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Annaprasadam...1.51Lac
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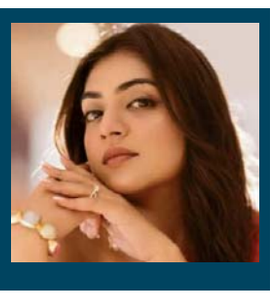
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INDIA WIN ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT FOR 6TH TIME



Defending champions India beat Japan 4-1 in the final to register a hat-trick of titles and sixth crown overall at the men's Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament here on Thursday. Asian Games gold medallists India had earlier won the tournament in 2011, 2016, 2018, 2023 and 2024. It was, however, Japan who stunned the Indian team in the third minute by scoring a field goal through Kazumasa Matsumoto. India got their act together afterwards and scored through Shilannd Lakra (42nd minute) from a penalty corner, Dipreet Singh (48th) from a field play and Jugraj from yet another set piece in the 53rd minute. Vivek Sagar Prasad made it 4-1 for the home team in the 54th minute.India had earlier defeated Japan 4-1 in the round-robin stage of the tournament at the Olympian Surjit Singh Stadium in Jalandhar.

CM Revanth calls for grand summit arrangements

CM Revanth directs ministers and officials to finalise arrangements by Nov 15 for the Dec 7–9 summit



HYDERABAD (TSIT):

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday directed ministers and senior officials to make comprehensive arrangements for the Invest Telangana Global Summit-2026, scheduled for December 7–9 at Young India Skills University in Bharat Future City.

Reviewing preparations at the Secretariat, the Chief Minister asked officials to finalise the complete arrangements plan by November 15. He stressed that delegates should receive seamless assistance throughout their visit, from arrival at the airport to departure.

Revanth Reddy directed officials to assign a liaison officer to every delegate, complete registration and issue passes upon arrival at the airport, and provide programme details in advance. He also sought designated officials and security officers for each section, supported by robust security arrangements.

The Chief Minister suggested inviting Chief Ministers of other states and extending special invitations to companies interested in signing investment agreements and establishing industries in Telangana.Officials said preparations were being made on a larger scale than last year's Telangana Rising Summit, with six exhibition halls planned against one previously.

The programme will focus on investments, industry, advanced technology, innovation and employment. Major attractions will include Raksha Expo, IndiaJoy-2026, a startup pavilion, Pharma and Life Sciences Expo, an agriculture and allied sectors exhibition, Telangana Pavilion, Education Expo and Telangana Climate Conclave.

Raksha Expo will showcase defence, aerospace, space and cybersecurity technologies, including drones and robotics, with aerial displays also planned. Officials said 575 organisations had been invited and 49 had so far expressed interest in participating. IndiaJoy will feature animation, visual effects, gaming and comics. A dedicated startup pavilion will showcase innovations from 136 startups. Applications for the Telangana Innovation Startup Challenge, seeking technological solutions in agriculture, education, healthcare, government land protection and public infrastructure, will be accepted until November 20.

The pharma and life sciences exhibition will accommodate 60 companies. The agriculture pavilion will highlight modern cultivation methods, agricultural drones, dairy, fisheries and food processing.

PETROL BOMBS HURLED DURING AP POLLING, TDP AND YSRCP TRADE CHARGES

KADAPA (TSIT)

Tension flared at several locations across Andhra Pradesh on Thursday during polling for Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency (ZPTC) and Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituency (MPTC) elections, with petrol bomb attacks and clashes reported from parts of YSR Kadapa and Tirupati districts. Political rivals, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the YSR Congress



Party (YSRCP), blamed each other for the incidents. In Errampalli village of Pulivendula constituency in YSR Kadapa district, considered a stronghold of YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy, petrol bombs were hurled near a polling station, triggering panic among voters and residents.

Write to PM, debate SIR in Parliament: Amit Shah tells Rahul

Addressing a rally during the BJP's 'Save Democracy, Remove Anarchy' foot march in Karnal, Shah challenged Gandhi to take up the debate in Parliament.

KARNAL (TSIT):



Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday, November 5, accepted Rahul Gandhi's debate challenge but urged the Leader of the Opposition to take up substantive issues for discussion in Parliament.Addressing a rally during the BJP's 'Save Democracy, Remove Anarchy' foot march in Karnal, Shah challenged Gandhi to take up the debate in Parliament, saying that if his concerns had truth, substance and logic, he should be ready to discuss them there. He added that Gandhi would not be able to handle the answers and would 'run away' as he had allegedly done in the past.

Calling the Opposition's public rallies as "political gimmicks", Shah declared that the Centre is ready to convene a special session of Parliament to discuss concerns, provided the Congress formally requests it through proper procedures.

'Trying to pin blame on SIR'

"I want to challenge Rahul Gandhi directly. You challenge PM Narendra Modi to a discussion? If you want a discussion, just write a letter to the Prime Minister. We are ready to convene a special session of Parliament to discuss the SIR exercise," he said.

Jagan Reddy accuses TDP-led coalition of subverting democratic process

Amravathi: Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSRCP President YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has slammed the coalition government for its 'manipulative' election process and for 'subverting' the democratic process like never before. The Opposition, however, has fought back and exposed the follies of the ruling coalition, he said.



Speaking to the media here on Thursday, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy said the entire electoral process had been hijacked by the Chandrababu Naidu government, from nominations to counting. He said the government's victory in urban local body polls was a moral defeat, while the Opposition had won the hearts of the people, even though the mandate had been subverted. "The entire election process was hijacked by Chandrababu and his people, mocking democracy at every stage—from nominations to scrutiny, withdrawals, polling and even counting. Such an exercise does not merit being called an election, as it was neither free nor fair," he said. He alleged that in the ZPTC and MPTC polls, the script was the same as in the municipal polls, with the police and ruling party goons preventing Opposition candidates from filing nominations. This was followed by rejection of nominations during scrutiny, attacks on our polling agents, rigging and cycling of votes, he said. "Such an election is a scar on the face of democracy. The ruling party resorted to all manner of malafide practices in local body elections across the State, from Tekkali and Kotabommali to Darsi, Kanigiri, Palamaner, and the Vemula and Lingala mandals of the Pulivendula constituency. Voters were prevented from exercising their franchise, rigging continued unabated, and the police acted as TDP agents, using force against voters," he said. The former Chief Minister alleged that despite the Supreme Court's directives, there has been no change in the functioning of the coalition government. YSRCP cadre and booth agents were attacked with petrol bombs, he said.

PM Modi says India's metro network expanded from 248 km in 5 cities to 1200 km in 26 cities

New Delhi, Nov 5 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday highlighted the rapid expansion of India's Metro rail network, stating that its total length has grown from just 248 km across five cities in 2014 to nearly 1,200 km spanning 26 cities today.

He asserted that the accelerated expansion has transformed urban mobility and improved the quality of life for millions of commuters.

In a post on X, PM Modi said, "Let me ask you... If India's Metro network had continued expanding at the pace it did before 2014, how long would the wait be for cities like Pune to have a Metro? YEARS....no...DECADES perhaps. And that was UNACCEPTABLE."

"In 2014, India had just 248 km of Metro lines across 5 cities. Today, we have nearly 1,200 km across 26 cities. Over 1 crore people travel by Metro every day," he stated.

The impact, according to the Prime Minister, goes "beyond statistics or numbers".

"It means less time in traffic, more family time, greater productivity and better opportunities. This is the transformation we are working towards for urban India!" he added.



Earlier on Tuesday (November 3), PM Modi virtually inaugurated the 23.2 km Pune Metro Line 3 (Pink Line) elevated corridor connecting Maan/Hinjewadi (the IT Hub) to Shivajinagar (District Court Metro station). Built under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model at a cost of over Rs 8,300 crore, it significantly reduces travel time and traffic congestion for tech workers and commuters.

Highlighting key operational milestones of the Pink Line, the Prime Minister emphasised that the line is operated entirely by women train operators. Approximately 30 per cent of its total power requirements are sourced from solar energy.

He also laid the foundation stone for the Pune Metro Phase-II expansion, valued at around Rs 13,500 crore. This phase covers key corridors connecting residential and business hubs, including Kharadi, Wagholi, Hadapsar, Swargate, and Khadakwasla.

The Prime Minister expressed delight at inaugurating another Pune Metro line, recalling that he had laid the foundation for the first phase about 10 years earlier. The Hinjewadi–Shivajinagar service will improve connectivity for a major IT hub; the new Phase-II lines will strengthen links between older and newer parts of Pune.

PM Modi highlighted how rapid urban expansion requires eco-friendly mass transit solutions. Expanding metro lines across tier-1 and tier-2 cities aims to boost ease of living, cut carbon footprints, and provide integrated multi-modal travel hubs, connecting metro stations, bus terminals, and railways. He reiterated the Union government's commitment to building sustainable, modern mass transit systems across India. He emphasised that expanding metro networks cuts down road congestion, reduces vehicular emissions, and enables seamless multi-modal connectivity with intercity bus terminals and railway stations.



Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted the successful flight-test of quasi-ballistic missile 'Pralay' from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha on November 05, 2026.

HC defers hearing on PIL seeking transfer of cases against CM Naidu to CBI

Amravathi: The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Thursday adjourned the hearing on a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking transfer of cases registered by the Crime Investigation Department (CID) against Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for an independent and fair investigation.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Lisa Gill adjourned to November 10 the hearing on the PIL filed by Kotti Balagangadhar Tilak. The PIL was filed in 2024 after the change of government. The petitioner approached the Court anticipating that the change in power could affect the investigations and lead to the cases being closed.

The petition challenged the closure of several cases, which the petitioner says were treated as "mistakes of fact" while the PIL was pending. The cases concern allegations relating to the transfer of assigned lands belonging to members of SC/ST communities; irregularities in the award of an optical-fibre network tender; the setting up of skill development centres; land acquisition for the Inner Ring Road; excise-policy decisions; and the framing and implementation of the free-sand policy. The petitioner also filed an interlocutory petition seeking directions to the Vijayawada ACB Court to ensure that documents and electronic devices seized during investigations were not returned to the concerned individuals. Senior Counsel Ranjith, appearing for the petitioner, argued that the complainants in these cases are government officials and that, with Chandrababu Naidu in power, they have not come forward to challenge the closure reports. He submitted that this leaves the petitioner to seek the Court's intervention to ensure that the cases receive independent scrutiny.



According to the case-status chart filed in the matter, closure reports have been filed and accepted in the cases, while related proceedings seeking copies of reports or challenging closures remain pending. The chart also records a protest petition filed by a complainant in one assigned-land case, alleging pressure from CID-SIT officials to provide a no-objection certificate for closure.

Senior Counsel Ranjith argued that the High Court, as a constitutional court, has the authority to order an inquiry where the circumstances warrant it, including after an acquittal, or to transfer an investigation to the CBI to ensure fairness.

The petitioner's case is that the closure of the reports does not, by itself, prevent the Court from considering whether an independent investigation is required. During the hearing last month, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the State government and CID, urged the court to dismiss the PIL.

He had submitted that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) had filed final reports before the Vijayawada Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Court in cases against Chandrababu Naidu, stating that sufficient evidence was not available to proceed. He informed the High Court that the ACB Court had considered the reports and ordered closure of the cases. Rohatgi further informed the court that some individuals had challenged the closure orders by filing revision petitions before the High Court.

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Celebrate Diwali with Indiramma Housing Beneficiaries Mahesh Kumar Goud



HYDERABAD, (TSIT): TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud has called upon Congress leaders and workers to celebrate Diwali on November 8 with beneficiaries of the Indiramma housing scheme. He urged party members to visit beneficiaries' homes and share their happiness, saying the Congress government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, was helping poor families realise their dream of owning a house.

Goud described the provision of houses under the Indiramma scheme as an occasion of immense joy for beneficiaries. He appealed to Congress leaders and workers to make the festival memorable by joining the families in their new homes.

He said houses had been allotted in villages in two phases. He also stated that the construction of one lakh houses in Hyderabad was nearing completion and that housewarming ceremonies had already been held in some homes. Calling the housing initiative unprecedented, the TPCC president urged party members to celebrate the festival enthusiastically with beneficiaries as a mark of solidarity with poor families.

CM Revanth Reddy Invited to Kurumurthy Swamy Brahmotsavams

HYDERABAD, (TSIT): Temple committee members and priests invited Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to attend the Sri Kurumurthy Swamy Brahmotsavams, scheduled to begin on November 10.The delegation met the Chief Minister at the Secretariat and presented the formal invitation to the annual religious celebrations. State Minister Vakiti Srihari and Devarakadra MLA Madhusudhan Reddy accompanied the temple committee members and priests during the meeting.



