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Parliament winter session likely in early December



New Delhi, Nov 15 (Way to News): The Winter session of Parliament is likely to begin in the first week of December, though the Union government has also considered the possibility of extending or reconvening the unprorogued Monsoon Session instead of a regular separate session, according to reliable sources. The government is expected to push for the constitutional amendment Bill linking women's reservation to Delimitation.

The proposed legislation aims to expand the strength of the Lok Sabha to create more seats to accommodate the 33 per cent reservation for women. The Monsoon session was adjourned sine die on August 13, 2026, leaving it unprorogued for more than 90 days. The arrangement left open the option of an extended or special sitting to take up the proposed constitutional amendment at short notice. While an extended sitting of the existing session requires a minimum notice of two days, convening a fresh session requires a minimum 14-day notice. Passing a constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds majority of members present and voting which works out 361 votes out of a total current strength of 540 sitting MPs.

Since the ruling NDA has around 320 members, it will require the backing of some opposition parties for the passage of the Bill with the required two-thirds majority. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the Delimitation Bill, 2026, will not harm the Southern states but will, in fact, benefit them. He added that under the 50 per cent increase model, the current 543 seats in the Lok Sabha will rise to 816, leading to an increase in the number of seats for all Southern states.

The Home Minister noted that the existing 129 seats of the Southern states in the Lok Sabha will increase to 195, and their share in the total seats of the House will remain almost the same at around 24 per cent. This is expected to help garner votes for passing the Bill.

Senior leaders also anticipate a stormy session which could lead to disruptions of the proceedings in Parliament as the Opposition has upped the ante against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar. The Congress, Left parties and the Mamata-Trinamool Congress are aggressively seeking the CEC's ouster in the wake of the controversy over the manner in which the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has been carried out.

Govts remained mute spectators: PM Modi

TRIBALS MOST AFFECTED BY MAOIST VIOLENCE



New Delhi, Nov 15 (Way to News): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday launched a scathing attack on the previous dispensation and accused them of abandoning the tribal communities, while their rights were being snatched by the Maoists. He also highlighted the strides the country has made in eliminating Maoism, and said that the mothers and sisters of the tribal communities are blessing the government for this achievement.

Virtually addressing the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas programme, being organised in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli, he mentioned that the event coincided with two major achievements of the country — "The first is that nearly 50 crore people in the country have overcome extreme poverty and come out of poverty. The second is the end of Naxalism and freedom from Maoist terrorism."

"Both these achievements are deeply connected to the lives of our tribal brothers and sisters," he said. PM Modi said that people of tribal belts, including Gadchiroli, know that Maoist violence harmed the tribal community the most. In 2014, he stated that around 125 districts of the country were affected by Maoism.

"There used to be hundreds of violent incidents every year. Thousands of innocent people, a large number of them were tribals, lost their lives. However, people affected by Naxalism-Maoism were abandoned by the then governments, their rights were snatched away, and everybody remained silent," he said. He asserted that the members of the tribal community were not even allowed to vote, while the then governments remained "mute spectators". Contrasting the situation with this year, he said, "Children were taken away from their mothers by these Naxals; our daughters were taken away, and no one was able to do anything. However, today, when Naxalism-Maoism has been eliminated, mothers and sisters in the tribal community are giving us their blessings." PM Modi said that today, the tribal communities are making significant contributions to the country's progress. "The country is also being led by a daughter of the tribal community. We are all proud of President Droupadi Murmu," he said.

Just a few weeks ago, a World Bank report stated that nearly 50 crore people in India have come out of extreme poverty over the past 12-13 years. This is a huge number. I consider this one of the country's greatest achievements since Independence," he stated. He said that the Centre government's scheme also plays an "important role" in making this happen. Extending heartfelt congratulations, PM Modi said that the large number of people coming out of poverty is, in itself, a "major transformation".

"This transformation is part of a long journey towards fulfilling a major resolve. Today, India and every Indian have developed the confidence that such a resolve can be fulfilled," he said. The Prime Minister said that the government also paid "special attention" to regions that had remained underdeveloped for a long time. "A focused campaign for development, access to facilities and protection of citizens' rights was launched in more than 100 Aspirational Districts and over 500 Aspirational Blocks across the country.

CM Revanth, Sports Minister, unveils logo and mascot for KIYG 2026



Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Way to News): Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy unveiled the logo and mascot for the eighth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) on Sunday, November 15 which is scheduled to be held in Telangana from December 11 to 22.

The sporting event will be organised across six cities- Hyderabad, Khammam, Karimnagar, Hanumakonda, Mahabubnagar and Nizamabad with around 8,000 athletes and participants expected to take part. The Games will feature 29 disciplines, including 27 competitive sports and two demonstration events which are Sailing and Karra Samu. Highlighting the Centre's efforts to promote sporting culture among the youth, Mandaviya said the government is committed in expanding the opportunities for young athletes under the Khelo India initiative. According to the media report, Mandaviya said the Union govenment, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership is working towards to strengthen India's sporting ecosystem by organising various national-level competitions, including the Khelo India Youth Games, Beach Games, Winter Games and Tribal Games, to encourage greater participation of young people in sports.

The 27 competitive sports will include Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Cycling, Fencing, Football, Gatka, Gymnastics, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Kalaripayattu, Kho-Kho, Mallakhamb, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming, Softball, Table Tennis, Tennis, Thang-Ta, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling and Yogasana.

Softball will make its debut at this edition of the Games, while Sailing and Karra Samu will feature as demonstration events.

The logo brings together Telangana's rich cultural heritage and sporting spirit.

It features iconic landmarks, traditional symbols and sporting silhouettes, reflecting the State's identity while highlighting unity, energy and the enthusiasm of young athletes.

Neelamani represents the vibrancy, courage and agility of young sportspersons. The mascot embodies the determination, confidence and competitive spirit of athletes, while reflecting the pride and enthusiasm associated with the Games. The event is expected to provide a platform for young sporting talent from across the country to showcase their abilities and compete in various disciplines.

Shah slams Rahul over Bharat Summit Remarks

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Way to News): A day after Italian politician Giacomo Filibeck said Indian democracy was in danger and raised the slogan "Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhod" at the Congress's Bharat Summit in Hyderabad, the BJP targeted the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and accused him of seeking foreign interference in the country's domestic political affairs.

Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of defaming India, its democratic institutions and PM Narendra Modi at international platforms, saying such criticism would not help him return to power. "If he aspires to return to power, he should stop travelling abroad and start visiting villages across India. Then, perhaps, he may have a chance," Shah said.

Taking a swipe at the Bharat Summit held in Hyderabad on November 13 and 14, Shah said the Congress-led Telangana government had invited proponents of Left-wing ideology from India and abroad.

"The Congress' prince (referring to Gandhi) also attended this conference named 'Bharat Summit', where he defamed India at the international level by putting forth anti-Indian thoughts. He should understand that defaming India at international platforms will not help him come to power," Shah said.

Shah said political differences should not come in the way of protecting India's image and credibility before the international community. "Whether it is the ruling party or the Opposition, or any political party, can anyone justify defaming India and its PM before an international audience?" he asked. Launching a diatribe against the BJP and PM Narendra Modi, Rahul on Saturday alleged, "India is actually no longer a democracy." Reacting sharply to Gandhi's comments at the summit that India was no longer a democracy.



India has strengthened military presence along China border: Jaishankar



New Delhi, Nov 15 (Way to News): India's border with China has become more active and requires a sustained troop commitment, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said, citing improvements in frontier infrastructure and military preparedness since the 2020 Galwan Valley clashes.

Speaking at the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit on Saturday, Jaishankar said India had significantly improved its ability to deploy troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). He cited the construction of roads and tunnels, new bridges and the commissioning of airfields as evidence of the increased focus on border infrastructure. "The border with China has become more alive in a way," he said, adding that the situation required a much greater, sustained commitment of troops.

Jaishankar said border infrastructure had received greater attention and resources over the past decade, after being neglected for years. He said the improvements had helped India maintain the required troop strength along the frontier.

His remarks come as India and China continue efforts to stabilise bilateral relations following the military standoff in eastern Ladakh, which lasted more than four years. Relations began to improve after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping met in Kazan, Russia, in October 2024. The external affairs minister also addressed the economic gap between the two countries, saying China had made major advances in industrialisation and modernisation during the 1980s while India had missed opportunities during that period.

He said India needed to build on its strengths and pursue faster industrial development to address the economic imbalance.

Abhishek Awasthi Becomes Bendigo Mayor

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Way to News): Australia's High Commissioner to India, Philip Green, on Sunday congratulated Abhishek Awasthi on becoming Greater Bendigo's first Indian-origin Mayor, describing it as "another inspiring chapter in Australia-India story." Green's statement comes as Indian-born councillor Abhishek Awasthi was elected as Mayor of the city in Victoria state.

Taking to X, Green stated, "Another inspiring chapter in the Australia-India story! Congratulations to Abhishek Awasthi, who journeyed from Himachal Pradesh to Australia as a student and is now Greater Bendigo's first Indian-origin Mayor. An example of the contribution Indian Australians makes across Australia."

Around 250 people gathered to witness the mayoral election that took place at The Capital theatre in Bendigo on November 9. Awasthi was elected by his fellow councillors to lead Greater Bendigo for the 2026-27 mayoral term, The Australia Today reported. Awasthi termed his election as an "extraordinary moment".

India, Egypt Set To Explore Preferential Trade Agreement Or An FTA: Goyal

Cairo, Nov 15 (Way to News): Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Sunday that India and Egypt will now work on the Terms of Reference and examine the potential of either a Preferential Trade Agreement or a free trade agreement (FTA).

He said that there are immense opportunities for India and Egypt to strengthen trade and investments in the next five years, adding that the presence of over 700 registered Indian companies in Egypt reflects the growing depth of business ties between the two nations.

Speaking to IANS on the sidelines of the India-Egypt Business Forum Meeting here, the minister said The relations between our leaders are very good, and the ties between our business communities are strong.

"Furthermore, the civilisations and histories of both nations are thousands of years old. So, along with working to bring both ancient civilisations closer together, we are also bringing trade and industry closer," Goyal told IANS.

Goyal further stated that an Indian company informed "us just yesterday that they have invested approximately Rs 1,200 crore into an international seed company, which also has manufacturing in Egypt."



Over 300 companies from India and Egypt across sectors met under one roof at the India-Egypt Business Forum. "This reflects the enthusiasm for the possibilities and the potential that our partnership can unlock. I spoke about India's scale, and robust consumer market can complement Egypt's strategic location, which can generate great outcomes across fields like trade and investment, education, healthcare, engineering, manufacturing, technology solutions, and much more," said Goyal.

