred 18 steps was

observed, symbolizing the spiritual journey of devotion and discipline dedicated to Lord Ayyappa.

Marga Sasi Guruswamy led the proceedings with his family members by his side. In a gesture of appreciation, Jampana

Pratap was presented with Tirtha Prasadam and a shawl as a mark of respect and gratitude.

The event saw active participation from several devoted individuals, including Manikantha, Srikanth, Madhav, Shekhar, Sridhar, Varaprasad, Satish, and Charan, each of whom contributed to the success of the celebration.

The gathering reflected the strong sense of unity and unwavering devotion within the Ayyappa Swamy community in the region, reaffirming their dedication to upholding the sacred traditions and values of Lord Ayyappa.

Leopards mistaken for tigers in Adilabad

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Both forests and plains in erstwhile Adilabad district are seeing a considerable rise in movement of tigers and leopards following the onset of winter, considered the season of mating for big cats. However, people are mistakenly assuming leopards as tigers due to lack of familiarity with wildlife even as the risk factor is almost similar when they attack humans and cattle or are sighted. A leopard was sighted while crossing NH 363 road near Asifabad-Kagaznagar cross roads in Kumram Bheem Asifabad district on Wednesday.

Motorists recorded the video of the leopard and shared it on social media platforms claiming that a tiger was seen on the national highway, triggering panic in surrounding villages. A few days ago, a leopard killed a wild boar in the forests of Ameenpur village in Rebbena mandal. However, locals presumed that it was a tiger. Forest officials who visited the spot and recorded the pugmarks clarified that it was a leopard. They said no tiger was moving in the forests of Ameenpur in recent times. On October 29 night, a leopard attacked a herd of sheep between Rapelli and Gudipet villages in Haji-

pur mandal of Mancherial district. Shepherd and locals feared that it might be a tiger which killed the sheep. Forest officials had to step in again and clarify that it was a leopard after checking pugmarks. Elsewhere in Adilabad and Nirmal districts, similar instances of mistaking leopards for tigers were reported in the month of October and November. Forest officials verified the claims of the locals and clarified that the wild animals which killed cattle were in fact leopards. People are apparently confused in identifying the carnivores due to lack of awareness over distinct patterns on coats, lifestyle, pugmarks,

hunting styles of both leopards and tigers.

Forest officials said pugmarks of leopards were smaller than that of tigers. However, the practice of mistaking leopards for tigers has become a headache for forest officials, who are forced to provide clarity over the movement of wild animals by inspecting the spot of the sighting and attack, when they are busy in tracking movement of a tiger that had killed a woman and attacked a farmer.

Similarly, they are struggling to control circulation of fake videos and messages going viral on social media platforms.

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Shinde's position ended after Shiv Sena leader Uday Samant confirmed Shinde's appointment as Deputy CM, supported by a letter from Fadnavis.

The BJP-led coalition secured a massive mandate in the recent Assembly elections, winning 230 out of 288 seats. The BJP achieved its high-



est-ever tally of 132 seats, while Shiv Sena and NCP garnered 57 and 41 seats, respectively. With nearly 42,000 attendees, including 2,000 VVIPs, secu-

rity was heightened across Mumbai. A robust deployment of over 5,000 personnel, including special teams from the SRPF, QRT, and Bomb Detection Squad,

ensured the event's smooth conduct. Traffic diversions were in place, and citizens were encouraged to use public transport due to limited parking facilities. Sources indicate that post-ceremony deliberations will focus on the allocation of key portfolios. Eknath Shinde is reportedly eyeing the Home Department, with discussions expected to continue with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The swearing-in ceremony showcased the BJP's stronghold in Maharashtra and set the stage for a dynamic governance period under Fadnavis's leadership.

Congress Chief Mallikarjun Kharge Dissolves Party Unit In UP



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Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday dissolved the pradesh, district, city and block committees of the party's Uttar Pradesh unit with immediate effect. The move comes months after the Lok Sabha polls and days after bypolls in the state in which the Congress did not field any candidates, supporting the Samajwadi Party and INDIA bloc allies on nine seats.

The move seems to be aimed at reorganising the state unit of the Congress and strengthening the party at the grassroots level. Mr Kharge has approved a proposal to dissolve the pradesh, district, city and block committees of the party's Uttar Pradesh unit with immediate effect, a statement issued by Congress general secretary organisation K C Venugopal said. The Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee (UPCC) is headed by Ajay Rai.

Madhya Pradesh High Court Criticizes State Government Over Delay in Toxic Waste Disposal

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The Madhya Pradesh High Court has strongly criticized the state government for its failure to dispose of toxic waste that has been stored at the Union Carbide plant site in Bhopal for the past four decades. The court raised concerns that authorities seem to be waiting for another disaster to address the hazardous industrial effluents.

A division bench, comprising Chief Justice Suresh Kumar Kait and Justice Vivek Jain, was hearing a petition filed by the late activist Alok Pratap Singh. The petition urged the

court to compel the state government to destroy 350 metric tonnes of toxic waste stored in a shed at the Union Carbide factory site by incinerating it at the Pithampur plant in Dhar district.

The court issued a stern warning to the state's principal secretary, stating that contempt proceedings would be initiated if the government failed to meet the deadline for the toxic waste disposal. Furthermore, the bench directed the state's chief secretary and the principal secretary of the Gas Relief and Rehabilitation Department to be present at the next hearing, scheduled

for January 6, 2024, in case of non-compliance. The court observed that while some actions had been taken over the years, they were insufficient. Despite the petition dating back to 2004, the government had only just begun the disposal process after nearly two decades. The bench expressed dissatisfaction, calling the situation "a really sorry state of affairs."

The court also emphasized the urgency of removing the toxic waste, decommissioning the methyl isocyanate (MIC) and Sevin plants, and addressing the soil and groundwater contamination

around the site to ensure the safety of Bhopal residents. The catastrophic leakage of MIC from the Union Carbide plant on the night of December 2-3, 1984, resulted in the deaths of over 15,000 people and left approximately 600,000 others injured. The factory has been closed, and the site sealed, for the past 40 years.

The disposal of the toxic waste was first initiated in 2005, with a trial incineration of 10 metric tonnes at the Pithampur plant. However, the project was suspended due to local protests.