SR University enters QS Asia Rankings 2027



Warangal: SR University, Warangal, has made its mark on the global stage by securing a place in the prestigious QS Asia University Rankings 2027 for the first time. Speaking at a press conference, SR University Chancellor A. Varadareddy said the university's entry into the QS Asia University Rankings 2027, placing it in the 701–710 rank band in Asia, was a significant achievement. He stated that SR University secured 19th position among state private universities in India and ranked first among private universities in the Telugu states. Despite entering the QS rankings for the first time, the university has surpassed nearly 60 per cent of the institutions ranked in Asia. The QS Asia University Rankings evaluate universities based on parameters including academic reputation, employer reputation, research performance, faculty-student ratio, international research networks and international partnerships. He said the achievement on the first attempt reflects the university's growing academic and research capabilities, sustainable development and international collaborations. He congratulated the management, faculty, staff and students, and said their goal is to make SR University a globally recognised institution while contributing to India's emergence as a leading destination for quality higher education.

IDBI-Fairfax Deal Goes Against Public Interest: Kishore Kumar



Visakhapatnam, TSIT : The proposed transfer of the controlling stake in IDBI Bank to Canada-based Fairfax Financial Holdings is detrimental to public interest and raises serious concerns over the country's economic sovereignty and the future of the banking sector, said G. Kishore Kumar, Joint Secretary of the South Central Zone Insurance Employees Federation. In a statement here on Wednesday, he said IDBI Bank was established in 1964 with the objective of supporting India's industrial development and had played a significant role in financing infrastructure, generating employment and strengthening productive sectors. He said the institution should not be treated merely as a commercial asset for sale, considering the contribution of employees and the trust of millions of depositors.

Questioning the proposed deal, Kishore Kumar said the Centre and LIC together held 94.72 per cent stake in the bank before the proposed transaction. He pointed out that IDBI Bank had made a remarkable financial recovery, with its gross NPAs declining from 31.78 per cent in 2018 to 2.32 per cent by March 2026. The bank also recorded a capital adequacy ratio of 26.65 per cent and a net profit of around Rs. 9,513 crore in 2025-26. He questioned the justification for transferring the bank's controlling stake to a foreign entity despite its improved financial performance.

Rising Telangana Impact Awards 2026 to be held on December 29



Hyderabad: Nari Nirman Advisory Trust will organise the prestigious Rising Telangana Impact Awards-2026 on December 29 at Telugu Lalitha Kala Thoranam, Public Gardens, Nampally, Hyderabad, to recognise individuals and organisations making outstanding contributions to women's empowerment, social service, education, healthcare, Corporate Social Responsibility, MSME development and employment generation.

Announcing the event, Maadireddy Jagannadham, Managing Trustee of Nari Nirman Advisory Trust, said the event poster was unveiled at a press meet held on Thursday at Desoddharaka Bhavan, Telangana State Union of Working Journalists, Fateh Maidan, Hyderabad. Several distinguished personalities have already been invited to attend the awards ceremony, including Union Ministers Shobha Karandlaje, Ramdas Athawale and Shripad Yesso Naik; Telangana Ministers Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, D. Sridhar Babu, Damodar Rajanarasimha and Ponnam Prabhakar; TPCC President B. Mahesh Kumar Goud; senior IAS officer Sanjay Jaju; senior IPS officer C.V. Anand; Member of Parliament D.K. Aruna; former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya; Bandaru Vijayalakshmi; Telangana State Women's Commission Chairperson Nerella Sharada; and Telangana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Chairperson Kothakota Seetha Dayakar Reddy.The organisers further stated that they plan to meet and extend invitations to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Rajya Sabha Member Dr. K. Laxman, BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao, and former Ministers V. Srinivas Goud and Errabelli Dayakar Rao.

Central Bank of India opens 61st branch at Wanaparthy

Wanaparthy: The Central Bank of India inaugurated its 61st branch in the Hyderabad Region at Wanaparthy, marking another step in expanding its banking network and promoting financial inclusion. Wanaparthy MLA Tudi Megha Reddy inaugurated the branch in the presence of Deputy Zonal Manager A.V. Ramana Murthy and Hyderabad Regional Head Gajendra Singh Chouhan.

Municipal Chairperson S.L.N. Madhavi Ramesh, Vice-Chairman Madhusudan Goud and Lead District Manager D. Shiva Kumar, along with bank officials and other dignitaries, attended the programme.

The new branch is expected to improve access to banking services for people in Wanaparthy and neighbouring areas, besides supporting local businesses, farmers and economic activities.The bank said the branch would strengthen its presence in the region and extend modern, customer-centric banking services to a wider section of society.



Don't delay resolution of journalists' issues, says TUWJE

Union state executive meeting urges government to act swiftly on housing plots, health cards and welfare dues



Hyderabad: The Telangana State Working Journalists' Union has urged the government not to delay resolving journalists' issues and to take immediate steps to address them. The union's state-wide executive meeting, presided over by state president K. Virahat Ali, was held on Wednesday evening at Shubham Prestige Gardens in BHEL and adopted several resolutions on key problems faced by journalists and ways to resolve them.

The meeting welcomed the positive announcement by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Minister for Information and Public Relations, Revenue and Housing Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on housing plots for journalists. However, it appealed for swift steps to resolve pending housing plot issues in Hyderabad and various districts.

It also sought resolution of the long-pending health card issue, asking the government to recognise the serious concern among journalists due to the health scheme not being implemented. The meeting noted with regret that though the previous government implemented the health scheme for employees and journalists, it was discontinued after a while, and nearly 500 journalists died prematurely due to illness and accidents over the past ten years. It observed that though the present government has revived the health scheme for employees, delaying it for journalists is not right.

The meeting expressed concern that journalists falling ill are being forced to take on unbearable debts for treatment at private hospitals. It urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha and Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy to intervene and immediately issue health cards to journalists.The meeting suggested implementing the election promise of providing Rs.5 lakh immediate assistance from the government to families of deceased journalists. It appealed to increase the monthly pension being given under the Media Academy to at least Rs.10,000, and to increase the one-time payment of Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh. Telangana Media Academy Chairman K. Srinivasa Reddy, Indian Journalists' Union steering committee member Devulapalli Amar, M.A. Majeed, national vice-president Vai Narender Reddy, state general secretary K. Ramanarayana, national executive members K. Satyanarayana, TUWJE women's wing leaders Kalyalam Rajeswari and Attaluri Aruna, Telangana State Small and Medium Newspapers Association president Yousuf Babu, general secretary Ashok, Photo Journalists Association president Gangadhar.

GITAM HOSTS EXPERT TALK ON SCIENTIFIC METHODS



Hyderabad: The Department of Applied Psychology, GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hyderabad, organised an expert talk titled "What Makes Science Scientific? Changing Methods and Conceptions of Reality" on November 5, 2026. The session was delivered by Dr. Philose Koshy, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IISER Mohali.

Offering an interdisciplinary perspective on philosophy, logic, scientific inquiry and psychology, Dr. Koshy explored the foundations of scientific reasoning and the evolving nature of scientific methods. He discussed key philosophical frameworks, including the hypothetico-deductive model, Karl Popper's theory of falsification, the Duhem–Quine thesis and Thomas Kuhn's theory of scientific change. He emphasised that the scientific character of an inquiry is determined not merely by its subject matter but also by its methods of investigation, testing, critical evaluation and pursuit of knowledge. The session provided valuable insights into scientific rationality, hypothesis testing, confirmation, falsifiability and the challenges involved in evaluating scientific theories. It encouraged participants to critically reflect on how scientific knowledge is developed and how conceptions of reality evolve.

Royaloak Furniture opens 2nd flagship store in Tadepalli



Mr. Vijai Subramaniam, Chairman, Royaloak Incorporation Pvt. Ltd and Mr. Mathan Subramaniam, Managing Director, Royaloak Incorporation Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Chetan Kumar, President Royaloak Incorporation Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Ritesh Salian, Head VM & NSO, Royaloak Incorporation Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Kiran Chhabria, Franchise Head, Royaloak Incorporation Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Sudhakar Valluri, Regional Head, Royaloak Incorporation Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Ajay Reddy, Cluster Head, Royaloak Incorporation Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Katakam Ramakrishna & Lakshmi Priya, Franchisee Partner, Sri Krishna Luxury Furnitures. were inaugurated Royaloak Furniture 44th new store launch in Tadeppali, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

Vijayawada: Royaloak Furniture, India's No. 1 furniture brand, launched its 2nd flagship store in Tadepalli, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, with the inauguration of its finest Country Store collection. The grand opening ceremony was honoured by the esteemed presence of Mr. Vijai Subramaniam, Chairman, Royaloak Incorporation Pvt. Ltd, and Mr. Mathan Subramaniam, Managing Director, Royaloak Incorporation Pvt. Ltd. This expansion emphasises Royaloak's commitment to providing quality furniture solutions to the people of Tadepalli, Vijayawada. Successful business expansion has ensured vast employment opportunities created by the brand over the years in the state and opened doors for future business expansion with multiple vendors and partners. Covering an impressive 13,000 square feet, this store boasts an extensive array of furniture for every part of the home, including living rooms, bedrooms, dining areas, study and office, outdoor, home decor, mattresses and more. Tadepalli and Vijayawada residents can now discover a wide variety of stylish, smart and functional furnishings at affordable cost, conveniently located in their neighbourhood. Speaking at the launch event, Mr. Vijai Subramaniam said, "We are proud to open our flagship store in Tadepalli, Vijayawada, where we already have 250+ stores in PAN India and UAE. The new opening reflects our commitment to serving our customers better and our belief in the growing potential of this market.

itel announces Diwali cashback offers with Bajaj Finance



New Delhi: itel, one of India's leading smartphone and consumer durable brands, has announced a Cashback Offer in partnership with Bajaj Finance, valid up to 10th November. As the festive glow of Diwali brightens homes across the country, the offer makes it easier and more rewarding for customers to bring home their favourite smartphones and home appliances.

Available on consumer finance purchases across select itel models, the offer brings attractive cashback benefits. Leading the lineup is the itel P80 (6GB+128GB) with Rs.1,000 cashback. Joining the lineup is the itel City 300 5G with Rs.800 cashback, priced at Rs.14,999, featuring a 6.67-inch HD+ 120Hz punch-hole display, UNISOC T8200 6nm 5G octa-core processor, 5000mAh battery, 13MP AF rear camera and a bloatware-free Android 16 Go Edition experience. The itel X50 (6GB+128GB) offers Rs.500 cashback, while the popular itel F30 is available in 4GB+128GB and 4GB+64GB variants with Rs.500 cashback each.itel is also extending festive benefits on home appliances. Consumers can bring home the itel washing machine with easy EMI options starting at approximately Rs.48 per day, while the itel 32-inch QLED Android TV is available with easy EMIs starting at approximately Rs.40 per day. The offers include zero down payment and easy finance options through partners like Bajaj, TVS and Home Credit.With this initiative, itel aims to make powerful performance and feature-rich technology accessible to more consumers while adding joy to festive celebrations. Customers can visit their nearest itel retail store to avail the offer, valid up to 10th November.

Bengaluru Skill Summit 2026 concludes, charts roadmap for future-ready workforce

AI, industry-led skilling, global employment and inclusive growth take centre stage at three-day summit



BENGALURU : The second edition of Bengaluru Skill Summit 2026 concluded on Thursday with a strong emphasis on artificial intelligence, industry-driven skill development, inclusive employment and global workforce opportunities.

Organised by the Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood, Government of Karnataka, and hosted by the Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC), the three-day summit brought together policymakers, industry leaders, academicians, international stakeholders and young people to deliberate on the changing employment landscape. The summit, themed 'Workforce 2030: Scale, Systems, Synergy', recorded a footfall of 9,500. Japan was the country partner for this year's edition.

Discussions centred on emerging technologies, green jobs, Industry 4.0, the digital economy, opportunities for women and youth, and preparing Karnataka's workforce for international employment. The summit featured ministerial discussions, keynote addresses, panel discussions, an innovation stage and a skill expo. Key deliberations examined the impact of AI on employability, the changing nature of skilled careers, and the need to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements.

Yuva Udyoga Sethu launchedA major highlight of the second day was the launch of Yuva Udyoga Sethu, a digital employment platform aimed at connecting skilled youth in Karnataka with prospective employers. The platform was launched by Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on November 4.The Expo Zone was inaugurated by Medical Education and Skill Development Minister Sharanprakash R. Patil, providing industries, training institutions and organisations an opportunity to showcase their technologies, initiatives and training models.A national-level Skillathon on Labour Market Intelligence for Karnataka was also organised to explore ways of using government data to identify employment trends, emerging skills and industry requirements. The initiative is expected to contribute to the proposed Karnataka Skills Intelligence System (KSISU). InUnity – Innovation for Community, Mangaluru, emerged as the Skillathon winner.

Karnataka CM tells IT companies to prioritise local talent in recruitment

BENGALURU (TSIT):



Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has called upon IT and private sector companies operating in Karnataka to ensure that qualified Kannadigas receive adequate employment opportunities, stressing that local talent should not be overlooked. Reaffirming the government's position on local employment, Shivakumar said Karnataka had a large pool of talented and skilled candidates who deserved a fair opportunity in their home state.