He met Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh, Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade, and discussed about expanding bilateral trade, boosting investments and finding new avenues of cooperation. "The India-Egypt partnership is set for greater heights," said Goyal.

Goyal also addressed the India-Egypt Joint Business Council Meeting alongside Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh, Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade of Egypt.

The minister highlighted "the strong complementarities between our two economies and the significant potential for greater private sector participation".

"The presence of over 700 registered Indian companies in Egypt reflects the growing depth of our business ties. Called upon businesses from both countries to strengthen existing partnerships and explore new avenues of collaboration in manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, engineering, textiles and other key sectors," Goyal noted.

Revanth Assures Investors of Policy Stability, Targets $1 Trillion Economy by 2034

Chief Minister Highlights Telangana's Growth Vision, Rs 12,000-Crore Healthcare Investment and Hyderabad's Emerging Global Investment Hub



Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Way to News): Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has described Telangana as one of the fastest-growing states in the country, assuring investors that there is no policy paralysis or discrimination in the state. He said the government was committed to continuing development policies introduced by previous administrations while working towards the ambitious goals of a one-trillion-dollar economy by 2034 and a three-trillion-dollar economy by 2047.

Addressing an event related to the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), the Chief Minister said institutions such as the Indian School of Business (ISB) and NALSAR University had enhanced Telangana's reputation and helped attract investments to Hyderabad. He expressed confidence that the new PHFI institution would bridge existing gaps in the healthcare sector and bring greater recognition to the city. Revanth Reddy said the government was investing Rs. 12,000 crore in developing major healthcare institutions. The TIMS facility at Sanathnagar had already been inaugurated, while other TIMS hospitals were also being developed. A new Osmania General Hospital was being constructed at Goshamahal, he added.

He said Hyderabad was attracting attention not only from across India but also from the Middle East and other Asian countries. The Chief Minister attributed the city's growth to the vision and policies of previous leaders, including Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, P.V. Narasimha Rao and former state leaders. Recalling India's journey since Independence, he said the country had transformed from food scarcity to food-grain surplus through investments in education, irrigation and infrastructure. He credited Nehru with laying the foundation for institutions such as IIT Kharagpur and major irrigation projects, including Bhakra Nangal, while Rajiv Gandhi had strengthened India's technological capabilities by introducing the internet.

He also highlighted the achievements of Hyderabad Public School alumni, many of whom are now leading Fortune 500 companies. Emphasising the importance of education, he said students from remote villages must be equipped to compete with professionals and students at global centres such as New York. The Chief Minister said Telangana had continued progressive policies introduced by successive governments, including those led by Chandrababu Naidu, Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy and K. Chandrashekar Rao. Differences in political ideologies should not come in the way of continuing beneficial policies, he said, adding that the government did not discriminate against investors or educational institutions.

He noted that internationally renowned universities were establishing branches in Hyderabad, enabling students to access quality education without travelling to countries such as the United States and the United Kingdom. Explaining the government's development roadmap, Revanth Reddy said the vision document 'Telangana Rising 2047' aimed to transform the state into a major economic powerhouse. The Outer Ring Road (ORR) had become a major asset for Hyderabad, with around 1.34 crore people living within its limits. The government was planning to transform this area into a service-sector hub by relocating existing industries beyond the ORR.

He said the Regional Ring Road (RRR) would support the development of a manufacturing ecosystem across nearly 10,000 square kilometres. Tenders had been invited for a 160-kilometre stretch of the Regional Ring Road, while the government was creating an investor-friendly ecosystem with comprehensive policies covering permissions, land and water requirements.

Bhatti urges youth to become entrepreneurs



Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Way to News): Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has urged the youth not to wait for jobs, but rather to pursue self-employment, become entrepreneurs, and create employment opportunities for others. On Sunday, the Deputy Chief Minister inaugurated 'NS Industries', located in Mankhal, Maheshwaram Mandal, Ranga Reddy District.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister congratulated Vishal and Sagar—the young men who have embarked on a new journey as entrepreneurs by establishing 'NS Industries'. He commended their resolve to stand on their own feet by setting up an industry, rather than relying on others for employment.

He noted that their initiative—aimed not only at becoming entrepreneurs themselves but also at providing jobs and livelihood opportunities to others—is highly inspiring. He assured that the State Government is always ready to encourage young entrepreneurs and will provide the necessary support for the establishment of industries. It was expressed that Vishal and Sagar should reach even greater heights in the future and serve as role models for other young people who aspire to establish industries within the state. There is hope that their successful journey will inspire many more youths, encouraging them toward self-employment and industrial development. The Deputy Chief Minister suggested that the skills, intellect, and creativity possessed by the youth should be harnessed for the betterment of society. He urged young entrepreneurs to engage in initiatives that not only foster their own personal growth but also contribute to the welfare of the community.

The event was attended by MLC Takkellapalli Ravindra Rao, CPO Soumya, GM of Industries Srilakshmi, along with various entrepreneurs, officials, and others.

Chief Secretary Directs Collectors to Plan Rabi Crops



Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Way to News): State Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed District Collectors to formulate a robust action plan for the cultivation of Rabi crops, encouraging the sowing of crops best suited to the local conditions of each district.

During a video conference held today from the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat—attended by senior officials and District Collectors—a comprehensive review was conducted on several key areas: agriculture, horticulture, micro-irrigation (including drip irrigation), the cultivation of vegetables and pulses, grain procurement, land acquisition issues, and school education programs.

On this occasion, the Chief Secretary outlined the directives issued by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to the District Collectors, as well as the government's core priorities. He noted that the Chief Minister has described District Collectors as "team leaders" for their respective districts, emphasizing that they bear the responsibility for the effective implementation of government priorities at the field level.

The Chief Secretary advised that a comprehensive action plan for crop cultivation be prepared for every district, keeping the upcoming Rabi season in mind.

He instructed that the selection of crops should be based on water availability, while also taking into account the potential impact of the El Niño phenomenon and prevailing weather conditions. Furthermore, he directed that the necessary seeds for Rabi crops be arranged in advance to ensure they are made available to farmers in a timely manner.

It was suggested to promote the cultivation of vegetables and pulses, and to take measures to increase both the area under cultivation and productivity by making maximum use of centrally sponsored schemes.

Union Minister Kishan Reddy calls Rahul a "Pittala Dora" or comedian



Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Way to News): Union Minister G Kishan Reddy on November 14 called Rahul Gandhi a new-age 'Pittala Dora' (braggart or con artist), a traditional folk character in the Telugu states, over allegations that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is tapping his phone.

Kishan Reddy said that a Pittala Dora refers to someone who indulges in megalomaniac idiocy, often for comic purposes, and that Rahul Gandhi's actions fit the description. "These performers, seen visiting households during the Dussehra festival dressed in colonial hunting attire, are famous for spinning wildly humorous, unbelievable tall tales and making grand, empty boasts," he said.

In a post on the social media platform X, Kishan Reddy said, "Rahul Gandhi is the new-age Pittala Dora of our times. His latest wild allegation that Narendra Modi is tapping his phone is bizarre yet curious."

The Union Minister asked Gandhi in the post, "Where does Rahul Gandhi get these ideas, and what is the source of his unbridled and fertile imagination? The needle of suspicion for this source can only point to dining table conversations with his grandmother, Indira Gandhi, where she would have boasted about her brutalities during the Emergency era and the blatant telephone tapping she had taken recourse to prior to and during the Emergency." Kishan Reddy also welcomed Gandhi to Telangana by calling him 'Pittala Dora'. "Welcome to Telangana, 'Pittala Dora', Shri Rahul Gandhi," he said in the post.

Meanwhile, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay also called Rahul Gandhi a comedian over the BJP and RSS allegedly exploiting gig workers in the country.

In a post on X, Sanjay said, "Congress, which kept Indians trapped in a colonial mindset for decades until 2014, now comes to Hyderabad to accuse the BJP and RSS of bonded labour? That's the joke of the century! Revanth Reddy turned Hyderabad into a comedy circus, with comedian Rahul Gandhi." On the central government bringing in social security for gig workers, he asked Rahul Gandhi, "Before reading scripted speeches, answer one question: Which government explicitly recognised gig and platform workers in India's central labour legislation?"

Minister Seethakka Distributes Pensions to 1,386 Beneficiaries



Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Opne Frame): Minister Seethakka said the government was committed to extending welfare benefits to every eligible poor person, ensuring financial security for the elderly, widows, persons with disabilities and single women. Participating in the Aasara pension distribution programme in Parvathagiri constituency, she distributed pension sanction letters to beneficiaries. A total of 1,386 beneficiaries were sanctioned pensions worth 34,92,176. These include 634 beneficiaries in Parvathagiri mandal receiving 16,28,144, 546 in Wardhannapet mandal receiving 13,38,736 and 206 in Wardhannapet Municipality receiving 5,25,296. The beneficiaries include 15 handloom workers, 349 persons with disabilities, 789 widows, 128 toddy tappers and 105 single women. Kalyana Lakshmi cheques were also distributed on the occasion.

Speaking about the government's welfare initiatives, Seethakka said financial assistance under the Indiramma housing scheme would be released to beneficiaries in instalments based on construction progress. She welcomed banks coming forward to extend loans to poor families for house construction and said more than 70,000 crore in bank-linked loans had been facilitated, including interest-free loans of up to 10 lakh for women. Highlighting women's empowerment, she said self-help groups were being entrusted with responsibilities such as running Indira Mahila Shakti canteens, paddy procurement centres and RTC bus services. She noted that women's groups had earned 164 crore in commissions through procurement centres, while buses allotted to mandal federations could generate monthly earnings of up to 70,000. She also announced that sarees would be distributed to women aged 18 and above and elderly women through ration cards on November 19, marking Indira Gandhi's birth anniversary.

Warangal MP Dr. Kadiyam Kavya said the State government, under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, was giving equal priority to development and welfare through the implementation of the six guarantees. She said initiatives such as Indiramma houses, ration cards, fine rice, petrol pumps, RTC buses and solar power facilities were being extended in women's names to strengthen their economic independence. The government aimed to transform one crore women into millionaires through self-help groups and financial assistance. Despite a debt burden of nearly 8 lakh crore, the State government was allocating a substantial share of its budget to welfare programmes, she added. She also highlighted efforts to provide new houses to homeless families and repair dilapidated double-bedroom houses.

KTR Slams Congress, BJP leaders over 'Self-Respect' during Rahul Gandhi's Hyderabad visit



Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Way to News): BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao said on Sunday that Telangana was founded on the principle of self-respect, but it seemed that Congress and BJP would never be able to comprehend it.