Modi to Inaugurate Cultural Fete Today

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In line with his commitment to showcase the cultural vibrancy of Northeast India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav on Friday at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital. The three-day cultural festival, being celebrated for the first time, will be held from December 6 to 8. The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said that it will highlight the vast cultural tapestry of Northeast India, bringing together an array of traditional arts, crafts and cultural practices.

To promote economic opportunities in areas such as traditional handicrafts, handlooms, agricultural products and tourism, the

Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav will feature a variety of events. The festival will have artisan exhibitions, grameen haats, state-specific pavilions and technical sessions on key areas crucial to the development of the northeastern region. Key events will include investors roundtables and buyer-seller meets designed to be a unique opportunity to build and strengthen networks, partnerships and joint initiatives boosting economic growth of the region. "The Mahotsav will have design conclaves and fashion shows displaying the rich handloom and handicraft traditions of Northeast India on the national stage. Highlighting the region's rich cultural heritage, the festival will also showcase vibrant

Emmanuel Macron vows to stay in office, will name new Prime Minister soon

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French President Emmanuel Macron will appoint a new prime minister in the coming days whose top priority will be getting a 2025 budget adopted by parliament, he said on Thursday after the government was toppled by lawmakers.

Michel Barnier, a veteran conservative, became the shortest-serving prime minister in modern French history when he resigned on Thursday after parliament voted him out over his fiscal plans, barely three months after he was appointed. In a



televised address to the nation, Macron said he would name a successor to Barnier "in the coming days." "The priority will be the budget," Macron said. A special law to roll over the 2024 budget and avoid any gap will be put forward by mid-December. Then the new

government will prepare a full budget early next year, in particular to account for inflation, for a vote by parliament. Macron, whose ill-fated decision to call a snap ballot in June delivered a much-divided parliament, denied he was responsible for the political crisis.

The president, who represents a centrist party, said the far-right and left-wing parties united in an "anti-republican front" to create "a mess" by ousting Barnier.

Macron has been weakened by the crisis but resisted calls by some in the opposition for him to resign. He reaffirmed that he will stay in office until his term ends in May 2027. "The mandate you have given me is for five years and I will fulfil it until the very end," he said.

In a 10-minute speech, he added that the new government should represent a variety of parties

willing to take part in it or at least agree not to censure it. He did not say which ones.

Meanwhile, Macron has asked Barnier and his government to stay in a caretaker capacity until a new government is formed. FISCAL DEFICIT, DIVIDED PARLIAMENT It was unclear if a new government will be in place before a ceremony on Saturday to reopen Notre-Dame Cathedral, which has been renovated after a devastating fire. World leaders including U.S. President-elect Donald Trump are expected to attend.

Indian Businesses Shouldn't Be...: S Jaishankar On Trade With China

Indian businesses should take a "balanced" approach in dealing with China as excessive dependence on its supply chain could be detrimental to India's national interest, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday.

In an interactive session at industry chamber ASSOCHAM, Mr Jaishankar, at the same time, said he was not asking the Indian industry to not do business with that country.

To a question on evolving relations with



China, he said with that country accounting for 32-33 percent of global manufacturing, it is logical that several supply chains will have to go through China. "It is a reality which we will have to factor (that) into our calculations." "But it is also a

fact that if you become excessively dependent on a single supply chain or in the name of supply chain, you open up your market that it is no longer a supply chain, but your sectors are getting hollowed out. You have to be careful," he said.



Editorial

A Call to Action: Protecting Our Planet Before IT'S TOO LATE

In the face of overwhelming evidence, the world is standing at a critical juncture. Climate change, deforestation, pollution, and the depletion of natural resources have left us with a planet teetering on the brink of environmental collapse. Yet, even as the urgency of the situation increases, global efforts to safeguard the environment remain disjointed and insufficient. The time for half-measures is over. It is not enough to merely acknowledge the existence of climate change, or to make vague promises of future action. We must act now—on a global scale and with a sense of urgency that matches the severity of the crisis at hand. Governments, businesses, and individuals alike must take responsibility for the world we are creating. Governments must implement robust policies that prioritize sustainability, offering incentives for renewable energy, enforcing stricter environmental regulations, and investing in conservation efforts. Businesses must move beyond the rhetoric of greenwashing, embracing true environmental responsibility by reducing their carbon footprints and rethinking wasteful production practices. Individuals, too, have a role to play, from adopting more sustainable habits in daily life to advocating for stronger environmental protections. One of the most pressing issues is the protection of our natural ecosystems. Forests, oceans, wetlands, and wildlife are all essential to maintaining the balance of life on Earth, yet they are disappearing at an alarming rate. Every tree felled, every reef destroyed, every species driven to extinction is a blow to our planet's health—and to our own future. We must adopt a mindset of conservation, preserving the ecosystems that sustain us.



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The Editor

Telangana HC sets 6 week deadline for report on food poisoning in schools

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The division bench of the Telangana High Court hearing the public interest litigation (PIL) on the recent incidents of food poisoning in government schools has ordered the state government to submit the reports of the special task force set up by the state government to conduct an inquiry

into the two incidents within four weeks and posted the matter for hearing after six weeks. On Thursday, December 5, the High Court division bench comprising chief justice Alok Aradhe and justice J Srinivas Rao was hearing the PIL filed by Guru Teja regarding the food poisoning incidents that took place at ZPHS Maganur in Narayanpet district on



November 20, 21, and 26, and in Gurukul school at Burgupalli village of Gangadhara mandal in Karimnagar district on November 22. More than 70 students reportedly fell ill after consuming the mid-day meal in those schools. The state government suspended the staff of the concerned schools after the incident and issued a memo

on November 27 to form state-level and district-level task force committees to inspect the mid-day meals in all government schools. They were also assigned the task of inspecting incidents of food poisoning in schools. The additional advocate general, Imran Khan, sought to dispose of the PIL, stating that the state government had already complied with

the court's directions. However, advocate Chikkudu Prabhakar, who represented the petitioner, argued that in 2015 itself, state, district, and mandal-level committees were formed, with the school education commissioner and director acting as the nodal agency to oversee the implementation of the mid-day meal scheme brought under the PM Poshan Abhiyan. He

contended that the rules of the scheme framed in 2015 were not being implemented. After listening to both parties, the division bench gave the state government four weeks to submit the report to the special task force committee on the two incidents and posted the matter for hearing after six weeks.