"I once again appeal to companies to provide Kannadigas with their rightful employment opportunities and give priority to local talent. We are aware of the issues surrounding this matter and want to ensure that they are resolved," he said. The Chief Minister clarified that the government would not interfere with recruitment based on skills and merit. However, he insisted that companies must recognise their responsibility towards the local workforce and ensure a significant share of jobs for Kannadigas. He also cautioned against attempts to exploit the Kannada cause. The government would support legitimate demands for employment opportunities but would not tolerate threats, misuse of authority or moral policing in the name of Kannada, he said. "No one should be allowed to misuse the Kannada cause for vested interests. The government will stand with Kannadigas, but such issues should not be exploited for personal benefit," Shivakumar said.

His remarks come amid a campaign by the Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, which has been visiting IT and BT companies to ascertain the number of Kannadigas employed in the sector. According to the organisation, its activists have visited more than 300 companies in the first three days and submitted demands seeking employment details. The campaign, which entered its fourth day on Wednesday, will continue until November 30.The organisation intends to compile company-wise employment figures and submit a detailed report to the Chief Minister during the first week of December.

Diwali gift for drought-hit farmers as Karnataka announces Rs 5,000 relief



Bengaluru, : The Karnataka government has doubled the interim drought compensation for farmers, raising the assistance from Rs 2,500 to Rs 5,000 per beneficiary as a Diwali gift.

Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar announced that an additional Rs 2,500 would be provided to each eligible farmer, taking the total relief to Rs 5,000. He formally launched the distribution of the first instalment at Vidhana Soudha on Wednesday by initiating the transfer of funds to farmers' bank accounts in Yadgir district. The first instalment of Rs 2,500 is being disbursed through the Direct Benefit Transfer mechanism. The government has earmarked Rs 1,250 crore for this round of payments. Addressing a press conference after the launch, Shivakumar said the government had fulfilled its commitment to provide the first instalment and assured farmers that the remaining amount would be credited after Diwali.

"We are transferring Rs 2,500 now through DBT. Another Rs 2,500 will be paid after Diwali. Thus, every eligible farmer will receive a total of Rs 5,000," he said.

However, the relief has been capped at Rs 5,000 per farmer, irrespective of the extent of agricultural land owned.

Man arrested for allegedly raping Jaipur woman during Bengaluru visit

Bengaluru: A man has been arrested by Madiwala police for allegedly sexually assaulting a 26-year-old tourist from Jaipur at a hotel in Bengaluru. The accused, identified as Sameer, has been sent to Parappana Agrahara Central Prison following his arrest.

Police said the incident allegedly occurred on October 24, while the woman was visiting the city. She arrived in Bengaluru on October 4 and stayed at a hotel on Hosur Road. She later moved to her friend's residence in Kammanahalli, where she stayed for about 10 days, before returning to the hotel. During her visit, she went to a club in Koramangala, where she met the accused. According to the police, Sameer offered her a lighter when she was smoking a cigarette, leading to their acquaintance. The two subsequently consumed alcohol and exchanged phone numbers. The accused allegedly gained her confidence and persuaded her to accompany him to another hotel, where he had booked a room.

The woman alleged in her complaint that Sameer sexually assaulted her when she was intoxicated and escaped from the spot. She further claimed that he had given her an intoxicating substance before the assault. Although the alleged incident took place on October 24, she approached the police four days later. Madiwala police registered an FIR based on her complaint and arrested the accused. The investigation is continuing.

Four electric compact SUVs to consider this festive season

New Delhi: The festive season is a popular time for car purchases, and buyers looking to switch to electric mobility have a growing range of options in the compact SUV segment. Beyond the purchase price, factors such as driving range, charging infrastructure, cabin comfort, technology and long-term ownership costs play an important role in choosing the right vehicle.

With electric SUVs now available across different price points and battery configurations, buyers have more choices for daily commuting as well as occasional long-distance travel. Here are four electric SUVs worth considering this festive season. The Kia Syros EV is



designed to cater to varied driving requirements, from daily city commutes to longer journeys. It offers two battery options: a 42 kWh variant with an ARAI-certified MIDC range of 443 km and a 51.4 kWh Extended Range variant with a claimed range of 526 km.

The vehicle supports DC fast charging, allowing the battery to charge from 10% to 80% in approximately 39 minutes using a 100 kW charger. Kia's K-Charge ecosystem provides access to more than 23,500 public charging points through the MyKia app.

The company's EV support network includes 125 dealership DC fast chargers, over 275 EV-ready workshops and more than 900 customer touchpoints across 400 cities.

The ownership package includes a 15-year, unlimited-kilometre Lifetime High Voltage Battery Warranty and a Battery-as-a-Service (BaaS) programme, with prices starting at Rs.7.99 lakh and battery usage charges from Rs.3.3 per km. Kia also offers an Assured Buyback Programme with residual value of up to 70%.

Youth Congress leader seeks probe into 'selective' police action in accident case



Udupi: A Karnataka Pradesh Youth Congress office-bearer has sought a high-level, impartial inquiry into the alleged selective action by Kota police in connection with a road accident case, accusing the police of detaining him while allowing another accused, the truck owner, to leave the spot.

In a representation to the Home Minister and the Udupi Superintendent of Police, Ajith Kumar Shetty, state general secretary of the Karnataka Pradesh Youth Congress, alleged that the police had failed to treat the two accused equally in the case registered as Crime No. 61/2026.The accident occurred on October 30 within the jurisdiction of Kundapura Rural police station. Shetty said Kota police station's crime wing sub-inspector Mahantesh Valmiki and another police personnel came to detain him near the Coastal Paradise Hotel in Sasthana.

According to Shetty, Ranjith Poojari, the second accused and owner of the truck involved in the case, was also present at the spot. However, the police allegedly allowed Poojari to leave while taking Shetty into custody and subsequently to the police station. Questioning the apparent disparity in the police action, Shetty said the incident had raised serious doubts about the manner in which the case was being handled. He sought an investigation into whether external influence, pressure or instructions from senior officials had played a role in the decision.

He also claimed to possess CCTV footage from the hotel premises and video recordings relating to the police team's arrival and his detention, which, he said, could serve as crucial evidence. Among other demands, Shetty has sought scrutiny of CCTV footage, police station records, details of personnel on duty and communications from senior officers. He has also urged the authorities to examine the role of the sub-inspector and the accompanying personnel and initiate departmental and legal action if any misconduct is established.

Shetty said he had already faced legal proceedings in the case and secured bail from a court. Clarifying that his intention was not to target any police officer personally, he said his demand was for equal application of the law and accountability in the police force. He has urged the Home Minister to entrust the inquiry to senior police officials from the Western Range, outside the influence of the local police establishment, to ensure a transparent investigation. There was no immediate response from the police to the allegations.

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1.	Govindaraju C S (Borrower), Shobharani (Co-Borrower), 51 Chikkajala Chikkajala Bangalore Karnatka Bangalore Karnataka 562157. LHHSR00001556722.	Site No. 51, Old Khaneshumari Katha No. 37, Old Khata No. 57/57/51, New Khata No. 57/51/B, E-Swathu Khatha No. 150200203101102704, Chikkajala Village, Jala, Yelahanka Na Bangalore Karnataka- 562110. Bounde By- North By : Road, South By : Property of Rathnamma and Sowabhagya, East By : Property Belongs to Ramana, West By : Proeprty Belongs to Selvamma./ Date of Possession 04/11/2026	19-12-2025 Rs. 35,36,066/-	Hosur
2.	Ravichandra S (Borrower), Kiran Kumar Shivarama (Co-Borrower), No. 308, Srivasa Mansion, 38th Cross, 19th Main Hbr Layout, Bangalore Bangalore- 560043, LHNXN00001456307	4th Floor 19th Main Road 38th Cross 5th Block Hbr Layout Hennur Bangalore North Taluk Sy No 102/7- 560043 Karnataka Bounded By- North By : Road, South By : Road, East By : Remaining Partion of Sy No 102/1, West By : Remaining Partion of Sy No 102/1./ Date of Possession 03/11/2026	14-08-2026 Rs. 94,77,131/-	Bengaluru-Mahalaxmipuram

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Date : November 06, 2026,
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Office,
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED

REGISTERED OFFICE : Bajaj Auto Limited Complex, Mumbai - Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune – 411035, **BRANCH OFFICE :** Bajaj Finance Ltd, Vidya Nagar Main Road, Hubballi Urban, Karnataka 580031, **Authorized Officer's Details : Name:** Mr. Manjunath Bhat, Email ID: manjunath.bhat@bajajfinserv.in Mob No. 9353669733

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
e-Auction Sale Notice Under SARFAESI Act 2002

Sale of Immovable Assets Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("ACT")
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Mortgagor(s) in respect of below mentioned secured asset which is mortgaged with Bajaj Finance Limited ("BFL"), and possession of which had been taken by undersigned Authorised Officer of BFL under the provisions of the ACT will be sold by Auction for recovery of the amount mentioned hereunder and further applicable interest, charges, and costs etc.
The secured asset described below is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS" under Rule No. 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules ("the Rules") for recovery of the dues detailed as under : Particulars of E-auction.

Name & Address of Borrower & Co-Borrower's	**M/s ROYAL TRADERS (BORROWER), AT :** APMC YARD, AMARAGOL, HUBBALI - 580025, **Ms. SAMEENA A PATHAN (CO-BORROWER) Mr. AYUBKHAN M PATHAN (CO-BORROWER), BOTH AT:** 1050, PASHTU MOHALLA, SHAHA BAJAR, SHIGGAON, BANKAPUR, HAVERI, KARNATAKA 581202.
Loan Account Number	P540PLA7966452
Statutory Demand Notice u/s. 13(2) Date & Amount	Notice dated 17-Jun-2026 Demand amount ₹. 2,23,88,524/-
Outstanding Amount as on 02.11.26	**Rs. 2,21,01,369/-** (Rupees Two Crore Twenty-One Lakh One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Nine Only)
Description of Immovable Property	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY BEARING PROPERTY NO. 42-5-107, OLD PROPERTY R S NO. 194/K, ASSESSMENT NO. 682/1 AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTY NO. 682:1, PLOT NO. 1 COMPRISED IN RS NO. 194/K AND WARD NO. 23 SITUATED AT BANKAPUR VILLAGE TALUK SHIGGAON DISTRICT HAVERI, AND WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF SUB REGISTRAR SHIGGAON. THE SAID PROPERTY IS BOUNDED BY AS FOLLOWS: EAST BY: VEHICLE PARKING AND GARDEN (PLOT NO. 2 AND 3), NH 48 ROAD; WEST BY: PROPERTY IN RS NO. 194/2A+2B+1C; NORTH BY: PROPERTY OF JABIULLAKHAN S PATHAN; AND SOUTH BY: PROPERTY OF MALLIKJAN A PATEL.
Reserve Price in INR	₹ 2,60,00,000/-
EMD	₹ 26,00,000/-
E-auction date and time	09/12/26 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
E- auction Portal	https://bankauctions.in
Last date of submission of EMD	08/12/26
Bid Increment Amount in Rs.	₹ 1,00,000/-
Encumbrance Known to Secured Creditor	Not Known
Date of Inspection of Property	From 04/11/26 to 08/12/26 on working day between 9.30 AM to 5 PM with Prior appointment

Public in General and Borrowers in particular please take notice that if in case auction on date scheduled herein fails for any reason whatsoever then secured creditor may enforce security interest by way of sale through private treaty, at the discretion on of the secured creditor. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link https://bankauctions.in and https://www.bajajfinserv.in/sarfaesi-auction-notices

Date - 06.11.2026, Place - HUBLI **Authorized Officer, For M/s BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED**

South Indian Bank's Diwali film celebrates the joy of relationships

Bengaluru : South Indian Bank has unveiled a new Diwali campaign film highlighting the importance of human relationships, kindness and togetherness, reinforcing its brand philosophy of 'Investing in Relationships'.

The campaign, titled 'Khushiyan Badhao, Diwali Manao', conveys that the true brightness of Diwali comes not merely from lamps, sweets and fireworks but from the happiness people bring into one another's lives. Set against the backdrop of a Diwali Open Mic event, the film features a woman engaging the audience with questions about the festival. She asks which Diwali sweet is the sweetest, what shines brighter than the traditional lamps and what sparkles more than the festival sparklers. The questions lead into three stories illustrating how simple acts of kindness, caring and sharing can make celebrations more meaningful.

The central message is that while traditional festivities remain an integral part of Diwali, the greatest joy comes from strengthening relationships and spreading happiness.

Released in Hindi, Kannada, Telugu, Tamil and Marathi, the film seeks to connect with audiences across different linguistic and cultural communities. The bank said the campaign received an encouraging digital response, crossing two crore views within 48 hours of its release. Sony A, Chief General Manager and Chief Information Officer of South Indian Bank, said festivals acquired greater meaning when celebrated through relationships. The campaign, she said, highlighted the value of giving, caring and supporting one another, reflecting the belief that investing in relationships was among the most meaningful investments.

Ramesh KP, Head of Marketing at the bank, said the campaign sought to showcase everyday gestures of kindness and togetherness. He added that meaningful relationships extended beyond banking and grew stronger through trust, care and shared experiences.