"Dignity of office seems like a rare trait with Telangana Congress & BJP leaders CM acting like a body guard of Gandhis, PCC president & Minister running behind Rahul Gandhi's bike like errand boys," he said in a post on 'X'. The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader was reacting to the scenes witnessed at Saturday's event in Hyderabad, where Congress MP and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi led a bike rally with gig workers. Rama Rao also slammed the state leaders of the BJP. "Likewise Union Minister and BJP state president touching the feet of Amit Shah and carrying his chappal. What shameful and unbecoming behaviour," wrote the former minister. "Telangana was founded on the principle of self-respect. Looks like these two national parties will never ever be able to comprehend it," he said. BRS has criticised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for what it called "acting like a bodyguard" of Rahul Gandhi. Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud was seen running behind the bike which Rahul Gandhi was riding.

The TPCC chief, however, stated that he was riding a bike, but it skidded. He claimed that Rahul Gandhi noticed that he wasn't beside him and called him.

Mahesh Kumar Goud said that he ran because he is fit. He called it his good fortune to run alongside Rahul Gandhi. Meanwhile, BRS has asked Rahul Gandhi in what capacity he participated in the state government events. In a social media post, the BRS told Rahul Gandhi that it's not enough to just hold the Constitution and spout platitudes, and also advised him "to first learn its values". "In what capacity do you participate in state government events? Under what protocol do you inaugurate government schemes?" asked the BRS. Rahul Gandhi on Saturday unveiled a welfare package for gig workers in Telangana. He also addressed the valedictory session of Bharat Summit, organised by the state government.

Hyderabad to Host Special Children's Public Grievance Forum for Kids on Nov 16



Hyderabad, Nov 15 (Way to News): The Hyderabad District Collector and District Magistrate has taken a special initiative to foster awareness about children's rights within society and to encourage a sense of collective responsibility toward the issues faced by children. As part of the 'Children's Rights Week'—observed from November 14 to 20—a program titled "Pillaala Prajavaani" (Children's Public Grievance Forum) will be held on November 16.

The event is being organized under the aegis of the Department of Women Development and Child Welfare, in partnership with UNICEF, the Alliance for Child Rights (ACR), and its state-level nodal organization, 'Mahita.' A dedicated desk for children will be set up at the same venue where the general public grievance forum (Prajavaani) is held.

Through this platform, children can directly voice their concerns and submit petitions regarding issues such as education, health, nutrition, protection, infrastructure, and access to welfare schemes. They may also bring matters concerning child labor, child marriage, abuse, or exploitation to the attention of the relevant authorities. This initiative will facilitate appropriate follow-up actions, coordinated by the concerned departments, in response to the petitions received.

The Department of Women Development and Child Welfare implements various programs and schemes aimed at the welfare, protection, and holistic development of children in the district. The primary objective of "Pillala Prajavani" (Children's Voice/Public Forum for Children) is to raise public awareness about these services, prioritize the opinions of children, and foster community participation in the protection of their rights. The District Department of Women Development and Child Welfare urges children, parents, teachers, and voluntary organizations to make use of this opportunity and contribute to the success of this initiative.

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US signals Quad leaders' meet on sidelines of ASEAN Summit

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Way to News) Prime Minister Narendra Modi leaves for Manila on Monday for the ASEAN and East Asia summits amid the possibility of a Quad leaders' meeting, after the US said it was working to formalise the gathering on the sidelines of the regional meetings.

US Assistant Secretary of State Dylan Johnson said Washington was working to formalise a Quad leaders' summit during the ASEAN Summit in Manila, raising the possibility of a meeting involving Modi, US President Donald Trump, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi.

"...we are working to formalise a Quad leaders' summit at ASEAN next week," Johnson said in a post on X, highlighting the intensification of Quad-level engagement under US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Johnson said Rubio had met Quad foreign ministers five times in the past two years, including three meetings in the past six months. He also said Rubio's first official call after taking office was to his Quad counterparts and that regular monthly meetings of Quad sherpas were being held. Trump i scheduled to arrive in Manila at 5.30 pm on November 17, the final day of the ASEAN Summit, according to Philippine media reports citing the organisers' schedule.

His late arrival could see him miss the East Asia Summit, though he is expected to participate in the ASEAN-US engagement and hold bilateral talks with Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr before travelling to China for the APEC Summit. Modi will arrive in Manila on Monday evening and attend a gala dinner hosted by Marcos and First Lady Louise Araneta-Marcos. The Prime Minister is scheduled to participate in the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and the 21st East Asia Summit on Tuesday.



Maritime security, trade and regional stability will remain central to India's engagement with the 11-member ASEAN bloc, as New Delhi seeks to deepen its strategic presence in Southeast Asia amid shifting geopolitical dynamics in the Indo-Pacific.

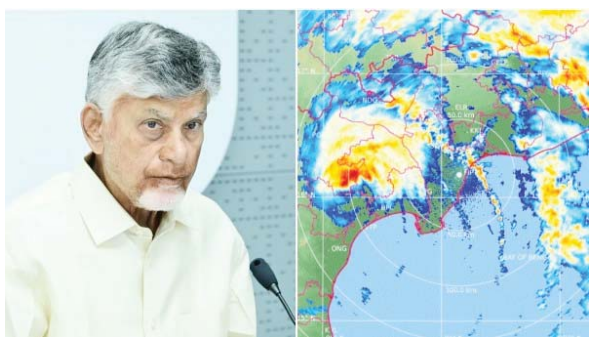
India is keen to enhance maritime domain awareness, explore coordinated patrolling and expand cooperation against piracy and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. The two sides have designated 2026 as the Year of Maritime Cooperation. Trade will be another major focus, with India-ASEAN commerce reaching around $122 billion. New Delhi is pushing for an early conclusion of the review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement, while pursuing bilateral trade facilitation initiatives with individual member states.

The summits will also review the implementation of the India-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and discuss regional and global security challenges. India is looking to expand cooperation in digital public infrastructure, telecommunications and power-grid integration, leveraging its indigenous 4G technology and experience in interconnected electricity networks.

On the South China Sea, New Delhi has maintained that the proposed Code of Conduct being negotiated between ASEAN and China must conform to international maritime law, particularly the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and respect the legitimate rights of countries outside the negotiations.

The visit is also significant for India-Philippines defence ties, which have gained momentum following the agreement for the supply of BrahMos missiles to Manila. India has reiterated its commitment to supporting the Philippines in developing its defence capabilities.

Andhra Pradesh CM Seeks Centre's Cyclone Aid



Amaravati, Nov 15 (Way to News): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Sunday that the state needs Centre's assistance to build more resilient infrastructure in coastal Andhra region to mitigate damages due to cyclones. He added that as the coastal region frequently faces cyclones, he opined that stronger and more resilient infrastructure is essential as a permanent solution to minimise cyclone damage, and the state needs Central assistance for this purpose. He was interacting with a seven-member Central team, which visited Andhra Pradesh to assess the damage caused by Cyclone Murasu.

The team held a virtual meeting with the Chief Minister after completing its field inspections. The Central team, led by Chittaranjan Das, Union Home Ministry Joint Secretary, split into two groups and toured Bapatla, Palnadu, Eluru and East Godavari districts. The team inspected damaged agricultural fields, canals, roads and houses at nearly 60 locations.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu told the Central team that the impact of El Nino, coupled with two cyclones striking the state within a short period, had caused extensive damage. He said the state government had anticipated the cyclone's movement and initiated precautionary measures well in advance.

Relief and restoration operations were undertaken on a war footing after the cyclone, he added. "Road connectivity, electricity supply and mobile network services were restored within 24 hours. Normalcy was restored in cyclone-affected areas. Steps were being taken to ensure that farmers who suffered crop losses received insurance assistance at the earliest. Additional ration supplies were also distributed in cyclone-affected areas." He suggested that keeping all these aspects in view, the Central team should submit its report on the cyclone damage to the Centre within 10 days.

He appealed to the Centre to release immediate financial assistance to the state for cyclone relief and rehabilitation. According to the report submitted to the Central team, the state government has estimated the total damage caused by Cyclone Murasu at Rs 2,484.43 crore. A total of 1,385 km of roads, breaches at 36 locations and 65 culverts were damaged, resulting in losses of Rs 888.84 crore.

Crops over 1,43,617 hectares suffered damage worth Rs 874.97 crore, affecting 1,86,063 farmers. Damage to horticultural crops across 6,756 hectares was estimated at Rs 337.10 crore, affecting 12,605 farmers. A total of 369 irrigation sources were affected, with breaches reported at 509 locations.

Air Marshal Tejinder Singh Stresses AI-Linked Operational Preparedness

Pune, Nov 15 (Way to News): Air Marshal Tejinder Singh, Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC), highlighting the strategic significance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in shaping future military capabilities and operational preparedness, a Defence Ministry official said on Sunday. He was speaking at a seminar organised as part of three-day Capsule on Science, Technology and Applied Research Programme at the Military Institute of Technology in Pune

The seminar was themed, 'AI vs AI: New Frontier of Warfare', bringing together Tri-service leadership, technology experts from academia and industry to deliberate on the changing character of warfare in the AI era, the Integrated Defence Staff



(IDS) Headquarters said on social media platform X. The seminar featured insightful session by Subject Matter Experts from the Armed Forces, Academia and Industry, covering emerging AI technologies, Sovereign AI, AI-enabled Weapon Systems, Autonomous and Counter-Autonomous Systems, Human-Machine Teaming and Decision Superiority in Multi-Domain Operations, the statement said. A key highlight was "Navonmesh" – 'Where You Meet Innovation & New Ideas', wherein leading industry partners showcased cutting-edge AI technologies, innovative solutions and their potential military applications, it added.

The seminar reinforced the importance of jointness, indigenous technological capabilities and collaboration between the Armed Forces, Academia and Industry in preparing for the evolving challenges of future warfare, it said. Earlier, Air Marshal Tejinder Singh visited National Defence Academy (NDA) located in Khadakwasla at Pune. The IDS Headquarters in a post on X said, "Air Marshal Tejinder Singh #CISC visited @NDA_Trishakti, where he reviewed the key training infrastructure, curriculum and forthcoming development projects aimed at further enhancing the training environment."

Eradicating Naxalism A Mark Of Honour For Tribal Community: Nitin Nabin



Patna, Nov 15 (Way to News): Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National President Nitin Nabin, on Sunday, paid tributes to the 151st birth anniversary of freedom fighter Birsa Munda, saying that the eradication of Naxalism from the country is a "mark of honour" for the tribal community. Speaking to reporters here, Nabin said: "On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, I extend my heartiest congratulations to all countrymen, especially the Tribal community."