Two arrested for smuggling hashish oil in Chandanagar

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A team of the Telangana state task force from the Prohibition and Excise department arrested two individuals for smuggling hashish oil in Chandanagar. Acting on intelligence regarding hash oil being transported from Orissa to Hyderabad, the team

conducted checks on Thursday morning. They stopped a car and seized 1.5 kg of hash oil, valued at approximately Rs 5 lakh. The suspects arrested have been identified as Konde Mallikarjun from Karnataka and Mohammed Rahman Khan from Hyderabad. Two additional suspects, identified as Mohammed from

Hyderabad and Ramesh Gangadhar from Orissa, who allegedly supplied the hashish oil, are currently absconding. Excise superintendent Anji Reddy, along with circle inspector Chandrasekhar, sub inspector Bharat Kumar, and their team, played a significant role in the operation.

Severed head of infant found in plastic bag

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In a shocking incident, a severed head of an infant wrapped in a plastic bag was found lying on the ground floor of a private building in Secunderabad on Thursday, December 5. As per police, the bag was spotted by 34-year-old Shaik Zaheer, who lives near a government school in Kalasiguda. He

found the bag lying on the floor of Chandra Arcade building. On examining the bag, he found the severed head, much to his horror. Zaheer immediately informed the police who rushed to the spot and began investigation. Upon checking the surveillance cameras set up in the building, police found a dog entering its premises carrying the plastic bag.

TGPWU seeks action against illegal operations by cab aggregators

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The Telangana Gig and Platform Workers Union (TGPWU) has sought action against illegal operations by cab aggregators in the state. The TGPWU on Thursday, December 5, submitted a representation to the Telangana transport commissioner K Durender Mohan urging him to address the issues, including Ola, Uber, and Rapido allowing private vehicles (white number plates) to operate as bike taxis, violating the Motor Vehicles Act, 1989. Despite similar bans in other states, such operations continue unabated in Telangana, undermining law-abiding drivers and passenger safety. The TGPWU claimed that drivers of bike taxis are being unfairly penalized for the illegal operations of the platforms they work for. TGPWU demands direct action against companies promoting these vio-

lations rather than burdening the drivers. The union further claimed that operations by aggregators are impacting the licensed auto drivers in Hyderabad and Telangana. The representation further highlighted that carpooling services in Hyderabad were operating without proper regulation and licenses. Vehicles registered in neighbouring states are operating without valid permits in Telangana, attached to aggregator platforms, and evading taxes. The TGPWU urged the Telangana transport commissioner to implement kilometre-based, uniform fares for city taxis and app-based aggregators, similar to Karnataka's successful model. This will ensure fairness, transparency, and stable incomes for drivers. The union has also urged the Telangana government to organise Badge License Renewal Camps to simplify the renewal process at standard government rates, benefiting thousands of drivers.

Cops book case against Allu Arjun, others in Sandhya Theatre stampede incident

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The Chikkadpally police have registered a case against Telugu actor Allu Arjun, his security wing, owner of Sandhya Theatre and others in connection with the stampede during

the premiere of the actor's latest movie 'Pushpa 2', resulting in the death of a woman and injuring a child. Speaking to the media on Thursday, Central Zone DCP Akansh Yadav said that based on the complaint from the victim's family, we have

booked a case under sections of 105, 118(1) r/w 3(5) under BNS Act and are investigating. A woman, Revathi from Dilsukhnagar died, while her 8-year-old son is battling for life following a stampede that took place at a theatre at RTC

crossroads on Wednesday night. The actor came to the theatre to watch the screening of the movie. As soon as the actor entered the theatre and greeted the fans, all hell broke loose. Fans who had assembled to watch

the premier show of the movie tried to go near the actor. In the melee, Revathi and her son were suffocated and collapsed. She died later and the boy who was injured was shifted to the hospital.

HDFC Life's LFI Reveals Boost in Consumer Financial Confidence

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HDFC Life, one of India's leading life insurance providers, has released the latest edition of its Life Freedom Index (LFI), showing a significant rebound in consumers' financial confidence post-COVID-19. The index, which measures financial freedom across various consumer segments, has risen by 9 points to 70.8 since its previous edition in 2021. This growth highlights improved financial outlooks across demographics, driven primarily by advances in financial planning and adequacy, though financial awareness continues to lag. The LFI, established in 2011, evaluates financial preparedness among Indian consumers in three key life stages: Young Aspirants, Proud Parents, and Wisdom Investors. It uses four sub-indices—Financial Awareness & Familiarity, Financial Planning, Financial Sufficiency & Adequacy, and Financial Liberty—to provide insights into consumer sentiment. The 2024 study, conducted by NielsenIQ, surveyed 2,076 respondents from 15 cities across Tier 1, 2, and 3 markets, offering a comprehensive snapshot of financial trends. The latest results show that while consumers are increasingly prioritizing children's financial security, personal fitness, and lifestyle improvements, retirement planning is gaining importance, especially among older age groups. Many now consider health expenses, daily living costs, and support for children when planning for their retirement. Among the consumer segments, Wisdom Investors showed the most growth in financial confidence, followed by Young Aspirants and Proud Parents. Notable improvements were observed in Tier 3 markets and among wor-



king women. The rise in Tier 3 scores is attributed to better financial access through digital advancements and connectivity, while working women have benefited from increased access to financial education and empowerment initiatives. Regionally, the West Zone recorded the highest index score, while the East Zone displayed the fastest growth. The study also highlighted the growing significance of life insurance in financial planning. The Life Insurance Confidence Index, which tracks the role of life insurance in achieving

financial goals, rose by 9.3 points. Consumers increasingly view life insurance as essential for financial security, generating returns, and planning for their children's future. Vishal Subharwal, Group Head of Strategy and Chief Marketing Officer at HDFC Life, commented on the findings, emphasizing the steady progress in consumer confidence. He noted that the study highlights meaningful advancements among working women and Tier 3 consumers, underscoring the impact of digital inclusion and financial awareness. He reaffirmed HDFC Life's commitment to further promoting financial preparedness and achieving the goal of 'Insurance for All by 2047'. The findings underscore the growing role of financial planning and life insurance in fostering a secure and confident financial future for Indian consumers.