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1.	Nageshrao H S (Borrower), Manjula K S (Co-Borrower), No 003 Kabini G Block 1st Phase Walagere Hally Bda Gnabharathi Residence Opp Mylasandra Bus Stop Mysore Raod Bangalore South Bangalore 560059, LHBCP00001455378	35 Property Bearing Vacant Site No.35 Sy No. 58, Vijayama Enclave, Situated At Maligondanahalli Village, Ramohalli Grama Panchayat, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South Taluk. Phase 1, Maligondanahalli Village Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru 560060 NA NA 560060 Karnataka Bounded By- North By: Site No 36, South By: Site No 34, East By: Site No 20, West By: Road/ Date of Possession- 02-Nov-26	13-08-2026 Rs. 7,69,338.26/-	Bengaluru-Chandapura
2.	Nageshrao H S (Borrower), Manjula K S (Co-Borrower), No 003 Kabini G Block 1st Phase Walagere Hally Bda Gnabharathi Residence Opp Mylasandra Bus Stop Mysore Raod Bangalore South Bangalore 560059 , LHBCP00001456931	35 Property Bearing Vacant Site No. 35 Sy No. 58, Vijayama Enclave, Situated At Maligondanahalli Village, Ramohalli Grama Panchayat, Kengeri Hobli Bangalore South Taluk. Phase 1, Maligondanahalli Village Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru 560060 Na Na 560060 Karnataka Bounded By - North By :site No 36, South By: Site No 34, East By: Site No 20, West By: Road/ Date of Possession- 02-Nov-26	13-08-2026 Rs. 26,420.8/-	Bengaluru-Chandapura

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EDITORIAL

Agnipath Scheme: Balancing Military Modernisation with Soldiers' Future

National security depends not only on modern weapons and advanced technology but also on the experience, morale, training and cohesion of military personnel. With this vision, the Government of India introduced the Agnipath Scheme in 2022 to recruit young personnel into the Army, Navy and Air Force for a short-term tenure. Recruits under the scheme, known as Agniveers, serve for four years. The scheme represents a significant transformation in India's military recruitment system. While supporters consider it an important step towards military modernisation and financial efficiency, critics raise concerns regarding personnel welfare, operational experience and the future of young recruits. Recent discussions on extending service tenure have further intensified the debate.

The primary objective of the Agnipath Scheme is to create a younger and physically fitter military. Young personnel are expected to possess greater energy, adaptability and physical endurance, thereby improving operational readiness. Another important objective is technological modernisation. Modern warfare increasingly depends on artificial intelligence, drones, cyber security, advanced communication systems and sophisticated weapons. Recruiting technologically aware youth can help strengthen the military's capabilities in these emerging domains.

The scheme also seeks to improve fiscal efficiency by reducing long-term pension liabilities. Lower expenditure on pensions and other retirement benefits may create greater financial space for investment in modern weapons, defence infrastructure and research. Furthermore, Agnipath aims to develop disciplined and skilled youth for civilian employment. Military training can provide valuable skills such as leadership, teamwork, discipline, crisis management and technical proficiency. These qualities may enhance the employability of Agniveers after their military service. Performance-based selection for continued service is also intended to encourage merit, efficiency and professional commitment among recruits.

Despite its objectives, the scheme faces several implementation challenges. The four-year tenure creates uncertainty regarding the future of Agniveers. Under the original framework, only up to 25 per cent of a batch could be retained for regular service. For many rural families, military employment represents economic security, social dignity and a stable career. Uncertainty after four years may discourage potential recruits and affect the aspirations of young people who consider military service a lifelong profession. Military effectiveness depends significantly on experience. Soldiers require years of training and field exposure to develop sound judgement, operational understanding and leadership abilities. A shorter tenure may reduce the availability of experienced personnel, particularly in technically demanding and combat-intensive roles. Frequent personnel turnover may also affect the institutional continuity of military units. Military units function through trust, discipline and collective responsibility, which develop through prolonged association and shared operational experiences. Rapid changes in personnel may weaken coordination, teamwork and unit cohesion.

Democrats' victory in US elections: A new diplomatic challenge for India?

SAURABH VARSHNEY



The Democratic Party's spectacular comeback in the recent US midterm elections not only shifts the balance of power in American politics, but also has implications for global politics, economic policies, and India-US relations. By delivering a blow to President Donald Trump's Republican Party in both houses, the Democrats have demonstrated their strength in American politics. Therefore, it is important for India to understand how to view this political shift and what benefits or challenges it may bring.

The results of the US midterm elections held on November 3, 2026, signal public dissatisfaction with President Donald Trump's policies. The Democratic Party has dealt a major political blow to the Republican Party by securing a majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Democratic victories in states like Texas, Georgia, Ohio, and Iowa have made this result even more significant. Inflation, the rising cost of living, the war with Iran, and voter dissatisfaction with the government's functioning are considered major factors behind the election results. The most significant feature of the US midterm elections is that they do not elect the president, but rather elect representatives from both houses of Congress and various states. Therefore, a Democratic victory does not mean Trump's departure from the presidency, but it will no longer be easy for him to implement his policies without political opposition. This is the hallmark of American democracy: even the government in power faces the judgment of the people and the scrutiny of Parliament.

Why is this change important for India? India must understand this election result from the perspective of its national interests, rather than viewing it through the lens of a single political party's victory or defeat. India's relations with the United States have steadily strengthened over the past two decades. From President George Bush to Barack Obama, Donald Trump, and Joe Biden, governments of varying political persuasions have advanced the strategic partnership with India. There has also been broad bipartisan support for relations with India in the US Congress. Therefore, it would be premature to assume that a Democratic victory will completely alter the course of India-US relations.

However, this shift could certainly open up some new opportunities for India. The first is trade and economic cooperation. President Trump's tariff policies have been a source of tension between India and the United States for some time. Imposing additional duties on Indian products and pressuring them on trade terms had raised concerns among Indian exporters. Now, with the Democrats gaining strength in Congress, trade policies are likely to be more debated and reviewed. This could provide India with an opportunity to explore better opportunities for its products in the US market. However, it would be unreasonable to expect that the Democrats will lift all trade restrictions against India as soon as they come to power. Another important area is defense and strategic cooperation. China's growing military and economic power is a concern for both the US and India. India is an important partner for the US to balance China's influence in the Indo-Pacific region. Through the Quad, India, the US, Japan, and Australia already work together on regional security and cooperation issues. In such a situation, with the increasing influence of Democrats in the US Parliament, cooperation with India in the field of defence technology, maritime security, exchange of intelligence information and modern military equipment can get a new impetus.

The third major segment is Indian professionals and students. Millions of people of Indian origin live in the United States, and a large number of Indian youth go there for higher education and employment. H-1B visas, permanent residency, and immigration policies have always been important to the Indian community. The Democratic Party has generally supported immigration reforms and expanded opportunities for skilled foreign professionals. Therefore, its strength in the US Congress could increase the likelihood of positive discussions on the interests of Indian IT professionals, students, and skilled workers. However, substantial changes to visa policy will require consensus between the presidential administration and Congress.

India must also consider another aspect of this election result. Issues related to human rights, religious freedom, and democratic institutions are given relatively greater importance in Democratic Party politics. In the past, some statements by Democratic leaders and lawmakers have questioned India's internal situation. Therefore, it is possible that discussions and pressure on such issues related to India will increase in the US Congress. India will have to provide factual answers to these questions while maintaining the strength of its democratic system and constitutional institutions. India also needs to remain vigilant regarding Pakistan. Pakistan's strategic importance in US foreign policy has varied from time to time. On the issue of terrorism, India wants the US to avoid any double standards regarding Pakistan's role. The Democratic Party's strengthening of the power balance does not necessarily mean that US policy towards Pakistan will be completely favorable to India. India must continue to strongly express its stance against terrorism on international forums.

The biggest political message of this election is that the American public has recognized the need for parliamentary checks and balances on presidential powers. The Trump administration is now likely to face opposition from Democrats on budgets, legislation, appointments, and many other key policy decisions. Congressional scrutiny and oversight will also increase, limiting Trump's ability to make unilateral decisions. However, India should not forget that US foreign policy is not solely driven by the will of the president or any single political party. There are many commonalities between the two parties on issues such as national security, strategy against China, the defense industry, and global economic interests. Therefore, it would be inappropriate for India to view a Democratic victory as a miracle. India's greatest strength should be its independent foreign policy and strategic autonomy. While maintaining strong relations with the US, it must also continue to cooperate with Russia, Europe, Japan, and other countries in a manner consistent with its interests. Excessive dependence on any one country could limit India's global role. India should prioritize its interests with the United States in areas such as trade agreements, defense technology, energy, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, and space research.

TRUMP, AND THE INEVITABLE CURSE OF AMERICAN POLITICS

DEEPANSHU MOHAN



Midterm elections in the US are a critical referendum on the sitting American President and his policies. Rarely, though, has an incumbent so willfully put himself in the spotlight in defiance of his own popularity.

When it came to polling day, Americans seem to have humbled Trump and his Republican Party by savagely rejecting his party's agenda in key battleground states and districts, swinging these back to the Democrats quite comfortably. Even in some of the deeply conservative parts of southern and rural America, where Republicans were untouchable for decades, Democrats flipped these seats and won comfortably. In Texas, South Carolina, and Kansas, all states where Trump and his party won by double-digit margins back in 2024, Democrats recorded huge gains, marking a sharp deterioration in Republican support in states once considered deep red. The key epicentre for this rout was thus in the Republicans' own backyard: the Southern states. Texas, a hardcore Republican base, saw Democrats winning both the Senate and the governor's office. Voters in Kansas elected a Democrat for the first time since 1932. The same happened in the House in Iowa, where three out of four seats were flipped from Republicans to Democrats after decades.

Most of the candidates who were handpicked by Trump this election stumbled. Ken Paxton handed Democrats a Senate seat in Texas for the first time since 1988. The head-spinning turbulence in the day-to-day lives of Americans during Trump's second term was enough to make this happen. Trump and the Republicans won the White House and took full control of Congress on a mandate to quash the inflation that plagued Joe Biden, promising $2-a-gallon gas prices and 3% mortgages. The situation now is far from better. The US President's "Liberation Day" trade war in April 2025 undermined those stated goals, driving up the cost of US imports and keeping inflation at uncomfortably high levels. Further, the real turning point came when the US President launched the war with Iran, leading to a surge in energy prices that sparked fury among American voters who had already faced years of cost-of-living pressures and believed his pledge not to start new wars.

DECISIVE VOTERS

While the Democrats' gains this election remained broad-based, younger voters swung the results more than older voters. With 72% of those between 18 and 29 years old voting for Democrats, this was up from 54% seen two years ago. Young voters under 30, therefore, saw a 21-percentage-point move towards the Democrats. Democrats also managed to bridge the gap between America's most- and least-educated voters.

In terms of ethnic groups, a key factor in the Democrats' better performance across states, swinging them into power, was turnout among Black voters. Georgia, for example, elected a Democratic governor for the first time since 1998. Here, one may attribute this flip to the Supreme Court's Louisiana vs Callais ruling, which weakened voting rights protections for most African-American voters. Another key swing-voter bloc this election, and perhaps the most decisive, was also among its most recent arrivals, given how Hispanic and Asian Americans have shaped this election and are only likely to do so more in future polls.

One reason for this is demography

White voters changed little between 2020 and 2024, while both Latinos and Asian Americans lurched hard to the right. They were then the fastest to turn against Mr Trump in early 2025. According to The Economist, the margin of support for Democrats has risen by 17 points among Latinos and 14 among Asians since 2024, compared with ten for whites and five for Black voters. The inevitable curse of American politics in the last few decades has been its bitter partisanship.