Noting that the day is observed as 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas', he said, "The way continuous efforts are being made for the progress of the community under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it is clear that we envision the development of this country together with the tribal community."

"We will be able to fulfil the resolution of a developed India, only through our resolve to take the tribal community forward. Completely eradicating Naxalism from its roots in 2026 is something I view as a mark of honour for the tribal community," he added.

The BJP chief further said, "PM Modi had taken oath that Naxalism will be eliminated from its roots from regions like parts of Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Telangana or Jharkhand. This year, when the Prime Minister went to celebrate Diwali with soldiers in Jharkhand's Bastar, it was a message that Naxalism has been completely eradicated." Reiterating the government's commitment to continue efforts towards integrating the Tribal community into the mainstream, he said, "Earlier, guns were raised in Bastar, but today the place is discussed for its contribution to sports."

Pointing out that President Droupadi Murmu hails from the community, Nabin said, "As we celebrate Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, we can proudly say that today several leaders belonging to tribal communities are heading several states as well as the country."

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the strides the country has made in eliminating Maoism and said that the mothers and sisters of the tribal communities are blessing the government for this achievement.

"There used to be hundreds of violent incidents every year. Thousands of innocent people, a large number of them were tribals, lost their lives. However, people affected by Naxalism-Maoism were abandoned by the then governments, their rights were snatched away, and everybody remained silent," he said while virtu-

India steps up efforts as peacemaker between Russia and Ukraine, seeks limited yet fruitful outcomes

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Wa to News): After its initial reluctance to get involved in the Russia-Ukraine war, India has of late tried to insert itself as a mediator, seeking limited yet fruitful outcomes, as peace in Ukraine could bring direct benefits to the country, a report said.

According to The Diplomat, on November 9, a day before US-mediated two-day talks between Russia and Ukraine began in Abu Dhabi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, following which External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar dialled his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov.

Referring to Zelenskyy's post on X following the call, the report said: "According to the post, Zelenskyy briefed Modi 'on the latest diplomatic developments.' He also



revealed that they 'discussed Russia's blocking of grain exports via the Black Sea' and claimed that 'India is ready to mediate in establishing food corridors'." The report stated that India has its own reasons to make an attempt at peacemaking, as the prolonged war has been one of the three primary drivers of global economic disruption, and its end would matter greatly to New Delhi. "First, it could ease pressures on energy and food security. The war has disrupted global oil and gas markets, forcing India, which imports most of its crude, to navigate volatile prices and shifting sanctions regimes. It has also squeezed supplies of fertiliser and edible oils, adding to domestic inflation," the report noted.

Secondly, India's diplomatic bandwidth to strengthen relations with both Moscow and Washington could expand even with a limited relaxation of tensions between Russia and the West, allowing New Delhi to pursue its strategic autonomy without being seen as choosing sides, according to the report.

"Third, progress toward peace in Ukraine could give fresh momentum to India's growing economic and strategic partnership with Europe. Europe has emerged as a key player for New Delhi, with the long-negotiated India-EU free trade agreement, defence cooperation, and technology ties all gaining pace," it said.

The report highlighted that EAM Jaishankar visited Ukraine on September 3, met Zelensky and held bilateral consultations with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha, marking the first-ever stand-alone bilateral visit by an Indian External Affairs Minister to Ukraine.

'Working to ensure lack of resources doesn't become obstacles for youth': CM Adityanath

Lucknow, Nov 15 (Wa to News): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Sunday, said the government aims to ensure that lack of resources doesn't become an obstacle for youth, while criticising the previous regimes for keeping youngsters "entangled in politics".

In a post on 'X', the Chief Minister said that today's youth aspire to move ahead in the world through their talent and hard work and all he needs are opportunities and access to modern resources.

"However, previous governments in Uttar Pradesh, instead of focusing on the future of young people, kept them entangled in politics based on caste, regionalism, and dynastic interests. No concrete efforts were made to equip their talent with the power of technology," he alleged. CM Adityanath stated



that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, "the double-engine government changed this situation and, advancing the vision of Digital India, has provided smartphones and tablets to more than six million youth so far through the Swami Vivekananda Youth Empowerment Scheme".

The UP CM made the remarks ahead of the distribution programme for an additional 2.5 million tablets in Lucknow. "Our effort is to ensure that the lack of resources never becomes an obstacle to any young person's talent and that every youth of Uttar Pradesh can write a new success story through hard work and determination," he said.

Earlier, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President Nitin Nabin credited India's youth for the country's progress on the global stage, across various fields. During an interview with IANS, Nabin said, "Earlier, people worked under five-year plans. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, NITI Aayog has developed a 25-year roadmap for the country, in which we view the youth as the biggest strength of the country because it is through their hard work and commitment that India will achieve its vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047."

The BJP chief urged the youth to give their best in whichever roles they are in, not only in politics but whatever work they do in society.

"Today, if India is progressing on the global stage, its work is being performed by the youth, whether in the field of research, AI or sports. Our youth are excelling in every field, and PM Modi is creating new opportunities for them," he added.

Azad Samaj Party-AIMIM's 'Samajik Parivartan Morcha' May harm SP-Cong alliance: Kapil Sibal

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Wa to News): Rajya Sabha MP and senior advocate Kapil Sibal said on Saturday that while the 'Samajik Parivartan Morcha' of Azad Samaj Party-Kanshi Ram and AIMIM will "certainly not" form the government in Uttar Pradesh, it has the potential of hurting the Samajwadi Party (SP)-Congress alliance in the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls.

Azad Samaj Party Chief Chandra Shekhar Aazad and AIMIM President Asaduddin Owaisi have announced that the alliance would contest on all 403 seats in the state, with the former being the Chief Ministerial candidate.

Addressing a press conference, Kapil Sibal said that since this is a new alliance, it is unlikely to receive a large share of votes, and



"it certainly will not form the government". However, he cautioned, that it may attract votes from minorities and Dalits, which could significantly influence electoral outcomes.

"Chandrashekhar has consistently spoken against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and therefore, according to common perceptions, BJP votes are unlikely to shift to this alliance. Instead, the votes that would otherwise go to the SP and Congress may be diverted to the Owaisi-Azad alliance," he said.

While acknowledging that both Owaisi and Chandrashekhar also want to defeat the BJP, the Rajya Sabha MP said that in practical terms the alliance could end up benefiting the BJP.

He added that questions about the alliance's purpose and impact would inevitably arise, and therefore the 'Samajik Parivartan Morcha' should carefully consider its options.

Meanwhile, Chandra Shekhar Aazad said on Friday that he received calls from alliance partners of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the INDIA bloc, displaying willingness to join the 'Samajik Parivartan Morcha' alliance. This came after the Lok Sabha MP said that he was willing to keep "doors open" to include any other opposition party in the alliance.

Speaking to IANS, the Aazad Samaj Party Chief said: "I received a call from a constituent party of the NDA. They suggested that if they are accorded due respect, they would like to contest the election alongside us and become part of this alliance."

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Editorial

SCO Summit Signals Rise of a Multipolar World

The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), founded in 2001 from the original "Shanghai Five," has evolved from a regional security grouping into one of the world's most influential multilateral platforms. Bringing together major Eurasian powers-China, Russia, India, Central Asian Nations and more recently Iran and Belarus-the SCO has steadily widened its mandate from counter-terrorism and border management to economics, energy, digital cooperation, and global governance.The 15th SCO Summit, held in Tianjin, China, from August 31 to September 1, 2025, symbolized this evolution at its peak. It was the largest assembly in the group's history, bringing together over twenty heads of state and leaders from more than ten international organizations. In many ways, Tianjin resembled the Bandung Conference of 1955: a historic moment when the Global South articulated an alternative vision of world order, challenging Western dominance and asserting a collective identity.

The summit adopted the theme 'Upholding the Shanghai Spirit: SCO on the Move', emphasizing mutual trust, equality, consultation, and shared growth. The leaders of all nine permanent member states attended, including Xi Jinping, Vladimir Putin, and Narendra Modi, alongside counterparts from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Pakistan, Iran, and Belarus. Observers and dialogue partners such as Mongolia, Turkey, Nepal, Myanmar, Malaysia, and Egypt were present, as were representatives from the United Nations and ASEAN.This unprecedented breadth of participation underscored the SCO's expanding global appeal. The agenda stretched across pressing concerns: regional and international security, economic resilience, energy cooperation, counterterrorism, digital connectivity, artificial intelligence governance, and climate change. Far from being a closed Eurasian forum, Tianjin projected itself as a laboratory for multipolar governance-seeking to rival the G7 and NATO in scope if not yet in institutional maturity.

At the heart of the summit lay a collective determination to challenge the unilateral dominance of the United States. China's President Xi Jinping framed the SCO as a platform for constructing a fairer multipolar order. He proposed institutional innovations such as an SCO Development Bank, a common energy platform, the extension of $1.4 billion in loans to member states, and the sharing of China's Bei-Dou satellite navigation system. Such initiatives were designed to reduce reliance on U.S.-dominated institutions like the IMF, World Bank, and GPS. President Putin echoed this sentiment, portraying the SCO as an embodiment of ' genuine multilateralism' and warning against the neocolonial use of financial instruments by Western powers. Against the backdrop of Trump's escalating tariff wars-with new duties imposed on Chinese electric vehicles and Indian pharmaceuticals-the SCO leaders presented a united economic front. The strategic message was clear: Washington's attempt to contain China, Russia, and India individually would face a coordinated pushback when these powers converged under the SCO framework.

Among all the leaders present, Narendra Modi's role was particularly watched, both in Asia and in the West. India has increasingly styled itself as a voice of the Global South, a mantle it carried forward from the 2023 G20 Delhi Summit, where Modi championed the inclusion of the African Union. In Tianjin, he reiterated, in

Honouring, Architects of Viksit Bharat 2047

Prof Dinesh Chandra Rai



On this special occasion of Teachers' Day, celebrated on 5th September, we are reminded of the incredible debt we owe to the educators who have shaped our lives. The journey to a Viksit Bharat, a developed India by 2047, is not just about economic and technological progress; it is about building a strong, ethical, and knowledgeable society. In this grand national project, the teacher is the true cornerstone. They are the ones who turn classrooms into launch pads for our nation's future, molding young minds and laying the groundwork for a prosperous tomorrow. It's fitting that we honor Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on his birth anniversary, a true visionary whose life showed us that a teacher is more than an instructor-they are a guide, a philosopher, and a nation-builder. His legacy reminds us that investing in our teachers is the single most important investment we can make in our country's future.