SRK, Salman and others attend oath ceremony of Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis

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As the Maharashtra Assembly welcomed Devendra Fadnavis as the Chief Minister, Bollywood stars lined up at the oath taking ceremony. The bigwigs of B-town like Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan, Sanjay Dutt, Ranbir Kapoor, Ranveer Singh, Rohit Shetty, Vidya Balan and her 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3' co-star Madhuri Dixit attended the event in the entertainment capital of India.

Both Salman and SRK, whose iconic film 'Karan Arjun' re-released in cinemas recently, were dressed in their formal best. The two hugged each other at Azad Maidan where the event was held, sending their fans in frenzy over the "bhaichara".

While Ranbir was seen dressed in a white kurta pyjama with a jacket, Ranveer opted for an all-



black look in Indo-Western formals with his half-tied hair.

The Maharashtra Assembly elections which were conducted on November 20, saw BJP emerging as the single largest party with 132 seats. The incumbent Mahayuti alliance of BJP, Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) and Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar) wiped out the Maha Vikas Aghadi completely in the assembly elections. Mahayuti alliance comprehensively won the Maharashtra

Assembly Elections as it swept 230 out of 288 seats. The Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance of INC, Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) and Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar) won 46 seats in the Assembly elections of the state.

Devendra Fadnavis returned to the CM's chair after 5 years, and graduated from deputy CM in his last term. Earlier, the Mahayuti alliance kept mum on its selection of the Chief Minister candidate as negotiations

were underway with all the stakeholders in the alliance.

The 2019 election was won by the alliance of BJP and Shiv Sena (back when Sena was one unit led by Uddhav Thackeray). However, the follow-up to the 2019 Assembly Elections was quite dramatic, and saw Uddhav Thackeray siding with INC and Nationalist Congress Party, and being crowned as the Chief Minister.

One thing that troubled the participants at the swearing in ceremony was the Mumbai heat. The city is currently witnessing an extreme swing between temperatures as the city sizzled on its hottest December day in the past 16 years (since 2008) as the maximum temperatures soared to 37.3 degrees Celsius on Wednesday. Earlier, Mumbai recorded its coldest temperatures since eight years (2016).

July-September GDP may be revised upwards

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Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran on Thursday said economic activity in some sectors have picked up pace during October-November and a GDP growth of 6.5-7 per cent in the current fiscal is feasible.

He also said that the 5.4 per cent second quarter GDP growth estimate could be revised upwards going forward, as the current estimates are not seasonally adjusted.

"I think in reacting to these numbers, I don't think we should throw the baby out with the bathwater. Because the underlying growth story still remains very much intact," Nageswaran said.

India's economic growth slowed to a seven-quarter low of 5.4 per cent in the July-September quarter, from 6.7 per cent in the April-June quarter. Nageswaran said the slowdown in GDP growth in the second quarter could be because of some "religious observances" in September and excess monsoon rainfall, could be also because of other more long-standing issues that are beginning to emerge. So explanations could be from mundane to more serious ones, he said, adding this is the first estimate for second quarter GDP growth. "It could be revised higher," Nageswaran said. He said the Economic Survey had projected 6.5-7 per cent for financial year 2024-25. "To be able

to hit 6.5 per cent growth for the year as a whole, we need a 7 per cent real GDP growth in the next two quarters of which two months are already over in the third quarter. We are in the third month. "I think that it is doable if you look at some of these pickups that have happened in specific areas. So I believe that a growth outcome in the range of 6.5-7 per cent is feasible for the year," Nageswaran said at an Assocham event. The Indian economy grew 8.2 per cent in the 2023-24 financial year. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had projected growth to be 7.2 per cent in current fiscal, higher than 6.5-7 per cent projected in the Finance Ministry's Economic Survey.

Bajaj Finserv AMC Launches Healthcare-Focused Equity Fund

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Bajaj Finserv Asset Management Company (AMC) has announced the launch of the Bajaj Finserv Healthcare Fund, an open-ended equity scheme primarily investing in companies linked to the pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors. The New Fund Offer (NFO) opens on December 6 and closes on December 20, 2024.

The fund, benchmarked against the BSE Healthcare Total Return Index (TRI), aims to provide long-term growth by investing in equity and equity-related instruments within healthcare-linked industries, such as pharmaceuticals, hospitals, diagnostics, medical equipment, and wellness. At least 80% of the scheme's assets will be invested in companies forming part of the BSE Healthcare TRI.

Key Investment Proposition
The healthcare sector in India is undergoing a transformation fueled by shifting demographics, rising healthcare expenditure, and technological advancements. Bajaj Finserv AMC aims to capitalize on these trends, offering investors an opportunity to participate in the growth potential of this dynamic sector. Ganesh Mohan, CEO of Bajaj Finserv AMC, highlighted the fund's strate-

gic appeal, stating, "The Bajaj Finserv Healthcare Fund is designed to harness the robust growth in healthcare and wellness. With its low correlation to broader markets, the scheme provides a unique opportunity to align with the global healthcare boom."

Adding to this, Nimesh Chandan, CIO of Bajaj Finserv AMC, said, "The healthcare sector presents immense potential for wealth creation over the long term. Our fund focuses on uncovering growth stories and megatrends within the industry to ensure sustained investor success."

Fund Details

- Equity Management:** The equity portion will be jointly managed by Nimesh Chandan and Sorbh Gupta.
- Debt Management:** Siddharth Chauhary will oversee the debt portion of the fund.
- Minimum Investment:** ₹500 (and in multiples of ₹1). Additional applications start at ₹100.
- Exit Load:** 1% if redeemed within three months of allotment.
- Options Available:** Growth and IDCW (Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal).

The Bajaj Finserv Healthcare Fund is positioned as a long-term wealth creation tool for investors with an investment horizon of five years or more.

Salman Khan exits Bigg Boss 18 hosting seat: Meet the new host

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here's an update for Bigg Boss 18 fans. Bollywood superstar Salman Khan, who is known for his iconic presence on the Weekend Ka Vaar episodes, will not be hosting the much-anticipated segment. The reason behind his absence is reportedly due to security concerns following a recent security scare involving Salman Khan.