THE MARKET FOR STORYTELLERS AND THE BUSINESS OF FAITH

— Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

When religion moves from being a spiritual practice to a medium of display, propaganda and fundraising, society should introspect. For centuries, India has been recognized as a land of spirituality, religious tolerance, and moral values. Here, religion means not only worship, rituals, and temple visits, but also the embodiment of truth, compassion, service, sacrifice, and humanity. Saints, sages, and wise men have used religion as a means to awaken the inner consciousness of humanity. The stories of the Ramayana, Mahabharata, Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, and the Puranas have taught generations the art of living. But today, amid the growing splendor of religious events and stories, a serious question arises: Is religion truly a means of public welfare or is it gradually transforming into a massive commercial enterprise? Today, a vast world of storytelling has emerged in various parts of the country. Large pandals, grand stages, impressive decorations, expensive sound equipment, special guests, publicity vehicles, and extensive publicity on social media are becoming hallmarks of religious events. The popularity of storytellers is now measured not only by their knowledge and ideas, but also by the number of their followers, the grandeur of the events, and their fame. The crowds that gather at some storytellers' events resemble a major entertainment event. Along with religious discourse, fame, publicity, and displays of financial strength are also becoming visible. Storytelling is a respectable and important tradition in itself. Storytellers explain the essence of religious texts to society, impart moral teachings, and connect people to their cultural roots. Many saints and scholars have been working for years to spread spiritual awareness in society without any pretense. The problem lies not in the tradition of storytelling, but in its commercialization. When the cost of the storyteller becomes more important than the quality of the story, when the number of devotees and the amount of offerings become the measure of an event's success, and when economic power begins to be displayed in the name of religion, introspection becomes necessary. Today, many religious events involve huge expenditures on the arrival of storytellers, stage arrangements, accommodation, security, and other amenities. A competition for prestige is also evident among organizers and devotees. Discussions about who can organize the largest event, who drew the largest crowd, and which prominent figure graced which storyteller's stage begin to overshadow the core message of the story. In some places, financial transactions and expensive arrangements are even publicly discussed in the name of storytelling. While it is not appropriate to view all storytellers or events with the same prism, it is society's responsibility to question this changing trend. The most worrying situation arises when religious sentiments are used as a means of financial gain. Devotees donate out of their faith. Some dedicate a portion of their earnings, while others contribute their life savings to religious events. This is their personal devotion and should be respected. However, transparency in donations, their use, and the accountability of religious institutions are equally important. If funds collected in the name of religion are used for personal luxury and publicity rather than public service, the faith weakens. Ironically, while offerings of gold and silver jewelry and precious items to temples are increasing, many children in society are still forced to sleep hungry. Many families, due to financial constraints, are unable to provide for their children's education, treatment, and food. Poor patients wait for help in hospitals, while schools remain resource-poor. In such a situation, it naturally begs the question: should the primary purpose of religious faith be lavish offerings and grand celebrations? Shouldn't the prosperity of temples also enrich the lives of the poor in the surrounding areas? The true beauty of religion is revealed only when it wipes the tears of the oppressed, feeds the hungry, educates the uneducated, and offers hope to the hopeless. Lord Rama's ideals embody dignity and public welfare; Shri Krishna's message emphasizes action and duty; and Buddha's teachings embody compassion and nonviolence. Simply reciting these great traditions from the pulpit is not enough. Putting them into practice is true righteousness. Social media also plays a significant role in the popularity of storytellers. Sermons of a few minutes, attractive costumes, emotional presentations, and impressive dialogue spread rapidly. This has led to the spread of religious ideas, but it has also increased the competition for showmanship and popularity. Serious religious topics are often presented in an entertaining manner. There is also a tendency to influence devotees through emotional statements and claims of miracles. In such situations, listeners should exercise discretion. A person's popularity is not automatically a proof of their knowledge, character, or morality. Society must also understand that not every storyteller is a businessman, and not every large-scale event is inappropriate. Expenses for organizing religious events are natural. Many storytellers serve selflessly and bring positive change to people's lives through their sermons. Therefore, criticism should not be directed at individuals, but at trends that link religion to wealth, prestige, and personal gain. The government and social organizations also have a responsibility to encourage financial transparency in religious institutions. Devotees should be informed about the use of donations. Religious platforms should not be used to spread superstition, discrimination, and social animosity.

Midterm results won't impact India-US interim trade deal: Sources



New Delhi: The US midterm elections, which delivered a significant rebuke to President Donald Trump and the Republicans, will not directly affect the India-US interim trade agreement, according to sources. In the elections, the Democrats gained control of the House of Representatives and the Senate, flipping seats and traditionally Republican Party strongholds in a massive blue wave across America. Sources said that the India-US interim trade deal does not need formal Congressional ratification. The two countries finalised the framework for the first phase of the pact in February this year. However, changes in the US tariff landscape have led to further negotiations on the pact. The US has imposed an additional 10 per cent import duty on a number of countries, including India, from July 24. These tariffs follow a US investigation into forced labour issues under Section 301 of the US Trade Act of 1974. This duty is over and above the existing MFN (most favoured nation) rates. India is also engaged with the US on the second Section 301 investigations over concerns related to excess industrial capacity. US to finalise tariff structure for trading partners Sources said the US must complete the second probe to finalise its tariff structure for trading partners. On the midterm results, economic think tank GTRI has said that the adverse results would not change Trump's trade direction because both Democrats and Republicans now favour economic nationalism, domestic manufacturing, and strong supply chains. "Since Democratic lawmakers also support protective tariffs for local union workers, America's overall trade posture will remain intact," GTRI Founder Ajay Srivastava said. In recent months, both sides have stated that the trade agreement is almost ready India seeking lower tariffs in US market India is seeking lower tariffs for its goods in the US market than its competitor nations such as Bangladesh, Vietnam and Cambodia. "We have concluded most of the discussions and are fine-tuning the agreement," Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said last month. He had expressed hope that it would be finalised soon and operationalised once India secures a competitive advantage over its peer countries. The US was India's largest trading partner in 2025-26. The outbound shipments to the US rose 11.11 per cent to USD 50.81 billion from USD 45.73 billion during April-September 2026-27, while imports grew by 25.98 per cent to USD 32.32 billion during the first half of this fiscal from USD 25.66 billion during April-September 2025-26.The US was India's largest trading partner in 2025-26. The outbound shipments to the US rose 11.11 per cent to USD 50.81 billion from USD 45.73 billion during April-September 2026-27, while imports grew by 25.98 per cent to USD 32.32 billion during the first half of this fiscal from USD 25.66 billion during April-September 2025-26. Economic think tank GTRI has said that the adverse results would not change Trump's trade direction because both Democrats and Republicans now favour economic nationalism.

HYDERABAD GETS INDIA'S FIRST PRIVATE SPACE SERVICING FACILITY



Hyderabad: Calling Hyderabad a leader in space innovation in India, Telangana IT Minister D Sridhar Babu said on Thursday, November 5, that the government is planning to set up a Space City at Bharat Future City and also introduce a Telangana Space Tech Policy to support the growth of this sector. Speaking at the inauguration of Hyderabad-based startup Cosmoserve Space's Base 1 facility, he said, "We are now home to over 30 space-tech companies. They are building everything from launch vehicles and space data centres to debris removal systems and drug discovery platforms." Base 1 is the country's first end-to-end facility focused on in-orbit servicing, space sustainability and extending the life of satellites, he shared on X. It is also only the sixth such facility in the world. This facility, which will strengthen India's capabilities in satellite servicing and space debris removal, follows Cosmoserve's USD 6 million seed funding round, taking its total funding to over USD 9 million. Base 1 is a comprehensive, state-of-the-art facility spread across approximately 14,800 square feet, where space robots are designed, built, tested under space conditions and operated through mission control. Cosmoserve Space Founder and CEO Chiranjeevi Phanindra said, "In our first year, we have flown our first payload on an Indian rocket, raised our seed round, and today we open a facility where we can design, build, test and fly our missions under one roof." He said debris is becoming the limiting factor for every nation's space ambitions, including India's. "Base 1 is where we build the capability to keep orbits usable for Gaganyaan, the Bharatiya Antariksh Station and every satellite that follows," Phanindra said, according to a release. 'Emerging global pioneer in space debris removal' Union Minister Jitendra Singh said that India is emerging as one of the global pioneers in space debris removal. Outlining a vision of achieving debris-free space by 2030, he said India's emerging capabilities in active space debris removal reflect the country's growing global leadership in space technology and its commitment to ensuring a safe space environment for all of humanity, an official release said. Speaking virtually at the inauguration, the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology said, "India is emerging among the early global pioneers in space debris removal, with an Indian startup advancing technologies to make outer space safer and more sustainable." He said Cosmoserve Space's partnerships with Pixel for satellite systems, Dhruv Aerospace Netherlands for propulsion systems and Skyroot Aerospace for launch services demonstrate an emerging culture of end-to-end collaboration in space technology. 'India's space startup ecosystem expanded to 450 enterprises' He said India's space economy has grown to nearly USD 9 billion and is projected to reach USD 40–45 billion in the coming decade, while its space startup ecosystem has expanded from a single-digit number to nearly 450 enterprises. He called upon domestic and international investors to participate more actively in the space sector and urged greater philanthropy in science and research to accelerate innovation.

Hyderabad to host 3-day expo to boost poultry farm productivity



Hyderabad: The 18th edition of Poultry India Expo will be held at HITEX Exhibition Centre here from November 25 to 27, with over 550 exhibitors expected to participate. The event, organised by the Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers' Association (IPEMA), is expected to attract industry representatives from around 120 countries. The three-day exhibition will bring poultry farmers, equipment manufacturers, feed producers, breeders, veterinarians, technology companies and industry experts under one roof. It will feature equipment and technologies used in poultry breeding, hatcheries, feed production, farm management, housing, disease prevention, egg processing and waste management. Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Prof. SP Singh Baghel, will inaugurate the exhibition. He will also inaugurate Poultry Knowledge Day, a conference being organised on November 24 at HICC–Novotel, Hitech City, a day ahead of the expo. Poultry industry supporting 5-6 million livelihoods The poultry industry is a major contributor to the country's agricultural economy and is estimated to support 5 to 6 million livelihoods. According to government data, India produced 142.77 billion eggs in 2023–24, retaining its position as the world's second-largest egg producer. With demand for poultry products continuing to grow, producers are increasingly looking at ways to improve productivity. The Hyderabad exhibition will provide an opportunity for businesses to assess new equipment, meet domestic and overseas suppliers and explore commercial partnerships. The exhibition is expected to help poultry farmers, entrepreneurs and small and medium enterprises to expand operations or invest in new equipment. The expo will be open to visitors from 10 am to 6 pm.

Parachute Advansed Gold Urges Women in Andhra Pradesh to Rediscover the Joy of Girlhood with 'Feel Like a Girl Again'



Hyderabad 2026: Rooted in the cherished memories of long hair, friendship and carefree childhood days, the brand invites women to reconnect with the girl within.

Bringing together some of South Indian cinema's most celebrated talent, the film is directed by Gautham Vasudev Menon, known for his iconic and timeless songs over 25 years.

Remember the carefree days of girlhood, when long braids, endless laughter with friends and little moments of play brought the greatest joy? While growing up brings new responsibilities, the little girl within every woman never truly fades. Celebrating these cherished memories, Parachute Advansed Gold Coconut Hair Oil has unveiled 'Feel Like a Girl Again', a heartwarming new brand campaign, celebrating the joy, freedom and friendship that many women associate with their girlhood years. Commenting on the campaign, Vikram Karwal, CMO - India, Marico Limited, said, "Today, consumers seek brands that understand not just their needs, but also the emotions and memories that shape their lives. 'Feel Like a Girl Again' is built on the insight that long hair often serves as a powerful connection to cherished memories of girlhood. Through this campaign, we celebrate that emotional bond using a culturally resonant story to bring alive the confidence, beauty and freedom that beautiful long hair can inspire. The campaign reflects our continued focus on creating meaningful stories that connect deeply with consumers while staying true to the brand's core promise." At the heart of this cinematic celebration is Gautham Vasudev Menon, whose signature storytelling and memorable portrayals of women have made him one of South Indian cinema's most admired filmmakers. Bringing his distinctive emotional touch to the campaign, Gautham tells the story of three friends who take a break from their everyday routines to relive the joy of girlhood, capturing them running, dancing and playing by the sea, with their long braids swaying freely.

Sharing his experience, Gautham Vasudev Menon said, "What drew me to this campaign was the beautiful simplicity of its message. There is a little girl in every woman who deserves to laugh, play and feel free, regardless of age. I wanted to capture that emotion through friendship, nostalgia, music and the familiar beauty of Andhra Pradesh. I'm proud to have brought 'Feel Like a Girl Again' to life with such an incredible team of artists and to be part of a campaign that celebrates women in such a joyful, heartfelt way."

Adding to the magic is a powerhouse creative lineup featuring Karthik's original composition, Swetha Mohan's soulful vocals and Anantha Sriram's evocative lyrics. Renowned choreographer Brinda Master lends her signature touch with graceful choreography rooted in traditional dance, completing a musical experience filled with warmth, nostalgia and joy.

With 'Feel Like a Girl Again', Parachute Advansed Gold invites women across Andhra Pradesh to let their hair down, relive those carefree moments and celebrate the little girl who still lives within them.

Blinkit to start charging Rs 2,500 for non-emergency ambulance



New Delhi: Blinkit Ambulance will charge Rs 2,500 for each non-emergency case, Zomato Founder Deepinder Goyal said on Thursday, November 5, highlighting a growing share of bookings for routine medical check-ups rather than emergency cases. Goyal clarified that emergency transfers will be free as always while non-emergency transfers will be charged Rs 2,500 after the trip, broadly in line with what private ambulances charge.

"In the last 2 years, we have served approximately 20,000 emergency cases (about 42,000 cases in total). We haven't charged a single rupee for any of them. And we want to keep it that way. With everything free, a growing share of bookings are for routine check-ups, hospital visits and hospital-to-home transfers, trips that an Uber or private transport could have handled just as easily. "Every such booking keeps a fully equipped emergency ambulance with paramedics off the road when someone's life may depend on it," he said in a post on X. The money charged for non-emergency transfers will go to Eternal Foundation, which runs these ambulances and will help the company scale further, Goyal said. Goyal is the Vice Chairman of Eternal, the parent firm of Zomato and Blinkit. "We hope that this charge will dramatically drop the usage of our Ambulances for non-emergency cases. 10-minute ambulances have saved and can save thousands of lives, and we need to keep them available for emergencies that need them the most," Goyal stated in the post. With everything free, a growing share of bookings are for routine check-ups, hospital visits and hospital-to-home transfers, trips that an Uber or private transport could have handled just as easily." Goyal said.