India's development story, from the dawn of independence to the powerhouse it is today, has been profoundly shaped by the silent and persistent work of its teachers. Beyond the grand narratives of political and economic reforms, it was the teacher in every village and city who patiently brought literacy to millions, making them participants in the national project. This foundation of education and awareness allowed our society to overcome challenges and embrace new opportunities. We have seen how figures like Madan Mohan Malaviya, through his vision for Banaras Hindu University, created a temple of learning that would produce generations of leaders. In the modern era, educators like Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, a scientist and President, always saw himself first as a teacher, inspiring countless students to pursue science and innovation. These individuals and a multitude of unnamed, dedicated teachers across the country have built the human capital that drives our progress today, from our thriving IT sector to our advancements in space technology. The progress we celebrate as a nation is a direct result of their tireless efforts, one student at a time.

India's quest for a developed status requires us to move beyond traditional methods of education. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is the most significant blueprint for this transformation. It recognizes that to prepare students for a rapidly changing world, we must empower our teachers to become more than just deliverers of information. The NEP calls for a shift from rote learning to a more holistic, multidisciplinary approach, making the teacher a facilitator who encourages curiosity and critical thinking. This is a profound change. Teachers must become partners in learning, helping students connect classroom knowledge with real-world challenges. This policy's success hinges on their commitment and ability to adapt. The transition asks educators to reinvent their methods, to become mentors who guide students to be thinkers, not just learners. This is a crucial step in preparing our youth to be creators, not just consumers. It is the teacher who will cultivate these vital skills, one class at a time.

Beyond simply teaching, teachers have a vital part to play in sparking innovation and research. While we rightly celebrate our top research institutions, we must remember that the desire to discover often begins in a school classroom. Teachers are uniquely positioned to turn a child's natural curiosity into a lifelong pursuit of knowledge. By creating an environment where asking "why?" is encouraged and where intellectual risk is celebrated, they lay the foundation for the scientific and technological breakthroughs that will define India in 2047.When teachers engage in their own research, even on a small scale, they serve as powerful role models. They demonstrate that a life of continuous learning and discovery is a rewarding journey. This is how we build a strong research culture from the ground up-by making every classroom a potential laboratory for new ideas and every teacher a potential guide for the next big discovery. 5th September The values a teacher instills-like integrity and compassion-are the very building blocks of a resilient society. It is the teacher who helps shape this moral compass, one lesson and one interaction at a time. The cumulative effect of these efforts will create a society that is not only economically strong but also ethically sound. The vision of a Viksit Bharat is a collaborative effort, and our teachers hold the key. To achieve this goal, we must give them the respect, support, and resources they deserve. We must invest in their training, recognize their contributions, and provide them with the professional autonomy to excel.

When we empower our educators, we are essentially empowering every child, every family, and every community in our country. The path to a developed India is being paved in our classrooms. Every lesson taught, every student mentored, and every moment of inspiration shared brings us closer to our goal. Our teachers are not just shaping careers; they are sculpting the very soul of our nation. It is time we honored their profound responsibility with the support it deserves, for in their hands rests the bright and prosperous future we all dream of.

Water will find a way

Jyoti Malhotra



WATER, water everywhere, said the poet, a line that is really a drumbeat in your brain as you look around the Mand area in Sultanpur Lodhi, where the Beas has burst its banks and flooded the paddy crop — a story The Tribune is also following, on the loss and devastation of one half of its two-crop agricultural cycle. Watching Punjab's rivers rise these past few weeks has been a lesson in both History and Geography. We know that the confluence of two Persian words, Panj and Aab, gave rise to the portmanteau word 'Panjab', meaning "the land of the five waters"; it is attributed to Ibn Battuta, the traveller from Tangiers who is believed to have roamed this region in the 14th century.

But here's the irony : Prior to Battuta, Punjab was known as Panchnad, a Sanskrit word that means the "land of the five rivers" — a word that dates from the time of the Mahabharata, and which, even today, is the name of the river in Pakistan into which all five rivers of undivided Punjab — the Jhelum, Chenab, Sutlej, Beas and Ravi — fall, before the one mighty portmanteau river pours itself into the Arabian Sea.

Note, then, how Nature (with a capital N) abhors small men-made divisions and partitions, either during 1947 — when blood ran like water — or after, as recently as April 2025, when in the wake of the horror of the Pahalgam massacre, a furious India put the circa 1960 Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) in abeyance. The IWT had held, despite two wars and one limited conflict, because it had rules about treating the waters of Punjab's rivers.

On the eve of Operation Sindoor, India shut down the sluice gates of the Baglihar dam on the Chenab in Jammu and announced that not a "single drop of water" would be allowed to flow into Pakistan in retaliation for Pahalgam. For the first time in decades, Jammu folks flocked to walk the dry Chenab bed and post Instagram pictures. Pakistani authorities reacted nervously, fearing the worst for their crops and human habitat.

Three months later, it is Geography's turn to turn the tide on geopolitics. As Himachal Pradesh and Punjab experience their strongest monsoon in decades, the reservoirs in the Bhakra, Ranjit Sagar and Pong dams — that give life-sustaining water to all of north India all year round — have filled to capacity, forcing officials to release water into Punjab's three eastern rivers in order to keep the structure of the dam safe. But that's not all. Questions on both sides of the border are now being raised — for example, should officials have not released water from these North Indian dams, which has contributed to flooding on both sides of the border?

Ajnala. Kapurthala. Sultanpur Lodhi. Ferozepur. Kartarpur Sahib. The rollcall of Punjab's towns that seem to be floating these days is giving rise to several memes — among them, "bheegta Punjab," a take-off on "udta Punjab." Flooding is so widespread in the Ferozepur region that it has obliterated familiar markers on the Radcliffe Line. Parts of the border fencing that divides India from Pakistan has been submerged. As far as the eye can see, water and land have merged with the horizon. It's as if Geography is taking its revenge on History.

Meanwhile, common sense is replacing fury. India may have suspended the IWT, but it has been sending water data to Pakistan via its high commission in Islamabad. That's because India understands its responsibility as an upper riparian state — imagine what would happen if China, the upper riparian in the case of the Brahmaputra, which begins as the Yarlung Tsangpo in Tibet, refused to send water data to lower riparian India? Shudder at the thought.

In any case, so much water flows down the Chenab and the Jhelum in Jammu & Kashmir, especially during the monsoon, as much as 136.2 million acre feet (MAF) annually, that the run-of-the-river Baglihar and Kishanganga dams have no option but to allow the water to flow into Pakistan. That is why suspending or holding the IWT in abeyance doesn't mean much on the ground — the water, as is its wont, will flow from the hills to the sea. The hills, in this case, happen to be the Himalayas and the sea, the Arabian Sea. Water disdains maps and treaties and pacts. It will find a way.

A larger question, however, has insinuated itself into the big picture, that of dam storage, rights and responsibilities. Udhampur MP and the influential junior central minister Jitendra Singh has blamed the IWT for denying India permission to desilt its dams on the western rivers (Chenab, Jhelum). But read the IWT carefully — Singh's contention is only partially correct, as the IWT only prohibits desilting during the monsoons; India is free to desilt at any other time. Moreover, the IWT is silent on desilting dams on the eastern rivers (Sutlej, Ravi and Beas), and as my colleague Lalit Mohan reports from Ropar on the news pages of The Tribune, the Bhakra Nangal dam's carrying capacity has been reduced by 19 per cent because of the accumulation of silt over the decades. In fact, the big story is that the Bhakra dam has never been desilted since it was built in 1963.

Turkey Seeks S-400 Exit

Rahul Bedi



For years, India has carefully balanced its longstanding military and energy relationship with Russia, while steadily deepening its strategic and defence partnership with the United States.

That delicate equilibrium enabled New Delhi to strengthen defence, intelligence and technology cooperation with Washington while continuing to rely on Russian weaponry and, more recently, discounted Russian crude oil. But the arrangement was never entirely free of friction.

The clearest point of contention emerged over India's decision to acquire the Russian S-400 'Triumf' air-defence system, prompting President Donald Trump's first administration to repeatedly warn that the purchase could invite punitive measures under the 2017 Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA), enacted specifically to deter major purchases of Russian military equipment and diminish Moscow's defence exports and geopolitical influence.

Yet, those warnings never translated into action. The Biden administration effectively gave India a CAATSA pass, concluding that Delhi's overall strategic value as a counterweight to an increasingly assertive China outweighed Washington's continuing unease over its enduring defence relationship with Moscow. But that equation may now be changing and, ironically, the clearest indication comes not from Delhi but from Ankara, where Turkey is reportedly trying to rid itself of the very Russian S-400 Triumf air-defence system whose numbers India is preparing to double, in the hope of regaining entry into the US-led F-35 Joint Strike Fighter programme. If confirmed, Ankara's negotiations would offer a revealing glimpse of where American policy towards countries operating major Russian weapons systems may now be headed. Turkey's difficulties stem from its US$2.5 billion acquisition in 2017 of two S-400 batteries, the first components of which were delivered in July 2019. The purchase triggered Ankara's expulsion from the US-led multinational F-35 programme and, a year later, the imposition of CAATSA sanctions. Washington's objections centred on the risks of operating America's most advanced stealth fighter alongside Russia's premier long-range air-defence system, potentially allowing sensitive electronic intelligence on the F-35's stealth characteristics to be collected. The attempt to undo those consequences resurfaced earlier this month when President Recep Tayyip Erdo an used the NATO Summit in Ankara and a meeting with Trump on its side-lines to press for readmission to the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter programme. It is against this backdrop that, according to recent Wall Street Journal and other Western media reports, Ankara is now exploring ways of divesting itself of the S-400 – including, reportedly, a possible transfer to the United Arab Emirates – as part of a wider bargain with Washington on the F-35s. These reports remain unconfirmed, and any such transfer would require Moscow's consent and would correspondingly necessitate overcoming formidable political, legal, and regulatory hurdles within the US government, especially in Congress.

Whether Turkey ultimately succeeds in persuading Washington to overlook its acquisition of the Russian S-400 system and restore defence ties, including a return to the F-35 programme, remains uncertain. But the negotiations themselves are revealing. They serve to underscore a broader reality: operating and retaining the S-400 continues to cast a long shadow over defence relations with the US, particularly under Trump's administration, and demonstrates that major Russian-origin weapon systems can carry enduring strategic and political costs in Washington. Against that backdrop, Delhi's current trajectory appears all the more striking as on March 27, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) approval for the procurement of five additional S-400 regiments as part of a Rs 2.38 lakh crore package.