Farah Khan will be stepping in for Salman Khan as the host for this weekend's Weekend Ka Vaar. Known for her humor, charm, and sharp wit, Farah is expected to bring her unique flair to the show while schooling the contestants. The security scare occurred when a man illegally entered a shooting location in Mumbai, where Salman Khan was filming. When questioned, the man reportedly asked, "Bishnoi ko bulau kya?" (Should I



call Lawrence Bishnoi?), referring to the infamous gangster.

Following the incident, the police detained the man and are currently questioning him. The situation has raised concerns for Salman Khan's safety, leading to his decision to step back from the episode this weekend.

The Bishnoi gang, which has previously threatened Salman Khan due to the blackbuck poaching incident in 1998, allegedly wants to harm the actor over the killing of the sacred animal.

While Salman Khan's absence will surely leave a void, fans are eager to see Farah Khan in action, hoping she will bring her own brand of entertainment to the show.

Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal enjoy cozy dinners with a view in Rome

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Actors Sonakshi Sinha and Zaheer Iqbal are enjoying a romantic getaway in Rome. On Thursday, the couple shared a series of their mushy clicks from the trip on Instagram and wrote, "Rome in a jiffy at the @anantarapalazzonaiaadi! Cozy dinners with a view, a fun buggy ride through the city, and some mandatory sightseeing! Two days well spent!"

From indulging in cozy dinners with breathtaking views of the city to posing at some of the most scenic spots in Rome, Sonakshi and Zaheer are enjoying every moment of their getaway. In the first image, Zaheer is seen posing with his head resting on Sonakshi's shoulder. In the next image, the 'Akira' actress makes a victory sign. The third mirror selfie shows the couple striking a romantic pose. Other romantic clicks of the actors highlight their



chemistry and bond. Earlier, the couple humorously asked if anyone was casting for an Italian mafia movie, jokingly inviting them to call. Sonakshi posted a string of pictures of the two of them posing in sharp outfits in Italy, adding the iconic track from The Godfather, starring Al Pacino. She captioned the post: "Anyone casting for an Italian mafia movie... call us." Sonakshi and Zaheer first crossed paths at a party hosted by Bollywood actor Salman Khan. Both actors began their careers with

Salman; Sonakshi made her debut alongside him in the blockbuster "Dabangg," while Zaheer debuted in Salman Khan's home production "Notebook." The couple is said to have dated for seven years and lived together for a year before finally tying the knot. Sonakshi began dating Zaheer in 2017, and the couple started together in the 2022 film "Double XL." They got married in an intimate ceremony on June 23 of this year, surrounded by family and industry colleagues.

Direct plans share in mutual fund SIPs reaches around 40 pc

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Online investment options are rapidly changing the mutual fund industry as the share of direct plans in SIP (systematic investment plan) accounts has reached around 40 per cent from nearly 21 per cent four years ago.

This change in trade shows that people are now giving more preference to investing through direct channels.

Mutual fund investors can choose between both direct and regular plans. Regular plans of a mutual scheme can be bought through agents and banks. Being an intermediary in distribution, they charge a commission for their services, which is deducted from your investment.

Meanwhile, direct plans of a mutual scheme are commission-free and investors have to complete the investment process on their own.

The share of direct plans was 39 per cent in 10.1 crore SIP accounts at the end of October 2024. This figure was 21.5 per cent in October 2020 and 17 per cent in March 2020. This change in trend has also positively affected SIP Assets Under Management (AUM). According to industry data, the AUM linked to direct plan SIPs has increased to Rs 2.7 lakh crore by October 2024, from Rs 29,340 crore in March 2020. During this period, the share of direct plans in SIP AUM has increased by 12.2 per cent to 20.3 per cent.

Mokshagna's "Simba" shelved or postponed?

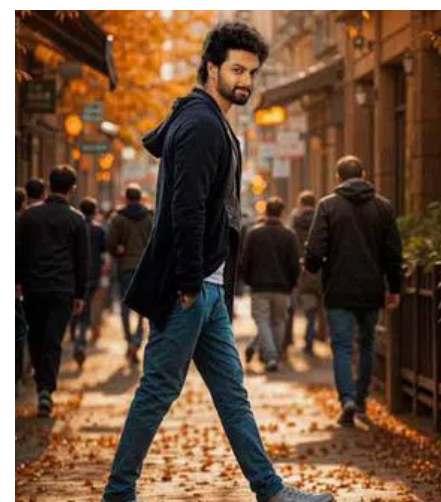
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The official launch of Nandamuri Mokshagna's debut film 'Simba' with Prasanth Varma as the director was scheduled for Thursday. However, for reasons unknown the event was cancelled at the last moment.

According to sources, Nara Lokesh, who was supposed to be the chief guest at the launch event, was reportedly informed about the cancellation in the last minute. With the last-minute cancellation of the launch, rumor mills have been abuzz with speculations over the project being postponed or even shelved completely.

Meanwhile, no official statement has been released from the 'Simba' team so far.

Sparkling flutter over 'Simba', Balakrishna's announcement of 'Aditya 999 Max', a sequel to his iconic film



'Aditya 369', has added fuel to the fire. Is Balakrishna planning the sequel as Mokshagna's debut film instead of Simba?

Uncertainty surrounding Simba continues to raise questions. Will there be an official update soon? Or is there a twist in the tale for Mokshagna's debut?

Osmania University Inter-College Boxing Championship Concludes at Nizam College

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The Osmania University Inter-College Boxing Championship for Men concluded successfully at Nizam College on December 3 and 4, showcasing impressive talent from affiliated colleges. In the finals across various weight categories, notable victories included P. Dhwarakesh of A.V. College defeating Mohd. Omer of Anwar-ul-Uloom College in the 46-48 kg category, and G. Tapasvi Raj of IIMC College triumphing over M.A. Hadi Omair of Falaknema Degree College in the 48-51 kg category.



Other standout performances came from Md. Bilal of Anwar-ul-Uloom College, M. Ram Teja of Mahatma Gandhi College, P. Akhil of Railway Degree College, and Abdullah Jabri of Anwar-ul-Uloom College, who secured a knockout win in

the +92 kg category. The team championship was claimed by Anwar-ul-Uloom Degree College, with A.V. College and St. Joseph Degree College taking second and third places, respectively. The event concluded with a vibrant ceremony where

Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Director of Physical Education, Osmania University, and Prof. K. Deepla, Secretary of BOC and IUT, presented medals to the winners, celebrating the rising enthusiasm for boxing among the city's youth.