T-HUB INVITES TELANGANA START-UPS TO COLLABORATE WITH ISRAEL



Hyderabad: Telangana's T-Hub here will be hosting a delegation of 20 Israeli technology companies on November 16 and has invited local start-ups and enterprises to explore collaborations and commercial partnerships. The companies are spread across defence tech, data centre infrastructure, robotics, cybersecurity, semiconductors and artificial intelligence sectors.

The event is being held in collaboration with Telangana government's Information Technology, Electronics and Communications (ITE&C) Department and the Israel Economic Mission to South India. To register for the event and review the catalogue of visiting companies one can visit this website .

WHAT IS T-HUB?

T-Hub is India's largest startup hub which brings together startups, corporates, academic institutions, government bodies, investors, and global markets to support founders.

It was incorporated in 2015 as a not-for-profit and pioneered India's public private partnership model.

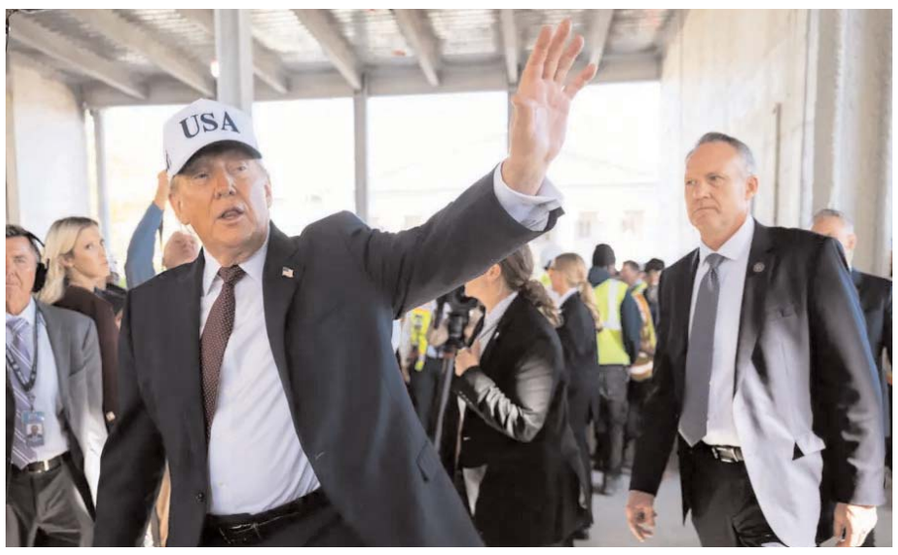
ASSAM'S KAMRUP BEGINS PREPARATIONS FOR CENSUS 2027

Pankaj Nath, Assam, November 5 : Preparations for the Population Enumeration (PE) Operations, Phase II of Census 2027, gathered momentum in Kamrup district, Assam with the commencement of a two-day district-level training programme for District Census Functionaries on Thursday at the District Training Centre, Office of the District Commissioner, Kamrup, Assam . In her welcome address, Additional District Commissioner and District Census Officer Geetashri Lachit highlighted the importance of the Census as a vital exercise in generating comprehensive demographic data for planning and the overall development of the country. She emphasised that the responsibilities of the officials would be particularly crucial during the Population Enumeration phase, underscoring the need for proper preparation and a clear understanding of the procedures involved. District Commissioner and Principal Census Officer Deba Kumar Mishra, addressing the participants, stressed the importance of the training in equipping district-level functionaries for the upcoming Population Enumeration operations scheduled for February 2027. He urged the officials to make effective use of the training and ensure accuracy, diligence and timely execution of their assigned responsibilities for the smooth conduct of the Census exercise. He also emphasised the need to complete all related activities within the stipulated timeline by March 2027. The technical sessions were conducted by resource persons Saptaraj Das, Assistant Director (IT), and Satadal Dutta, DPA-B from Directorate of Census Operations, Assam. The sessions covered the Census Management and Monitoring System (CMMS) portal, the 40 questions to be canvassed during Population Enumeration, provisions relating to penalties under the Census Act and the Abridged Houselist, among other key aspects of the Census exercise. The training programme was attended by Additional District Census Officer Rathish Borah, Circle Officers, Block Development Officers, Technical Assistants and other concerned district census functionaries.

Highlights

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Democrats outline aims for Congress after midterm wins, as Trump weighs in on knife-edge Alaska vote



At this point, you've probably heard that Democrats won a sweeping majority in both houses of Congress, while Republicans suffered some big losses up and down the ballot. But the impact of those results - and others we're still waiting for - is still taking shape. Here's where things stand: We're still waiting for results from Senate races in Alaska and Mississippi - two of the most competitive races in the country With two similarly named candidates in the Alaska Senate race, Trump says all votes cast for the independent, Daniel J Sullivan, should be given to the Republican incumbent, Dan S Sullivan Vice-President JD Vance has blamed Republican losses on the war in Iran While Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth may be on shaky ground - our White House correspondent reports that Trump's team may be souring on him for allegedly helping propel the administration into an unpopular war With full control of Congress, Democrats are now vowing to check Trump's power. Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum says it's "very likely" that immigration enforcement raids and racism against US immigrants influenced the Hispanic vote in the midterms. "It stands to reason that one of the factors influencing Latinos...had to do with this racism and, at the same time, the raids targeting people based on their skin color and ethnic origin," she said at a press conference. There was a broad shift of Hispanic voters away from Trump this year, especially in border states like Texas, which sent Democrats to the Senate and governor's office for the first time in decades. Just two years ago, Trump received a higher percentage of the Latino vote than any Republican president in US history, with millions turning out to elect him president. Former Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene, once a fierce ally and now a critic of Donald Trump, told the BBC that the president "won't blame himself" for the heavy Republican defeat in the midterms. "He's a man that believes in the life motto 'never apologise', which I think is absolutely horrible. So he won't blame himself," Taylor Greene said, speaking to BBC Newsnight. Greene also said she's "glad" Vice-President JD Vance spoke out about the Iran war after the election defeat. Asked about Trump's offer to work with Democrat majorities in Congress, she said: "They're going to come after him with all types of investigations on committees." Shares in Elon Musk's SpaceX have plunged as tech and artificial intelligence stocks more broadly plummeted a day after the Democrats swept to victory in the midterms. Democrats won in some key data centre states including Texas, and the market has been reacting to possible tougher scrutiny of data centre construction and the AI industry. SpaceX shares were down more than 8% in early trading on Friday, while Tesla shares dropped more than 9%. Shares in chipmakers Qualcomm and Intel were down nearly 11% and more than 7%, respectively. Nvidia shares have also dropped by more than 7%. Those losses dragged the tech-heavy Nasdaq stock index down, and it has fallen 4.8% in early trading. In the aftermath of the historic rout of Republicans in this week's midterms, there is plenty to suggest that there's turmoil in President Donald Trump's orbit. Eyes are on Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth, with other members of Trump's team souring on him for allegedly helping propel the administration into an unpopular war in Iran for which the Republicans paid for at the polls. Trump has acknowledged this, but - at least so far - appears to be standing by Hegseth. In a telephone interview with ABC News, Trump said that he gets "calls about him" but doesn't "understand why". "I have every intention" of keeping him, Trump added. Republican Representative Thomas Massie, who is a frequent critic of Trump, says the president should replace Hegseth before a new Congress forms. "He should do it while he can still get the replacements confirmed in the Senate," Massie writes on X. Key US stock markets opened on a more subdued note two days after the sweeping Democrat win of the midterm elections. Have a look: The Dow Jones Industrial Average: up 0.6% (after closing up 3% on Wednesday) S&P 500: down 0.2% Nasdaq: down 1% Some AI and tech stocks continued to fall over concerns that the building of AI data centres could be constrained. Nvidia shares were down 4.6% and SpaceX shares were down 6.4%, while Intel was down 7%. Oil prices also rose again after plummeting in response to Vice President JD Vance's comments on the Iran war, with global oil benchmark Brent crude rising above $97 a barrel. It had fallen by more than 8% on Wednesday, to its lowest level in two months. Donald Trump is, to a very real extent, a lame-duck president in the next two years of his administration. But he is far from powerless. For one, he holds veto power over any legislation, and - unless Republicans join them - the Democrats still don't have the power to override him. He's already signalled a willingness to become "Mr Veto". Trump is also able to govern by executive action, emergency declarations, direct agencies, and has power over foreign policy. Congress can pass bills to combat these - but each could face his veto.

Multiple flights in Europe hit by 'malicious hoax threats', UK transport secretary says



So far today at least 21 flights have reportedly been impacted amid a wave of suspected hoax bomb threats across Europe. It follows similar disruption earlier in the week, when at least seven flights were searched across Europe following a series of bomb threats. Impacted airlines include: Aegean - Two flights received threats, both arrived at destination Aer Lingus - Dublin to Rome diverted to France's Évreux-Fauvill airbase Air Europa - Madrid to Paris Orly flight evacuated before take-off but later cleared for departure Air Serbia - Belgrade to Bucharest received a threat after take-off, arrived at destination Easyjet - Two flights to Prague affected, arrived at destination Finnair - Two outbound flights from Helsinki subjected to threats, arrived at destinations Iberia - Two flights to Madrid impacted, arrived at destination LOT - Warsaw to Paris flight stopped before take off, second flight to Brussels arrived at destination Ryanair - Four flights subjected to threats - with London Stansted to Sofia diverted to Plovdiv Wizz Air - Two flights affected, with Milan to Warsaw diverted to Vienna Czech police also say bomb threats were received on four flights to Prague, all of which landed in the Czech capital with no explosives found - it is not clear if this includes the two Easyjet flights reported above. London Heathrow and Birmingham airports have also both reported receiving "threats" on Thursday. There has been no confirmation that any explosives have been found follow any of the reported threats. Emily Noble says she was about an hour into her flight to Rome to attend a friend's wedding when passengers were told about a "technical" problem. Later, as the Aer Lingus plane began circling for an unplanned landing in France, the pilot said there was a "security" issue, the 26-year-old from Dublin tells BBC Verify. On board it was "an odd experience," Noble says. "It was worrying because we didn't know what was going on, but we were all trying to be as calm as we could." Noble says she could hear fighter jets during the landing and saw one touch down behind the plane she was on. After landing at the Évreux-Fauville military air base in Normandy, passengers learned the flight had been the subject of a bomb threat. They remained on board for over two hours while police and military personnel carried out checks, Noble says, including searches with sniffer dogs. The passengers have been told they will be taken to an airport in Paris and another plane will fly them on to Rome. More now on the Air Serbia flight from Belgrade to Bucharest, which we reported on earlier. The airline has confirmed a bomb threat was reported to authorities at Bucharest Airport after the flight had left the Serbian capital. The aircraft arrived safely at its destination, where Romanian authorities "carried out procedures in accordance with applicable security protocols" and "the security threat was assessed as unfounded", it adds in a statement.

THE PITT AND ER ARE SIMILAR ENOUGH FOR LAWSUIT TO PROCEED, JUDGE RULES



US drama The Pitt is similar enough to medical series ER for a lawsuit against its producers to progress, a court in the US has ruled. The widow of Michael Crichton, who created ER, argues The Pitt is effectively a reboot of the series, which has been made without proper permission or credit. Sherri Crichton says her husband's contract included a "frozen rights" provision that prohibited any spin-offs, sequels or reboots of ER being made without his express consent. A three-judge panel said there are "clear and numerous similarities between The Pitt and ER," which means the case can go ahead. Warner Bros previously described the lawsuit as "baseless" and sought to have it dismissed. Listing the similarities between the two shows, the court cited the emergency room setting, the fast pace, use of medical jargon, graphic depictions of injuries, and younger doctors fresh from medical school being trained. "We find the details here suffice for a prima facie case," the judges said. It means the case will now go to a jury trial in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Vance walks Trump tightrope with scathing election critique blaming Iran war



Vice-President JD Vance sent shockwaves through Washington on Wednesday by blaming his party's midterm defeat squarely on the Iran war, in what was widely interpreted as an effort to distance himself from President Donald Trump ahead of a potential 2028 White House run. In a carefully calibrated, 600-word statement on X, the vice-president acknowledged that Trump's 2024 voters had deserted Republicans in the midterm election. "The reason we lost is the war," he wrote. "The president himself said so last night." In interviews late Tuesday night and Wednesday, Trump had defended the war but acknowledged that it played a factor in Democrats flipping control of the US House of Representatives and the Senate. Vance's view on the war in Iran is an open secret in Washington. While he has repeatedly backed the conflict since the US and Israel attacked Tehran in February, he has reportedly expressed opposition in private meetings with administration officials. But those disagreements had been kept out of the public eye - until now.Vice-President JD Vance sent shockwaves through Washington on Wednesday by blaming his party's midterm defeat squarely on the Iran war, in what was widely interpreted as an effort to distance himself from President Donald Trump ahead of a potential 2028 White House run. In a carefully calibrated, 600-word statement on X, the vice-president acknowledged that Trump's 2024 voters had deserted Republicans in the midterm election. "The reason we lost is the war," he wrote. "The president himself said so last night." In interviews late Tuesday night and Wednesday, Trump had defended the war but acknowledged that it played a factor in Democrats flipping control of the US House of Representatives and the Senate. Vance's view on the war in Iran is an open secret in Washington. While he has repeatedly backed the conflict since the US and Israel attacked Tehran in February, he has reportedly expressed opposition in private meetings with administration officials. But those disagreements had been kept out of the public eye - until now. Hours after Trump and the party were handed a bruising election defeat, Vance made clear that he felt the decision to go to war was a clear political mistake. "If you'd like to argue it was worth it, that losing the Senate for the next 6 years was worth it, then do so. Argue it was a worthwhile cost to pay. Agree or disagree, that's at least honest," Vance said. It was a striking statement, and one with no recent precedent: it's hard to recall a similar moment in recent US political history when a sitting vice-president has so sharply broken with the president on a signature foreign policy issue. Then came an arguably even greater surprise: Trump - who typically demands steadfast loyalty from his senior advisers - agreed with Vance that the midterms were "largely" decided by the war. He added that he would "do it again" if given the same choices. It was an early sign that Trump - who has prized loyalty from his advisers - may give Vance a wide berth should he choose to launch a presidential campaign. "I know how he feels about it.