The Indian Air Force has already inducted three of five S-400 regiments acquired in 2018 for $5.43 billion, of which the fourth system is presently on its way by sea to India following extended delivery delays caused by the Ukraine war, while the fifth is expected by the year-end. And, should the proposed follow-on S-400 purchase be concluded, India will effectively double its S-400 inventory from five to ten regiments. Simultaneously, industry and security sources said the IAF is examining the possible acquisition of at least two squadrons of Russian Sukhoi Su-57 fighters – or around 40 platforms – as an interim solution until India's indigenous Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), intended to deliver a similar fifth-generation capability, enters service in the mid-2030s.

While neither the IAF nor the government has formally confirmed that such a proposal is under consideration, official sources said it was being driven largely by Pakistan's expected induction of China's J-35A stealth fighter over the next two to three years, creating what the IAF fears could be a significant capability gap unless 'bridged' by a comparable platform. Viewed alongside the planned acquisition of five additional S-400 regiments, however, the possible Su-57 procurement points not towards a significant expansion in India's dependence on Russian military hardware.

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Self-Discipline: The Foundation of National Progress

By Siddharth Roy



Every civilisation leaves behind monuments that reflect its ambitions. Towers, temples, universities, bridges and highways become visible symbols of achievement, inspiring future generations to admire the societies that built them. Yet the true foundations of enduring nations are rarely made of concrete or stone. They are created through habits, values and attitudes that cannot be photographed, inaugurated or measured easily. Among these invisible assets, self-discipline remains the quiet strength that distinguishes temporary success from lasting national greatness.

Modern society has grown increasingly uneasy with the idea of discipline. It is often dismissed as restrictive, outdated or incompatible with individual freedom. We celebrate spontaneity, reward disruption and admire stories of overnight success. Social media reinforces the belief that recognition should come instantly, while consumer culture encourages immediate gratification instead of patient effort. In such an environment, discipline appears unfashionable. Yet history repeatedly demonstrates that every nation which achieved sustained prosperity treated discipline not merely as a personal virtue but as a shared social value. India's philosophical traditions recognised this truth centuries before economists began measuring productivity or competitiveness. The Bhagavad Gita teaches that mastering oneself is the highest victory. Swami Vivekananda argued that disciplined character forms the basis of national regeneration. Mahatma Gandhi transformed personal restraint into a powerful instrument of political and moral leadership. Though they lived in different eras, they shared one enduring conviction: societies become stronger only when individuals learn to govern themselves before attempting to influence others.

The experience of successful nations reinforces this lesson. Japan's remarkable recovery after the Second World War was sustained not only by financial assistance or industrial policy but also by a culture of punctuality, precision and continuous improvement. Germany's engineering excellence reflects generations of commitment to quality and accountability. Singapore's transformation into a global economic hub owes as much to civic responsibility as to visionary leadership. Infrastructure and institutions matter immensely, but they succeed only when citizens practise disciplined conduct in everyday life.

India today stands at a decisive moment. Massive investments are being made in infrastructure, manufacturing, technology and digital transformation. These initiatives are essential, but they cannot replace responsible behaviour. Roads become safer when traffic rules are respected. Public services improve when efficiency replaces delay.

Businesses become globally competitive when employees pursue excellence instead of minimum compliance. Economic development depends as much on culture as it does on capital. Self-discipline should therefore be regarded as national infrastructure. It requires little public expenditure, yet its returns are extraordinary. It strengthens institutions, discourages corruption, improves governance and builds workplaces where excellence becomes routine rather than exceptional.

Above all, it nurtures trust, the invisible currency upon which every successful economy and democracy ultimately depends. Civilisations seldom decline because they suddenly lose resources; they falter when responsibility yields to entitlement and discipline gives way to convenience. India's journey towards becoming a developed nation will ultimately be secured not only by visionary policies but by millions of ordinary citizens choosing disciplined action every single day.

The first expression of national discipline is respect for time. In a rapidly growing economy, delays carry an enormous hidden cost. A meeting that begins late, a project that misses its deadline, or a public service that requires repeated visits may appear insignificant individually, but multiplied across millions of interactions, such inefficiencies weaken productivity. A culture that values punctuality sends a powerful message that other people's time and commitments matter.

Discipline is equally important in the use of public spaces and common resources. Clean streets, functioning public transport and well-maintained civic infrastructure cannot be created by government action alone. Citizens who avoid littering, follow queues, protect public property and obey traffic regulations contribute directly to the quality of life in their communities. Civic discipline transforms public spaces from neglected commons into shared assets.

In education, discipline should not be confused with fear or unquestioning obedience. Its real purpose is to develop the ability to concentrate, persevere and complete difficult tasks even when motivation is absent. Students who learn to manage their time, read deeply and pursue long-term goals acquire habits that remain valuable throughout their careers. A nation that develops such young citizens builds human capital that cannot easily be replicated by competitors.

The same principle applies to the digital world. India's rapid adoption of smartphones and social media has created extraordinary opportunities for communication and knowledge, but it has also increased the risk of distraction, misinformation and impulsive behaviour. Digital discipline means verifying information before sharing it, protecting personal data, respecting others online and learning to disconnect when technology begins to control attention rather than serve human purposes. Political and institutional leadership must also demonstrate discipline. Public officials who follow procedures, disclose information, honour commitments and accept accountability create confidence in institutions. Likewise, citizens must recognise that democracy involves responsibilities alongside rights. Constructive participation, respect for lawful institutions and informed public debate are essential if democratic freedoms are to produce effective governance rather than permanent confrontation.

India's 2027 census Will Help Redraw Parliamentary Boundaries

By Nantoo Banerjee



India's eighth post-Independence census of 2027, coming after a gap of almost 16 years, assumes a great importance in the country's political system as it will lift the long-standing freeze on redrawing Parliamentary boundaries. The census report will provide the official population data required under Article 82 of the Indian Constitution to lift the freeze. The census will enable the government and the election commission to formally readjust Lok Sabha and state assembly seats. The census will help draw fresh federal power balances, and act as the legal trigger to implement the women's reservation mandate. The country's 84th Constitutional Amendment froze seat allocations based on the 1971 census until the first census after 2026, making the upcoming 2027 headcount the legal baseline to restart the process.

The Article 82 mandate requires Parliament to establish a fresh Delimitation Act after the census data is published to readjust seat counts across and within states. It will have a big impact on seat reservation for women. The 106th Constitutional Amendment ties the rollout of one-third reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies directly to the first delimitation conducted after the post-2026 census. The latest census is expected to bring about regional power shifts with risks of altering the federal balance by potentially increasing representation for northern and central states with higher population growth, while limiting relative gains in southern states that have stabilized population. It will impact reserved constituencies updating the exact boundaries and numbers of Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) seats based on their revised proportional populations.

Reallocating Lok Sabha seats based on pure population numbers will reduce the relative legislative weight of southern and western states. Any national ruling party heavily reliant on the Hindi heartland stands to gain a larger share of total parliament seats, while parties with localized southern strongholds face diminished leverage. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), having strong presence in the populous Hindi heartland, will probably be the biggest gainer of the delimitation process. However, the exercise may lead to federal frictions as it risks deepening political tensions between northern and southern states over resource distribution, representation, and cooperative federalism. India exhibits a stark North-South demographic divide. Northern Hindi heartland states experience high population growth well above the national average (around 0.8 percent to 1.4 percent annually), led by Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. In contrast, southern states show low growth rates well below the national average, approaching near-stabilization. It may be noted that Bihar is projected to have the highest annual population growth of 1.1 percent to 1.38 percent, followed by Uttar Pradesh by around 0.9 percent, and Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan around 0.8 percent each. In contrast, Kerala and Tamil Nadu show some of the lowest natural growth rates in the country, near zero growth as fertility drops below replacement levels. Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka also display heavily declining fertility trends and are tracking closely toward early population stabilization well ahead of northern counterparts. Southern states are benefiting from higher female literacy, lower multidimensional poverty, and robust public health investments. Early and effective family planning implementation in the South contrasts with lagging demographic transition in the northern belt.

Ahead of the delimitation exercise, the country's parliament is ready to accommodate the expanded strength of members. The estimated Rs.1,200-crore Tata Projects Limited-built new triangular shaped four-story structure of Indian Parliament building, spanning 64,500 square meters, can accommodate up to 888 members in the Lok Sabha and 384 members in the Rajya Sabha. It features smart digital touch screens at every seat, eco-friendly green architecture, and the historic Sengol placed near the Speaker's podium. For joint sessions, the Lok Sabha chamber can expand to hold up to 1,272 members. The previous Parliament building could accommodate 543 LS members and 250 RS members. Joint sessions were historically held in the building's central hall, which had a seating capacity of around 560.

Conducting India's first fully digital enumeration using mobile applications and web portals, the 2027 census will introduce comprehensive caste enumeration for the first time since 1931 alongside the standard demographic, economic, and housing data. The digital self-enumeration option allows citizens to fill out forms online. The caste-inclusive data expands data collection beyond Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) to record detailed caste profiles during the population enumeration phase. The two-phase structure is divided into the Houselisting and Housing Census (assessing building types, conditions, and household assets/amenities) and Population Enumeration (covering individual demographics, literacy, migration, and occupation). It generates updated statistical baselines crucial for welfare delivery, resource distribution, and foundational policy planning.

India's last national census, conducted in 2011, recorded a total population of 1.21 billion people (1,210,193,422). The overall literacy rate reached 74.04 percent, the sex ratio stood at 940 females per 1,000 males, and the decadal population growth rate from 2001 to 2011 was 17.64 percent. The populations of males comprised 51.54 percent and females 48.46 percent. Uttar Pradesh was the most populous state (approx. 199.8 million) and Sikkim was the least populous (approx. 610,000). The recorded population density was 382 people per square kilometre. The child sex ratio (0-6 years) was 919 females per 1,000 males. The male literacy rate was 82.14 percent and female 65.46 percent. Kerala recorded the highest literacy rate while Bihar the lowest. The religious composition had put Hindus as 79.8 percent of the population. The representation of Moslems was 14.23 percent. The "No religion" category, listed for the first time, recorded 2.87 million individuals.

India's population census is widely regarded as the most credible and comprehensive benchmark for national demographics, though opinions on its absolute precision vary due to operational scale, reliance on self-reporting, and extended gaps between counts. The census attempts a 100 percent door-to-door count across the country's more than 640,000 villages and thousands of urban towns. It provides the foundational data frame used for political constituency delimitation, governance planning, and validating other sample projects like the National Family Health Survey. The ongoing digital census framework incorporates mobile-based data collection and real-time dashboards intended to reduce processing errors. Yet, there are limitations and challenges.