Shastri Reflects on 2020 Adelaide Debacle Ahead of Australia Test

Ravi Shastri, former coach of India during their 2020 series in Australia, believes the Adelaide debacle should remain in the players' minds as they prepare for the second Test in the ongoing series. India, under Virat Kohli, were bowled out for a record-low 36 in the second innings of the Adelaide Test, which Australia won by eight wickets. Despite this, India made a remarkable comeback to win the series 2-1 and retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Shastri acknowledged that the Adelaide loss was an anomaly, with many of India's batsmen getting unlucky, as he had never seen so many nicks in his 40 years of cricket. He emphasized that the pink ball can cause rapid changes, and the players must remain calm under pressure.

Tottenham Becomes Latest Premier League Giant to Fall at Bournemouth



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Bournemouth continued its impressive form against top Premier League clubs, defeating Tottenham 1-0 at home on Thursday. Dean Huijsen scored the only goal of the match in the 17th minute, capitalizing on Tottenham's ongoing struggles with defending set pieces. The win propelled Bournemouth into ninth place, ahead of Tottenham by one point and one spot in the standings. This result adds to a growing list of high-profile teams beaten at Vitality Stadium this season, with

Manchester City and Arsenal also suffering defeats there. Manchester City's four-game losing streak in the Premier League started with a 2-1 loss to Bournemouth, while Arsenal's first loss of the season was also at the same venue, a 2-0 defeat on October 19. This defeat marked Tottenham's sixth of the campaign, leaving them with an equal number of wins and losses, further exposing their inconsistency this season. Tottenham's inability to defend set pieces has been a recurring issue, and it was again evident against

Bournemouth. A week after Roma exploited this weakness with two goals from set pieces in a 2-2 draw in the Europa League, Huijsen found himself unmarked at a corner and headed in the winner. Tottenham manager Ange Postecoglou has acknowledged this flaw in the past, even saying after a 1-0 loss to Arsenal in September that defending set pieces was his responsibility. Iwobi Stars as Fulham Beat Brighton 3-1 In other Premier League action, Alex Iwobi scored twice to lead Fulham to a 3-1 victory over Brighton. Iwobi opened the scoring early in the fourth minute, capitalizing on a stray pass from Brighton goalkeeper Bart Verbruggen. Brighton equalized in the 56th minute through Carlos Baleba, but Fulham regained the lead after a deflected own goal from Brighton's Matt O'Riley. Iwobi sealed the win with a brilliant curling effort in the 87th minute. Fulham moved up to sixth place, one spot behind Brighton in the standings.

Not Focusing Solely On Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah: Australia Star's

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India is a team of superstars, and Australia is not focused on countering just 'extraordinary' players like Jasprit Bumrah and Virat Kohli, but the entire group as everyone is incredibly talented, spinner Nathan Lyon said on Wednesday. In the buildup to the Border Gavaskar Trophy and post India's emphatic 295-run with the series-opener in Perth, the chatter has revolved around specific Indian players including Kohli and Bumrah. "I look at the Indian squad and see a group of superstars. Cricket, however, is a team game, winning requires the entire side to perform well. India boasts extraordinary players like Bumrah and others, but it's not just about the superstars," Lyon said ahead of the



pink ball Test here. "The rest of the Indian squad is also incredibly talented. They're an incredible cricket team. We're not focusing solely on any one player, that's for sure. "We have nothing but respect for every Indian cricketer who takes the field on Friday. That doesn't mean we're not going to compete. We respect them, but we're determined to play our

dian cricketers that they got in that squad, don't they? You've got Ashwin with 530 odd wickets and then you got Ravindra Jadeja over 300 wickets or whatever it may be. "So it's pretty remarkable to see the quality of player that are sitting on the bench. But I can't control with who they run out, but it would be a good challenge, no matter who they bring out," Lyon said. Debutant Nitish reddy displayed his attacking instincts by taking on the Australian off-spinner, hitting him for several boundaries in Perth. However Lyon wasn't surprised. "I wasn't surprised. But yet again, here for boundaries, it provides opportunities for me to hopefully take a few chances along the way," he added. The second Test begins on Friday. "More than surprises me. But the quality of In-

Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand to clash in finals of 14th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women Championship

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In exciting semifinal clashes at the 14th Hockey India Sub-Junior Women Championship, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand secured victories at the RRC Grounds, Secunderabad, on Thursday to progress to the final. Madhya Pradesh earned a hard-fought 3-2 win against Mizoram, thanks to Tanvi's decisive penalty corner conversion in the 56th minute. Meanwhile, last year's runners-up, Jharkhand, faced a tough challenge against Odisha, with a shootout needed to determine the winner. Jharkhand prevailed 3-2 in the shootout after both

teams were locked 1-1 at the end of full-time. In the first semifinal, Mizoram started strongly, taking just three minutes to open the scoring through Ruthi Lallamzuali's penalty corner conversion. Madhya Pradesh, who have been in top form throughout the tournament, were caught off guard but mounted a counterattack. It took them nearly 10 minutes to equalise, with Naz Nousheen finding the back of the net with a field goal to end the first quarter at 1-1. The second quarter saw a cat-and-mouse battle as both sides sought to breach the opposition's defence, but neither could capitalise on their half-chances.

Sports Authority of Telangana Honors Indian Football Skating Team for World Cup Performance



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A. Sonibala Devi, Managing Director and Vice Chairman of the Sports Authority of Telangana, recently honored the Indian Football Skating team, along with Mohammed Abdul Qadeer, SATG Coach, and Mohd Khaja Pasha, President of the Football Skating Association of Telangana, for their participation in the Football Skating World Cup 2024 held in Turkey from November 18th to 28th.