RUSSELL BRAND IS BEING INVESTIGATED OVER TWO NEW RAPE COMPLAINTS, POLICE SAY



Russell Brand is being investigated over rape allegations made by two more women, it can now be reported. The disgraced comedian has been found guilty of one count of rape and three counts of sexual assault by a jury of eight men and four women at Southwark Crown Court, following a three-week trial. More victims are likely to come forward following his conviction, the detective who led the police investigation has said. Det Supt Andy Furphy, from the Metropolitan Police, said he hoped other women would gain "courage" and "confidence" from the guilty verdicts. Brand was found not guilty of two counts of rape and one count of attempted indecent assault. 'Ruthless' Brand had initially been coy and quiet in police interviews, said Furphy, but became bolder as officers continued to question him. "As he gets used to something, he becomes more emboldened by it," Furphy said. "You can certainly see that in his offending." Hundreds of people were interviewed as part of the investigation and officers said several witnesses came forward, some of whom had previously had a sexual relationship with Brand. Katy Perry, the US singer who was married to Brand from 2010 to 2012.



France holds new strikes and protests as unions demand immediate answers

Joshua Wong, face of Hong Kong's pro-democracy protests, jailed for 10 years

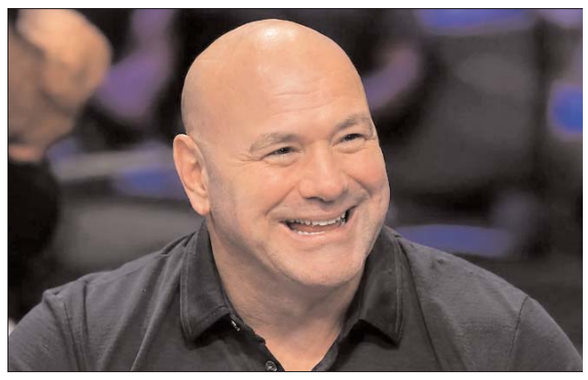


Joshua Wong, once the face of Hong Kong's democracy movement, has been sentenced to 10 years in jail for colluding with foreign forces under the city's sweeping national security law. Wong is among hundreds of campaigners and ordinary Hongkongers arrested under the law, which was imposed in 2020 following explosive pro-democracy protests against Beijing's growing control. Critics say the far-reaching law has silenced dissent, but authorities argue that it is needed to maintain stability and deny it has weakened the city's cherished autonomy. Having already spent the last six years in jail, Wong, who was due to be freed in January, will now spend another decade behind bars.Joshua Wong, once the face of Hong Kong's democracy movement, has been sentenced to 10 years in jail for colluding with foreign forces under the city's sweeping national security law. Wong is among hundreds of campaigners and ordinary Hongkongers arrested under the law, which was imposed in 2020 following explosive pro-democracy protests against Beijing's growing control. Critics say the far-reaching law has silenced dissent, but authorities argue that it is needed to maintain stability and deny it has weakened the city's cherished autonomy. Having already spent the last six years in jail, Wong, who was due to be freed in January, will now spend another decade behind bars. Wong, who turned 30 last month, has already been imprisoned multiple times for his activism which started when he was in his early teens. On Thursday, he arrived in court wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, khaki trousers and black-rimmed glasses. He looked slimmer compared to his previous public appearances. He nodded in greeting towards members of the packed public gallery, and took notes intermittently as the judge read out the reasons for his sentencing. A crowd had gathered outside the court, with dozens of Hongkongers having queued for hours hoping to get a seat in the public gallery. There was also a heavy police presence.



India Beat Japan 4-1 To Clinch Record-Extending 6th Asian Champions Trophy

DANA WHITE ADDRESSES REFEREE CONTROVERSY AFTER RENATO MOICANO'S HEARTBREAKING UFC DEFEAT



UFC CEO Dana White has defended referee Dan Miragliotta's decision to stand up for Renato Moicano and Tom Nolan. Moicano was in a dominant back position when the action was restarted before Nolan stopped him in the third round. Moicano, the pre-fight favourite, took Nolan's back in round two and locked in a body triangle. Miragliotta stood the fighters up after deciding the Brazilian was not creating enough damage or advancing towards a finish. Nolan then landed heavy strikes in the third round and won by TKO at 1:28. The result gave the Australian his sixth straight UFC win and handed Moicano a damaging defeat. White stands behind the referee despite growing backlash over the Moicano fight Dana White initially said the UFC had not discussed the incident internally. But he later backed the referee's interpretation of the Unified Rules of MMA. "I don't think it's about having the dominant position," White said. "It's: are you doing damage, and are you trying to win the fight?" The rules state that a referee can stand fighters up when neither athlete shows real, significant, or sustained effort to finish the fight. Simply holding a superior position is not enough to guarantee that position will be maintained. Moicano accepts the defeat Renato Moicano called his performance "terrible" and admitted he could not hurt Nolan. The Brazilian said he would not appeal the result and congratulated the Australian on the win. Nolan denied influencing the referee. He said he was pointing to strikes he received to the back of the head, rather than asking for a stand-up. The loss was Moicano's second in three fights. He had rebounded from defeats to Islam Makhachev and Beneil Dariush by submitting Chris Duncan in April, but the Nolan result has stalled that momentum. Moicano reveals what could decide his UFC future Moicano has three fights left on his UFC contract but has said he wants to fight out the deal before considering free agency.

Delhi Awaits Virat Kohli's Return To Vijay Hazare Trophy, Coach Vijay Dahiya Wants To Welcome Him Back



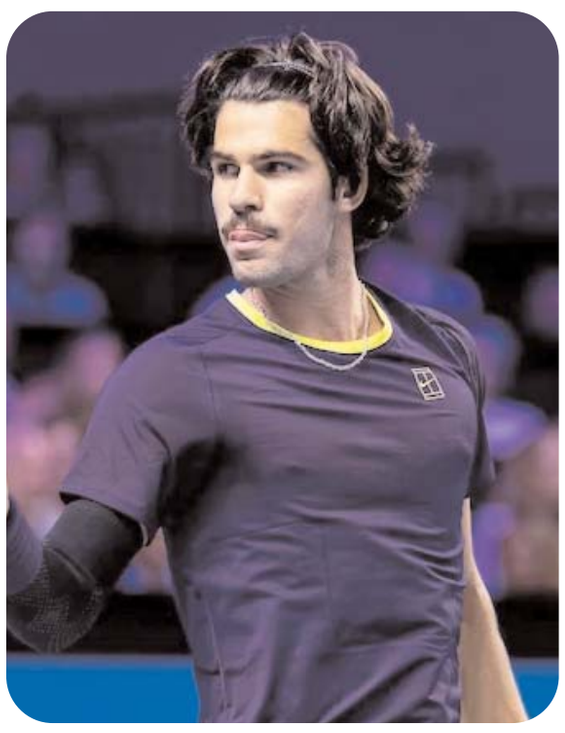
Delhi are hoping to have Virat Kohli back in their dressing room for the Vijay Hazare Trophy, but coach Vijay Dahiya is not getting ahead of himself. There is no confirmation yet on whether the former India captain will turn out for Delhi in the domestic 50-over competition. But Dahiya has made it clear that Kohli's presence would mean far more to the team than just the runs he could score. The numbers from last season explain why Delhi would be delighted to have him back. Making his Vijay Hazare Trophy return after a gap of nearly 15 years, Kohli was in imperious form. He scored 131 off 101 balls against Andhra Pradesh, followed by a 77 off 61 deliveries against Gujarat. His two innings yielded 208 runs and offered a reminder of the quality he brings to the 50-over format. For Dahiya, however, the biggest value of having Kohli around lies in what a young dressing room can learn from him. Asked whether the big man would play the Vijay Hazare Trophy, Dahiya initially played along with the question before making his position clear. "Like I just said, no information. If he wants to play, I would love to have him in this dressing room, and I will chew his brains out to tell these guys about the honour, the hard work, the ethics, and somebody who's gone through the same ranks and where he is today." Dahiya offered an interesting example of how Kohli's influence has already found its way into conversations within the Delhi dressing room. Recounting an interaction with young opener Priyansh Arya, the coach revealed that the youngster had turned to him for advice on how Kohli would approach a run chase. "When our opener got out, he asked me, and I'm just sharing it, that if it was Virat, how would he have chased him? And we worked it out and said this is how he would have.

Conor McGregor Eyes UFC Comeback As He Drops Major Update On Fighting Future



Conor McGregor has claimed that he wants to fight one last time in the UFC before moving to bare-knuckle boxing. The fighter, who was the two-division champ, stated that he intends to take off his gloves from the octagon. He wants to continue his career in BKFC, where he is a co-owner. McGregor, 38, made the comments during a ringside appearance at Hype FC's event in Rome on November 3. He revealed that he prefers bare-knuckle fighting to mixed martial arts and wants to have his final UFC bout during International Fight Week 2027 in July next year. The UFC has not confirmed that McGregor has only one fight left on his contract. No opponent, date, or venue has been announced. McGregor's injury ended UFC 329 return McGregor made his way back into the octagon at UFC 329 after a hiatus of almost five years. He was knocked out in only 69 seconds against Max Holloway after sustaining damage to the ACL and meniscus in his right knee. McGregor stated in an interview at the PalaPellicone, "I'm going to lay down my gloves in that octagon for my final UFC contract, but not to retire, to announce bare-knuckle." He added, "Bareknuckle is very exciting, very dangerous, and it takes courage." Holloway defeated McGregor via TKO, marking McGregor's third straight loss. McGregor would eventually go on to have knee surgery and hasn't competed since. The Irishman is 22-7 and has not won since stopping Donald Cerrone in 40 seconds at UFC 246 in January 2020. His last victory before that came against Eddie Alvarez in 2016. McGregor eyes a blockbuster return Conor McGregor became a BKFC co-owner in 2024. BKFC founder David Feldman told ESPN in September that he would "bet everything" on McGregor crossing over from the UFC. McGregor has long talked about competing in bare-knuckle boxing. His ownership stake in BKFC makes the move commercially straightforward. However, any fight would still depend on his recovery and contractual situation.

Carlos Alcaraz Avoids Paris Masters Carnage As Alexander Zverev, Novak Djokovic Fall



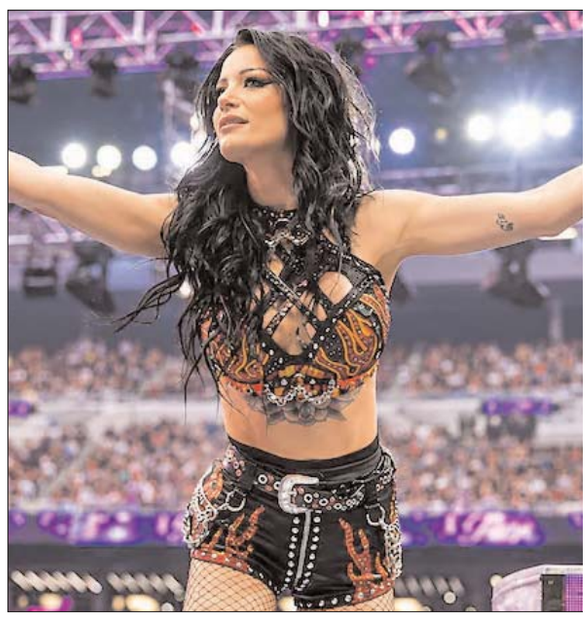
Alexander Zverev said he was "annoyed" at having to justify being world number one as he lost his opening match at the Paris Masters, while 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic also fell in a Wednesday full of upsets. Carlos Alcaraz avoided a similar fate, however, as the seven-time major winner beat Alex Michelsen 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 to advance to the last 16. Long seen as tennis' nearly-man, 29-year-old Zverev broke his major duck this year by winning the French and US Opens, which propelled him to the top of the ATP rankings for the first time in his career this month.