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SBI Chairman Hails Investor Confidence in Bank's Growth



Mumbai, Nov 15 (Way to News): The State Bank of India on Monday announce the successful completion of the qualified institutional placement (QIP) of its equity shares, raising Rs 25,000 crore. The equity shares were priced at premium to floor price of Rs 811.05 per share. The capital will augment SBI's CET-1 buffer that will improve to 11.50 per cent from 10.81 per cent as on March 31, 2025, support calibrated credit growth across retail, MSME and corporate segments, the bank said in a statement. The book received robust demand and was oversubscribed 4.5 times, reflecting strong investor confidence in SBI's strategy and the outlook for India's banking sector. Foreign investors accounted for 64.3 per cent of total demand. Marquee long term investors received 88 per cent of the final allocation, including 24 per cent of the issue size placed with foreign long-term investors.

"This landmark equity raise is a vote of confidence in SBI's solid fundamentals, prudent risk management and digital-first growth agenda. We are grateful to both domestic and international investors for their overwhelming support, which also speaks volumes about the current strength and future potential of the Indian economy," said C.S. Setty, Chairman, SBI.

Earlier in May this year, SBI's board gave the go-ahead for raising equity capital of up to Rs 25,000 crore during FY26. The objective was to boost SBI's Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio — which will bolster the bank's financial health.

SBI gave a dividend cheque of Rs 8,076.84 crore to the government for the financial year 2024-25. The public sector bank's net profit for the financial year 2024-25 shot up to Rs 70,901 crore.

The bank is celebrating its 70th year of operations with a balance sheet that has soared to Rs 66 lakh crore and the number of its customers surging past a staggering 52 crore.

Gondkhari Project to Set Benchmark for Eco-Friendly Mining

Ahmedabad, Nov 15 (Way to News): The development of Gondkhari Underground Coal Block near Nagpur will witness least disturbance to the villages and forests on the surface. The Ministry of Coal that awarded the block to Adani Power Limited through competitive bidding will produce two million tonnes of coal annually using underground technology. The block awarded to Adani Power Limited through competitive bidding forms part of the Coal Ministry's strategy to produce two million tonnes of coal annually in the country, using underground technology.

The project will set a precedent for environmentally conscious resource extraction. Unlike traditional open-cast mining, the Gondkhari project will ensure minimal surface disruption. Of the total 862.00 hectares, including 87.351 hectares of revenue forest land, will remain undisturbed as no infrastructure development or mining operations will occur on forest land. As a result, the underground mining project will prevent tree felling and forest degradation, which are the major concerns of the stakeholders today. The company will develop mine entries and infrastructure on privately acquired land, ensuring that forest patches remain intact. This underground approach not only safeguards biodiversity but also aligns with the principles of ecological conservation. The Forest Diversion Proposal underscores the project's commitment to regulatory compliance, especially with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Beyond environmental stewardship, the Gondkhairi Underground Mining project promises substantial socio-economic benefits. It is a much-awaited project since it does not involve any resettlement of people and will generate both direct and indirect employment opportunities for over 2500 people in Vidarbha region. Adani Power has developed an extensive CSR plan for the local communities covering critical areas such as Education, Health, livelihood.

OPPO Rises to Third in India's Smartphone Market

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Way to News): Driven by easing inventory challenges and renewed vendor activity, India's smartphone market rebounded in the April-June period, growing 7 per cent year to reach 39 million units, according to a new report. The growth was primarily fuelled by fresh launches concentrated in the second quarter, following a cautious Q1 where vendors held back due to elevated inventory levels, according to Canalys (now part of Omdia).



"Heightened competition beyond the top five is reshaping India's smartphone landscape, as premium incumbents and design-led challengers refine their playbooks," said Sanyam Chaurasia, Principal Analyst. Apple ranked sixth in Q2 2025, with the iPhone 16 family accounting for over 55 per cent of its shipments, while the iPhone 15 and 13 continued to drive demand across price tiers. According to the report, Vivo (excluding iQOO) led the market with 8.1 million units shipped and a 21 per cent market share. Samsung followed in second place with 6.2 million units and a 16 per cent market share.

OPPO (excluding OnePlus) climbed to third with 5 million units, edging past Xiaomi, which also shipped 5 million. realme completed the top five with 3.6 million units. "With limited organic demand, India's smartphone market in H2 2025 will hinge more on channel execution than product launches," stated Chaurasia. Brands are actively locking inventory with distributors and retailers through channel incentive programs ahead of the upcoming festive season in India. These include high-value rewards ranging from foreign trips to vehicle rewards –tied to performance during Monsoon sales, Durga Puja and Diwali cycles, the report said. Retail infrastructure upgrades are gaining pace, with improved booth setups, structured shelf placements and stricter quarterly targets . for promoter engagement and in-store execution. At the same time, brands are doubling down on affordability by expanding long-tenure financing options, especially for mid- to high-end models.

Government to ensure country's interests are protected as India, US negotiate trade deal



New Delhi, Nov 15 (Way to News): India and US are currently negotiating a bilateral trade agreement (BTA) which has not been signed as yet, as the government takes care of all the sensitivities associated with the free trade agreement (FTA) and ensures that India's interests are protected, the Parliament was informed.

Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Jitin Prasada, stated this in a written reply to the Lok Sabha. "Every FTA is unique and is based on specific dynamics of trade and is aimed at maximising benefits for both nations. India and US are negotiating a Bilateral Trade Agreement which has not been signed as yet," he added. "The govt of India takes care of all the sensitivities associated with the FTA and ensures that India's interests are protected. The FTA comes into force after signing and ratification by both the countries," he added. Intense discussions are currently on to reach an interim trade deal between New Delhi and Washington before the August 1 deadline. On the India-UK trade deal, the minister informed that Prime Ministers of India and UK have announced the successful conclusion of India-UK FTA negotiations on May 6. 2025.

"The FTA with the UK is a modern, comprehensive and landmark agreement which seeks to achieve deep economic integration along with trade liberalisation and tariff concessions. The FTA ensures comprehensive market access for goods, across all sectors, covering all of India's export interests," said Prasada in his reply. The FTA seeks to promote good regulatory practices and enhance transparency that are in sync with India's own focus on domestic reforms to enhance the ease of doing business.

Meanwhile, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will accompany Prime Minister Narendra Modi to London for the signing of the free trade agreement between India and the UK this week.

At the invitation of UK Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, PM Modi will undertake an official visit to the United Kingdom from July 23 to 24. This marks his fourth visit to the UK. The agreement opens up massive export opportunities for India's labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, marine products, leather, footwear, sports goods and toys, gems and jewellery, and other important sectors such as engineering goods, auto parts and engines. and organic chemicals, the statement said.

The proposed India-US trade agreement is expected to cover key areas such as market access, tariffs, services and investment, with both sides seeking mutually beneficial terms. The negotiations are aimed at strengthening economic ties, expanding bilateral trade and creating fresh opportunities for businesses in both countries. However, the government has maintained that protecting domestic industries and safeguarding national interests remain its priorities.

Mobile production surges by 146 pc to Rs 5.25 lakh crore in 4 fiscals, exports up 775 pc: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Way to News): The production of mobiles in India in value terms has increased by around 146 per cent from Rs 2,13,773 crore in FY 2020-21 to Rs 5,25,000 crore in FY 2024-25, the Parliament was informed. During the same period, exports of mobile phones in value terms has increased by around 775 per cent from Rs 22,870 crore in 2020-21 to Rs 2,00,000 crore in 2024-25.



The government's PLI and national industrial corridor schemes have incentivized domestic manufacturing, leading to increased production, job creation and a boost in exports, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, said in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha. PLI Scheme has encouraged major smartphone companies to shift their production to India. As a result, India has become a major mobile phone manufacturing country.

Due to the PLI scheme, there has also been a significant reduction in imports of raw materials in the pharma sector. Unique intermediate materials and bulk drugs are being manufactured in India including Penicillin-G, and transfer of technology has happened in manufacturing of Medical Devices such as (CT scan, MRI etc.).

The PLI Scheme for White Goods is aimed at developing a robust component ecosystem for the Air Conditioners and LED Lights industry in India, with the goal of making the country an integral part of global supply chains. Following its launch, India has begun local production of key components such as compressors, copper tubes, heat exchangers, motors, and control assemblies for air conditioners, as well as LED chip packaging, drivers, engines, light management systems, and metallized films for capacitors in the LED segment.

This shift is significantly reducing import dependency and strengthening domestic manufacturing capabilities, the minister further stated. The government has also launched Make in India 2.0 initiative which presently focuses on 27 sectors implemented across various ministries/ departments and state governments.

He further stated that the government has approved 12 new project proposals under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) with total project cost of Rs 28,602 crore to facilitate manufacturing investments into the country. Besides Atmanirbhar Bharat packages provide investment opportunities under National Infrastructure Pipeline and National Monetization Pipeline, India Industrial Land Bank, Industrial Park Rating System, soft launch of the National Single Window System etc. to promote manufacturing, the minister added.

Blue Jet Healthcare's net profit falls 17 pc, shares hit 10 pc lower circuit

Mumbai, Nov 15 (Way to News): Blue Jet Healthcare Limited on Tuesday reported a 17.18 per cent drop on sequential basis in its net profit for the April–June quarter (Q1) of FY26, with earnings falling to Rs 91.1 crore from Rs 110 crore in the previous quarter. Following the earnings report, the company's shares hit a 10 per cent lower circuit on Tuesday, closing at Rs 906.15 on the National Stock Exchange (NSE). Total expenses also jumped significantly by 16.89 per cent to Rs 240.1 crore, according to its stock exchange filing.



However, the company's revenue from operations rose to Rs 354.7 crore in Q1, up from Rs 340.4 crore in the previous quarter -- marking a 4.2 per cent growth. Total income also increased by 2.95 per cent to Rs 363 crore during the quarter, the company said in its regulatory filing.

Blue Jet's EBITDA for the quarter came in at Rs 121 crore, down 13.1 per cent compared to the March quarter. The EBITDA margin narrowed by over 700 basis points quarter-on-quarter, although the company noted an improvement in both EBITDA and margin when compared to the same period previous year.

Over the past five days, the stock has delivered a negative return of Rs 66.75 or 6.86 per cent. However, it has still gained Rs 49.9 or 5.83 per cent in the past month and Rs 347.4 or 62.17 per cent over the last six months. Since the beginning of 2025, the stock has risen by 57 per cent, as per the official data. Commenting on the quarterly results, Shiven Arora, Managing Director of Blue Jet Healthcare, attributed the performance to the ramp-up in the PI and API product categories.

He also expressed confidence in the company's growth strategy, backed by capacity expansion, strong R&D, and a solid pipeline of high-value products.