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Pushpa 2 Review: Power-packed entertainer that delivers on fan expectations

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Pushpa: The Rule, starring Allu Arjun, is a power-packed entertainer that delivers on fan expectations with emotional highs, gripping action, and chart-topping music. Directed by Sukumar, the film serves as a sequel to Pushpa: The Rise and continues to explore Pushpa's journey as he solidifies his position as the ruler of the red sandalwood syndicate. The Plot The story begins with a powerful entry for Pushpa (Allu Arjun), who is now the undisputed leader of the sandalwood syndicate. The first half focuses on his growing power, the expansion of his illegal business, and a major international deal with a Dubai-based businessman. While the purpose of this deal creates curiosity, Pushpa faces opposition from within the syndicate and his



old rival, Bhanwar Singh Shekhawat (Fahadh Faasil). The first half is packed with intense moments, powerful elevations, and impressive background music, though there are a few minor pacing issues. The second half sees Pushpa confronting Shekhawat's challenge head-on and emerging victorious. However, new problems arise, testing his resilience once again. Songs like "Sooseki" and "kissik" elevate the emotional and visual appeal of the film, accompanied

by top-notch background scores. Despite the highs, the second half suffers from significant lags, and the story feels stretched, with a runtime of 3 hours and 15 minutes testing the audience's patience. Performances: Allu Arjun delivers a stellar performance, proving yet again why he is the heart and soul of the franchise. His intense acting, impeccable dance moves and his screen presence are the film's biggest strengths. The chemistry between Pushpa

Raj and Srivalli (Rashmika) is mesmerizing, making it a visual treat to watch on screen. Rashmika Mandanna shines in her limited role, impressing with her flawless Rayalaseema slang and emotional depth. Sree Leela sets the stage ablaze with her energetic and flexible dance moves in the "kissik" song. Fahadh Faasil is brilliant as Bhanwar Singh Shekhawat, bringing depth and intensity to the antagonist's role. His portrayal is so convincing that people will remember him as Shekhawat for a while. Supporting actors like Anasuya, Sunil, Rao Ramesh, Jagapathi Babu, Ajay, Jagadeesh Prathap and others delivered solid performances, making the most of their screen time. Technical Aspects: The film's music and background score by Devi Sri Prasad are major highlights, elevating key moments and

keeping the energy alive. The cinematography by Miroslaw Kuba and Brozek captures the rustic backdrop and action sequences beautifully. However, the film's editing by Naveen Nooli could have been sharper, especially in the second half, where the story tends to drag. Verdict Pushpa: The Rule is an emotional roller coaster and a visual treat for fans, with standout performances, memorable music, and breathtaking action sequences. While the lengthy runtime and slow pacing in the second half might be a drawback, the film compensates with its high entertainment value. The makers have announced a third installment, Pushpa: The Rampage, teasing a mystery antagonist. Despite its flaws, Pushpa: The Rule is a good watch for fans of Allu Arjun and those who enjoy mass entertainers.

Protesters Call for Arrest of Sandhya Theatre Owner



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The death of a woman and injuries to others during a stampede at a benefit show for Pushpa 2 - The Rise in a city theatre has reignited debates on public safety, crowd control, and conduct of high-profile events. The incident occurred at Sandhya Theatre when Allu Arjun, the lead actor of the film, made a surprise appearance, drawing a massive crowd that overwhelmed the premises. Revathi, a 38-year-old woman, lost her life in the stampede, while her son Sri Tej is critical, and a young girl, Shanvi, remains hospitalised. The tragedy has led to public outcry,

with protestors demanding accountability from the government, police and theatre management. Members of SFI and DYFI staged a demonstration outside Sandhya theatre, calling for a ban on benefit shows and stricter safety measures for public events. Several others joined them. Protestors criticised the state government for permitting benefit shows of blockbuster films and allowing ticket price hikes, which they said prioritised profit over public safety. "Events like this turn entertainment into a tragedy. The government must ban all benefit shows and enact laws to regulate such events," said DYFI state secretary Anaganti Venkatesh. They also demanded criminal charges against Sandhya theatre management for negligence and failure to ensure crowd safety. They called for their immediate arrests and compensation of Rs.1 crore to Revathi's family and better medical care for the injured. A protester demanded that a case be filed against Allu Arjun for his unannounced visit, which had caused chaos.

CM Launches Indiramma Housing Scheme

Telangana CM Revanth Reddy Unveils Plan to Build 4.5 Lakh Indiramma Houses Annually

Hderabad WUT | Dec. 6 Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced a major housing initiative on Tuesday, committing to the construction of 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses every year under a revamped program, aimed at providing inclusive housing for the economically weaker sections, will see the construction of 3,500 houses annually in each Assembly constituency.

The announcement came during the launch of the Indiramma Houses Mobile App at the state Secretariat. The app aims to streamline beneficiary selection with transparency and efficiency. Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy was also present



at the event. Criticizing the previous BRS government for failing to deliver on its promise of double-bedroom homes for the poor, Revanth Reddy said the Congress government has allocated ₹5 lakh in financial aid per beneficiary under the Indiramma scheme. He emphasized that Telangana is the only

state to earmark such a substantial amount for housing support. The scheme prioritizes marginalized communities, including agricultural laborers, sanitation workers, Dalits, tribals, transgender individuals, widows, and the disabled. Special housing quotas have been introduced for tribal populations in

Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) areas, including Chenchus in Nallamala, Gonds in Adilabad, and Koyas in Bhadrachalam. To ensure efficiency, the government plans to construct a model Indiramma house in every mandal, serving as a guide for beneficiaries. However, beneficiaries retain the freedom to design homes as per their preferences. Revamping the Housing Department The housing department, dissolved under the BRS regime, is being reinstated with a dedicated workforce. Leveraging artificial intelligence (AI), the government will scrutinize applications and monitor construction progress to ensure transparency and prevent malpractices. Revanth Reddy also

promised to waive loans from the previous Indiramma housing scheme and allocated ₹195 crore to complete 35,000 unfinished houses left by the previous administration. Criticism of Predecessors The Chief Minister accused his predecessor, K. Chandrashekar Rao, of neglecting housing for the poor while prioritizing party offices and luxurious government infrastructure. "From 2004 to 2014, we built 25.04 lakh Indiramma houses, while Rao initiated only 1 lakh double-bedroom houses and completed a mere 65,000," Reddy said. Concluding his address, Revanth Reddy reaffirmed Congress's commitment to Indra Gandhi's vision of "Roti, Kapda aur Makaan" as the cornerstone of their governance.