SRH Star Takes Rs 7 Crore Pay Cut To Join CSK In Trade Deal Involving 4 Players



Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) have confirmed a high-profile trade involving four players, ahead of the retention announcement deadline. The four players include England all-rounder Liam Livingstone and Australia's Jack Edwards, who would leave Sunrisers Hyderabad to join the Chennai Super Kings. In return, CSK would give SRH India pacer Khaleel Ahmed and Australia speedster Nathan Ellis. In a statement released by IPL, it was confirmed that Livingstone, a veteran all-rounder, has joined CSK at a reduced fee of INR 6 crore, having originally been acquired by SRH for INR 13 crore. The statement further said that Australian seam-bowling all-rounder Edwards has joined Chennai at his existing fee of INR 3 crore. Edwards was signed by SRH before making his international debut for Australia but could not feature in IPL 2026 after being ruled out with a foot injury. In return, SRH acquired left-arm fast bowler Khaleel at his existing fee of INR 4.8 crore. Khaleel, who previously represented SRH from 2018 to 2021, returns to the franchise after an impressive IPL 2025 campaign, in which he claimed 15 wickets in 14 matches for CSK. He featured in five matches for CSK in IPL 2026 before being ruled out of the season with a right quadriceps injury. Australian fast bowler Ellis also joins SRH at his existing fee of INR 2 crore.

Paige Shares The Truth Behind Her Unexpected WWE Return To NXT



Paige wasn't the original plan for the NXT Women's Championship match on November 4. The former Divas Champion revealed that she got brought into the title picture at the last minute, with a different plan in place for Kelani Jordan's defence. Speaking on Busted Open After Dark, she said Triple H approached her personally in Brooklyn and asked if she'd be willing to appear on NXT. She said yes even with very little time to prepare, and Jordan retained her title in the match. It was Paige's first NXT appearance in more than 12 years. Paige Reveals She Was Not Originally Planned to Challenge Kelani Jordan for the NXT Women's Championship Jordan kept the NXT Women's Championship with a roll-up pin on the Wednesday night episode. Paige had gotten her knees up for Jordan's split-legged moonsault and went for her finisher once again, but Jordan rolled her up for the win. Jordan had been champion since beating Kendal Grey at NXT Heatwave on August 30, and she'd already defended the belt against Wren Sinclair at Halloween Havoc premium live event. Paige was a surprise opponent, and by her own account she got very little warning.

When Tommy Dreamer asked her how she prepared for championship match, Paige kept the answer short.

"No, so I got told last minute because it wasn't actually supposed to be me,"Paige revealed. She didn't name the original challenger or explain why the plan changed.

A Legend Departs: Cristiano Ronaldo Ends A Record-Breaking International Journey



Cristiano Ronaldo, the Portuguese football legend who dazzled on the field and is regarded as one of the greatest players of all time, announced on Thursday that he was retiring from international football. It was a sad ending to a celebrated career that began more than two decades ago, ahead of Euro 2004, and finished with him walking away from the national team following a fallout with coach Jorge Jesus. The 41-year-old, who played 234 times for Portugal and scored 146 goals, clashed with Jesus last month after the coach opted not to use him in a Nations League match, prompting Ronaldo to leave the team camp. Cristiano Ronaldo's announcement on Thursday ended a career that spanned six World Cups and included a European title and the men's all-time international scoring record. Ronaldo Hands Over Iconic No. 7 Jersey In his farewell message, Ronaldo described representing Portugal as the greatest privilege of his career, saying the time had come to hand over the iconic No. 7 jersey to the next generation. "To the Portuguese, the day has come to return the No. 7 jersey of the national team to all of us. I never felt it was exclusively mine, but for 23 years I had the privilege and responsibility to wear it, defend it, and take it with me to stadiums all over the world. Today, the time has come to give it to the future," he said in a video posted on X. Career Highs and Lows Reflecting on his journey, Ronaldo admitted that his career had been filled with unforgettable victories as well as difficult moments, but insisted that his commitment to the national team never wavered.

"There were perfect afternoons and nights; there were victories that I will never forget, and there were defeats that I still find difficult to remember today. I also failed, I also suffered, and there were times when I was not able to give the Portuguese what they wanted so much. But I never gave up. And above all, I never stopped feeling proud to represent Portugal," he said. Tribute To Teammates, Coaches And Family He also thanked his teammates, coaches, support staff, and family for standing by him throughout his international journey. "To all the coaches, directors, doctors, physiotherapists, employees, and so many people who have worked with me over the years, thank you.

DULQUER SALMAAN LAUNCHES THE THEATRICAL TRAILER OF SUDIGALI SUDHEER'S 'G.O.A.T'



The much-awaited theatrical trailer of 'G.O.A.T' (Greatest Of All Times), featuring popular comedian-turned-hero Sudigali Sudheer in the lead role, has been unveiled by acclaimed actor Dulquer Salmaan. Taking to social media, Dulquer released the trailer and conveyed his best wishes to the entire team.

Directed by Vedavyas, the film stars Divya Bharathi as the female lead. Jointly produced by Mahateja Creations and Jaishnavi Productions, the project is backed by producerChandrasekhar Reddy Mogulla. Leading production house Asian Cinemas presents the film, which is slated for a grand theatrical release on November 12.

The film has been generating positive buzz, with the promotional content released so far receiving an encouraging response from audiences.

Speaking about the film, producer Chandrasekhar Reddy Mogulla said, "G.O.A.T is the most expensive film in Sudigali Sudheer's career. We have chosen a story that suits his popularity and image, and his character will have a strong connection with today's youth. The film boasts high technical standards, and I am confident that it will mark a major milestone in his career. Every frame has been crafted exceptionally well. Along with all the essential commercial elements, the film also conveys a meaningful message that will encourage today's youngsters to think. I firmly believe that G.O.A.T will entertain audiences of all sections.

Presented by Asian Cinemas, 'G.O.A.T' is set to hit theatres on November 12.

Nazriya's Glamour Game Is On Point



Nazriya Nazim, who is coming up with her movie Scene starring Suriya, has been trending for many things from her interviews which she revealed. She gave a witty reply when she and Fahadh Faasil were compared to Suriya and Jyotika. She burst into laughter and said Fahadh should hear this too. Along with that, she also nailed a stunning look. She wore a glamorous orange one-shoulder gown with a saree-style drape. Lace edging ran along the neckline and drape, and the skirt flowed to the floor. She left her hair open in soft waves and added drop earrings, a gold bracelet and nude lips. Scene is an action comedy releasing on November 6. Suriya plays a rebellious cop, and Nazriya plays Maya. The film has earned an advance booking gross of ?8.96 crore in India. It marks her Tamil return after 12 years.

VICTORY VENKATESH, KALYAN RAM, ANIL RAVIPUDI'S JANUARY 12 VIDUDALA BEGINS KAZAKHSTAN SCHEDULE

HIGH-OCTANE ACTION SEQUENCE & A SPECTACULAR SONG TO BE FILMED



Victory Venkatesh and Nandamuri Kalyan Ram's much-awaited multi-starrer, January 12 Vidudala, is progressing at a brisk pace. Produced by Sahu Garapati under the Shine Screens banner and presented by Suresh Productions, Smt Archana and Zee Studios, the film features Keerthy Suresh and Krithi Shetty in female lead roles. Coming with the intriguing tagline Bava Bammardi Soujanyamtho, the film promises a complete package of family emotions, humour and commercial entertainment. Meanwhile, the team has kicked off an exciting new schedule in Kazakhstan.

Director Anil Ravipudi has planned a special combination of action and song sequences for this schedule, bringing together two major attractions featuring the lead stars. Venkatesh and Kalyan Ram have begun shooting a breathtaking action sequence today under the supervision of renowned stunt choreographer Real Satish. Set against the stunning landscapes of Kazakhstan, the sequence is being designed on a grand scale. With two prominent stars coming together for the action block and Anil Ravipudi overseeing its execution, this high-voltage sequence is going to be one of the major highlights of the film. The Kazakhstan schedule will also feature a spectacular song featuring both Venkatesh and Kalyan Ram. Choreographed by Sekhar Master, the special number will be filmed in some picturesque locations, promising vibrant visuals and energetic dance moves from the two stars. The combination of a breathtaking action sequence and a spectacular song, coupled with the dynamic presence of Venkatesh and Kalyan Ram against the scenic backdrops, is expected to offer a visual feast and a memorable theatrical experience.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS WILL ENTERTAIN AUDIENCES WITH FUN AND EMOTION: ACTORS ROHAN ROY AND ARUN



Dheeraj Mogilineni has earned a reputation as a successful producer and distributor by bringing content-driven films to audiences. Under his banner, Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainments, he is now producing a children's film titled "Summer Holidays." Director Srikar has crafted the film around a beautiful story that takes audiences back to their childhood memories. Master Rohan, Master Arun and Baby Khushi play key roles in the movie, which is set for a grand theatrical release on November 6. In a recent interview, actors Rohan and Arun shared interesting insights about the film.

Vijay Antony, Preethi Asrani's Breezy Love Melody Nalona Ne Lenu From Nanna Kutty Promises A Mesmerizing Musical Experience



Vijay Antony's upcoming emotional action-drama Nanna Kutty, directed by Mu. Maran, is steadily building anticipation with its musical promotions. After receiving a superb response to the emotionally rich first single Nannala Lokamlo, which beautifully captured the unconditional bond between a father and daughter, the makers have now unveiled the second song, Nalona Ne Lenu, offering a completely different yet equally captivating musical experience.

Composed by Vijay Antony, Nalona Ne Lenu is a breezy romantic melody enriched by beautiful orchestration and soothing musical arrangements. Bhashyasree's lyrics stand out for their poetic expression, beautifully capturing the unspoken feelings of Preethi Asrani's character towards Vijay Antony. The lovely lines, coupled with Rukshar Bandhukia's enchanting vocals, create a magical atmosphere. The mesmerizing raga and melodious composition give the song a lingering appeal, making it an instantly engaging number that listeners would love to revisit.

The visual presentation adds another beautiful dimension to the song. Preethi Asrani plays a schoolteacher whose student happens to be Vijay Antony's daughter. She gradually develops feelings for him but finds it difficult to express her affection directly. The song beautifully captures her silent love through little gestures and thoughtful moments. While Vijay Antony is impressed by her caring and helpful nature, she makes every effort to look after him and his daughter. From taking care of their needs to bringing food for them, her affection is reflected through simple yet heartwarming actions. The chemistry between Vijay Antony and Preethi Asrani looks refreshing and adds considerable charm to the song.

With its soothing melody, poetic lyrics, captivating vocals and appealing visuals, Nalona Ne Lenu has all the elements to emerge as another chartbuster from the film. Vijay Antony once again showcases his musical versatility by delivering a refreshing romantic number after the emotionally charged first single.

Produced by Meera Vijay Antony under the Vijay Antony Film Corporation banner, with Ramanjaneyulu Javvaji of Sarvanth Ram Creations as co-producer, Nanna Kutty features an ensemble cast including Preethi Asrani, Lithanya, Bhagavathi Perumal, Haripriya Isai, Aruvi Madhan, Chitra Lakshmanan, Sreeja Ravi, Vettai Muthukumar, Jenson Dhivakar, Muruganandham, Munnar Ramesh, Lissy Antony, Kumar Natarajan, Vijayan, Praveena, Haritha, Haripriya and others.

Rajeev Raajendran handles the cinematography, while Vijay Antony takes care of the editing. A. Raja serves as the production designer.

Nanna Kutty is gearing up for a theatrical release on November 20. With two contrasting yet melodious songs winning attention, the film's musical journey is adding to the excitement surrounding its release.

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Film Set for a Grand Theatrical Release on November 27Lagadapati Sridhar Unveils the Teaser of 'Yadbhavam Tadbhavati'

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The teaser of 'Yadbhavam Tadbhavati', starring Varun Sandesh in the lead role, was unveiled by renowned film producer Lagadapati Sridhar. The film, directed by Ramesh Jakkala and produced by Prasanna Lakshmi Bhumireddy under the banner of Prasanna Bhumi Entertainment, is gearing up for a theatrical release on November 27. The film features Inaya Sultana and Renu Sri as the female leads, while veteran actors Suman, Naga Mahesh, Lohith Kumar, Dhanraj, Swetha Varma, Dayanand Reddy and Srikanth Iyengar play pivotal roles.

On the technical front, Shyam is handling the cinematography, while Mihiram is composing the music. The film's songs are being released through K Music Telugu.

Speaking at the teaser launch, renowned producer Lagadapati Sridhar said,

"Greetings to everyone. I have just watched the teaser of 'Yadbhavam Tadbhavati'. Though it is a small-budget film, the production values look very impressive. I also got an opportunity to watch one of the songs, which is quite good.

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