Nadda to address public meet in Hyderabad ON DEC 7



The BJP national president Jagat Prakash Nadda is coming to Hyderabad and he will take part in a public meeting to be organised by its state unit at LB Stadium on Saturday. The party is holding the public meeting after its week-long protest programmes which began with the charge-sheet released against the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government for failing to honour poll promises and instead holding victory celebrations to mark its one year of rule.

In a statement, the BJP general secretary Gujjula Premender Reddy said that the party was holding the public meeting to expose six lies and 66 frauds by the Congress government. The party has given one year of time for the Congress to fulfil its promises, though the ruling party had promised to fulfil all its promises within 100 days of coming to power. Union minister for coal and mines G. Kishan Reddy will preside.

Harish Rao Accuses Congress Government of Power Abuse

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Siddipet MLA and former Minister T. Harish Rao sharply criticized Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing him of political vendetta, constitutional violations, and undermining democracy. Harish Rao claimed the Congress government was targeting opposition leaders who had highlighted its failures and reminded the public of its unfulfilled promises in Telangana. His comments followed his detention by Gachibowli police after being arrested at the residence



of Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy in Kondapur. After being held for over 10 hours, he was released. Harish Rao condemned the state's law enforcement, alleging that FIRs were being filed based on political instructions rather than legal procedures. "Police stations

have become Congress offices," he claimed, accusing the government of dictating FIRs from the Congress headquarters, Gandhi Bhavan, instead of adhering to legal protocols. He described the situation as a misuse of power, not governance. Harish Rao further criticized Revanth Reddy

for promising change but instead overseeing illegal arrests and constitutional violations. He compared the government's actions to the Emergency era of Indira Gandhi, which was rejected by the people. He warned police officers against following illegal orders, stating they would face consequences when BRS comes to power. Harish Rao also accused Revanth Reddy of pursuing a vengeful leadership and neglecting public concerns. He concluded by condemning the erosion of democracy, stating that under this rule, citizens' right to question was being trampled.

BJP Yuva Morcha Protests Against Congress, BRS

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A. Mahender, president of the BJP Yuva Morcha, has announced a protest program targeting the Congress party, accusing it of committing fraud in the state. The demonstration will also focus on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, who are being blamed for deceiving the youth with unfulfilled promises made under the "Yuva Vikasam" banner. The protest aims to highlight the government's failure to meet commitments to the younger population, fu-



eling growing dissatisfaction among youth voters. With intense competition among political parties to win over this crucial demographic, the BJP Yuva Morcha is positioning itself to hold the opposition accountable for

alleged mismanagement and broken promises. The youth-centric protest underscores the BJP's strategy of capitalizing on discontent within the youth community to challenge the ruling parties.

Telangana Assures to End Food Poisoning Cases

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The state government on Thursday informed the Telangana High Court that it has constituted statewide task force committees, which will ensure that food poisoning issues won't crop up again. Additional advocate general Imran Khan submitted that state-level and district-level panels would inspect implementation of the mid-day meals scheme in all government schools

and keep a check on incidents of food poisoning. Institution-level food safety committees are also examining the scheme. There were directions to headmasters and other officials to check the quality of food that was served. The additional AG requested the court to close the matter as the government has taken all steps and the Chief Minister had himself perceived the issue and had directed the chief secretary to get regular reports from the

committees. Imran Khan also informed the court that action has been initiated against the headmaster of the Maganoor ZP high school in Narayanpet district by suspending him and the contractor, who was responsible for supplying food, was stripped of the contract. This submission was made before the division bench, comprising Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J. Sreenivas Rao, which was hearing a PIL filed

by Guru Teja regarding non-compliance of provisions in serving midday meals and the unhygienic conditions in schools. His counsel Chikkudu Prabhakar had on the last occasion of hearing brought to the notice of the court about food poisoning incidents at ZPHS Maganur on November 20, 21, and 26 and in Gurukul school at Burgupalli village of Gangadhara mandal in Karimnagar district on November 22. More than

70 students reportedly fell ill after consuming the midday meal in those schools. On Thursday, Chikkudu Prabhakar, who represented the petitioner, argued that in 2015 itself, state, district, and mandal-level committees were formed, with the school education commissioner and director acting as the nodal agency to oversee the implementation of the midday meal scheme under the PM Poshan Abhiyan.

FICCI Hosts Conference on Sustainable Future: The Net Zero Dialogue



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FICCI Telangana State Council organized a one-day conference, Sustainable Future: The Net Zero Dialogue, at Hotel Avasa, bringing together policymakers, corporate leaders, and sustainability experts to address climate challenges and align sustainability with profitability. Ms. Wendy Werner, India Country Head, IFC, World Bank Group, inaugurated the event and highlighted the need for businesses to integrate sustainability into core strategies. She stressed the growing importance of green financing, sustainabil-

ity-linked loans, and leveraging digital transformation for resource optimization. Prominent speakers included Erik af Hallström, Consul General of Finland, and Sandeep Kumar Sultania IAS, Principal Secretary, Government of Telangana. Discussions focused on clean energy innovations, net-zero strategies, and green financing. The event facilitated knowledge-sharing, actionable insights, and collaboration among over 300 attendees, inspiring businesses to adopt sustainable practices. Leaders emphasized the urgency of climate action for a sustainable and economically viable future.

AAP Demands Legal Action in Stampede Death at Sandhya Theater

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A complaint was filed at the Chikkadapalli Police Station by Dr. Diddi Sudhakar, State Convener of the Aam Aadmi Party, along with Vijay Mallangi, State President of the Youth Association, and Advocate Yamuna Goud, State Gener-

al Secretary of the Women's Association, calling for legal action over the tragic death of Mrs. Revathi in a stampede at the Sandhya Theater on the night of December 4. The complainants allege that celebrity Allu Arjun's actions—standing on a car on the road—led to the chaotic scene that resulted in



Revathi's death. They claim the police failed to ensure adequate security, and the theater management neglected to implement neces-

sary safety measures. The complaint further accuses the organizers of inviting celebrities, which contributed to the stampede. Dr. Sudhakar has demanded that cases be registered against Allu Arjun, the police, and the theater management. He also called for an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 1 crore to

the deceased's family. Additionally, he urged the reduction of ticket prices for the "Red Sandalwood Mafia" movie, which reportedly sparked the incident. Dr. Diddi Sudhakar, in his statement, emphasized that those responsible should be held accountable and punished.