NPAs of public sector banks declined from 9.1 pc to 2.58 pc: Union Minister

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Way to News): Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) of public sector banks have been steadily declining and have come down from 9.11 per cent of total loans in March 2021 to 2.58 per cent in March 2025, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance Pankaj Chaudhary informed Parliament. The total amount locked up in the gross NPAs of public sector banks has declined from Rs 6,16,616 crore in March 2021 to Rs 2,83,650 crore in March 2025, the minister said in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.



Comprehensive measures have been taken by the Government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to recover and reduce NPAs. These include a change in credit culture that has come into effect, with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) fundamentally changing the creditor-borrower relationship, taking away control of the defaulting company from promoters/ owners, and debarring wilful defaulters from the resolution process. To make the process more stringent, personal guarantors to corporate debtors have also been brought under the ambit of IBC, the minister said. The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the Recovery of Debt and Bankruptcy Act have been amended to make them more effective in recovering bad loans.

Besides, pecuniary jurisdiction of Debt Recovery Tribunals (DRTs) was increased from Rs. 10 lakhs to Rs. 20 lakhs to enable the DRTs to focus on high-value cases, resulting in higher recovery for the banks and financial institutions, he further stated.

Public sector banks have also set up specialised stressed assets management verticals and branches for effective monitoring and focused follow-up of NPA accounts, which facilitates quicker and improved resolution/ recoveries. Deployment of Business correspondents and adoption of the feet-on-street model have also boosted the recovery trajectory of NPAs in banks, the minister said. He also pointed out that the prudential framework for the resolution of stressed assets was issued by RBI to provide a framework for early recognition, reporting and time-bound resolution of stressed assets, with a built-in incentive to lenders for early adoption of a resolution plan, which has helped in the recovery of bad loans.

As per RBI guidelines, banks have a board-approved policy in place for the valuation of properties done by professionally qualified independent valuers. RBI mandates banks to have a procedure for empanelment of professional valuers based on prescribed minimum qualifications and maintain a register of an approved list of valuers.

Valuation of fixed assets is done before sanction of loan to a borrower as part of the appraisal process and before sale to recover dues under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the minister explained. In order to maintain transparency, for properties valued at Rs 50 crore or above, banks obtain a minimum of two independent valuation reports.

Centre has surplus stocks of rice and wheat to control inflation: Govt

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Way to News): The Centre currently has surplus stocks of rice and wheat which exceed the buffer norm requirement for the public distribution system and social welfare schemes of the poor, the Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

The Centre's total stocks of rice and wheat at 736.61 lakh metric tonnes (MT) are well above the buffer stock requirement of 411.2 lakh MT for the two cereals as of July 1 this year, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya told the Rajya Sabha in a written reply. The rice stocks are 377.83 lakh MT compared to the buffer norm requirement of 135.40 lakh MT, while wheat stocks at 358.78 lakh MT exceed the buffer stock need of 275.80 lakh MT, the minister said in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha. She explained that these surplus stocks are released when prices start rising in order to increase the supply of foodgrains.

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Pacers Help India Defend 209, Beat New Zealand By 22 Runs, Clinch Series 3-1

Mount Maunganui, Nov 15 (Way to News): India's fast-bowling attack was at its best, defending a modest 209 and beating New Zealand by 22 runs in the fifth and final ODI at the Bay Oval on Sunday. The result also meant India clinched the series 3-1 and handed New Zealand their first home ODI series defeat in seven years. India also got their first ODI series victory under head coach Gautam Gambhir in overseas conditions.



Arshdeep Singh was the pick of bowlers, sticking to a stump-to-stump line, picking 3-30 and troubling batters with seam movement, while Mohammed Siraj and Axar Patel took two scalps each. Auqib Nabi, Naman Dhir and debutant pacer Yash Thakur each took a scalp as New Zealand were bowled out for 187 in 48.1 overs. Skipper Shreyas Iyer also used his pacers well and admirably backed them to get the job done. It was a bowling effort that rescued a batting display in which Rohit Sharma and Kohli both fell for single digits. Axar and Ishan Kishan made 46 each, but the 28 runs from the last-wicket pair of Siraj and Arshdeep proved decisive.

New Zealand began their chase by hitting three boundaries before Siraj, playing his first game of the series, struck in the sixth over when Seifert heaved across the line and was caught by mid-on for 14. Nabi found late movement away from the bat and bowled a maiden in the ninth over. Nick Kelly punished some loose deliveries from Siraj, but Arshdeep struck twice – Ruturaj Gaikwad slid on his elbows to hold a fine catch at deep backward square-leg to dismiss Will Young for 22, while Kelly chopped onto his stumps off him on 24.

Siraj then rattled Finn Allen's top of off-stump to leave the hosts in trouble at 83/4. India, though, dropped two chances in the middle overs – Virat Kohli put down a sitter at second slip off Foxcroft, and Thakur dropped a return catch from Michael Bracewell. But Nabi's bouncer eventually had Bracewell caught at deep square leg for 19. Thakur then took his maiden ODI wicket on the very next ball, dismissing Foxcroft for 31 and leaving New Zealand at 119/6. Thakur had a mixed outing, flicking the stumps in his delivery stride three times, resulting in no-balls being registered against his name, but he finished with 1-38. Santner played a few shots to keep New Zealand in the hunt before his slog-sweep off was caught at deep mid-wicket, and he fell for 24. Kristian Clarke edged behind to Kishan off Arshdeep, while Axar sealed the game when he had Jacob Duffy caught at long-on and got Blair Tickner stumped for 14, handing India a memorable win.

Brief Scores: India 209 in 42.1 overs (Axar Patel 46, Ishan Kishan 46; Mitchell Santner 3-47, Jacob Duffy 3-60) beat New Zealand 187 all out in 48.1 overs (Dean Foxcroft 31, Mitchell Santner 24; Arshdeep Singh 3-30, Axar Patel 2-28) by 22 runs

India To Host 2029 Champions Trophy, Share 2031 ODI World Cup With Bangladesh

Bhubaneswar, Nov 15 (Way to News): India will host the 2029 ICC Men's Champions Trophy and jointly stage the 2031 Men's ODI World Cup with Bangladesh, following approval of the international cricket calendar and qualification frameworks by the International Cricket Council (ICC) Board.

The decisions were taken at the ICC Board meetings in Bali, Indonesia, on Sunday, covering major men's cricket tournaments through 2035. The revised calendar aims to provide member nations with greater long-term certainty while expanding competitive opportunities for Full and Associate Members.

The 2029 Champions Trophy will be played from October 9 to 28, while the India-Bangladesh joint-hosted 2031 ODI World Cup is scheduled from October 9 to November 23.

The ICC also announced hosting arrangements for several other major tournaments. Australia and New Zealand will jointly host the 2028 Men's T20 World Cup from October 12 to November 12. England will stage the 2029 World Test Championship (WTC) final from June 8 to 12.

The 2030 Men's T20 World Cup will be jointly hosted by England, Ireland and Scotland from July 4 to August 4, while England will host the 2031 WTC final from June 12 to 16. Hosts for the 2032 Men's T20 World Cup, 2033 WTC final, 2033 Champions Trophy, 2034 Men's T20 World Cup, 2035 WTC final and 2035 Men's ODI World Cup are yet to be finalised.

The Board also approved qualification formats for the 2027 Men's ODI World Cup and the 2028 Men's and Women's T20 World Cups. The 2027 Men's ODI World Cup Qualifier, scheduled for February-March 2027, will feature 10 teams competing in 23 matches. The teams will be divided into two groups of five, followed by semi-finals and a final.

The four best-performing teams will secure qualification for the main tournament. While the qualifier winner will directly enter the World Cup group stage, the other three successful teams will compete in a Super Series to determine the remaining group-stage berth. For the 2028 Men's T20 World Cup, a 16-team Global Qualifier will be held in the first quarter of 2028. The 31-match competition will comprise four groups of four teams, followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals and the final. Eight teams will qualify, with regional representation subject to minimum performance requirements and the remaining places going to the highest-ranked teams overall.

Lakshya Becomes First Indian Shuttler To Win Kumamoto Masters Title

Kumamoto, Nov 15 (Way to News): Lakshya Sen fought back from a game down to beat home favourite Koki Watanabe 13-21, 21-18, 21-14 win in the men's singles final in one hour and four minutes and win the Kumamoto Masters title here at the Kumamoto Prefectural Gymnasium on Sunday. With a title triumph, Lakshya became the first-ever Indian to win Kumamoto Masters tournament since its inception in 2023. Earlier, he became the first ever Indian shuttler to reach the tournament's final.



This was Lakshya's second successive BWF Super 500 crown after his Hylo Open triumph in Germany earlier this month. This is the first time in his career that he has won two BWF World Tour titles in a single season. Overall, this was his sixth BWF World Tour Watanabe made the strong start, as he raced through the opening game 21-13 without letting the Indian take the lead at any point. Lakshya then steadied himself in the second game and held 13-10 lead before reeling off six consecutive points to take a nine-point cushion. However, Watanabe responded with seven straight points of his own to reduce the deficit to 19-17.

Under pressure, Lakshya, who did himself a big favour for his chances of qualifying to the BWF World Tour Finals 2026 in Hangzhou, held strong to take the second game and force a decider.

In the decider, both players went toe-to-toe in the early exchanges. However, from the score at 5-5, Lakshya slowly began to break away and built up an 11-7 lead heading into the interval before comfortably wrapping up the win.

Lakshya cruised through his first three rounds in straight games before needing three games to dispatch 6th seed Alwi Farhan in the semifinals. It was a third BWF Tour final of the year for Sen, who had finished runner-up at the All England Open in March before his back-to-back Super 500 titles.

With the title win, Lakshya bagged 9,200 ranking points, which is a decisive boost for his season-ending campaign.

BFI Appoints Mats Rickard Nilsson As Head Of Sports Science Until 2028 Olympics

New Delhi, Nov 15 (Way to News): Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has appointed Mats Rickard Nilsson as the Head of Sports Science. He will be working closely with athletes and the coaching staff to strengthen scientific training methodologies, performance monitoring and athlete development till the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. "According to his current terms of engagement with BFI, Nilsson will spend 75 days annually in multiple phases with the Indian boxing team and will work remotely with the BFI Sports Science team for the rest of the year," BFI said in a release.



Nilsson's primary responsibilities will include monitoring athletes' progress, reviewing performance data, developing and sharing scientific training plans, and providing regular recommendations and expert input to ensure continuity in the athletes' training and development programmes.

"This appointment marks an important step in the Boxing Federation of India's efforts to strengthen its sports science ecosystem and integrate a structured, evidence-based approach into athlete preparation," said BFI president Ajay Singh.

"Through a combination of on-ground engagement and continuous remote support, the initiative aims to ensure consistent performance assessment, scientific training interventions and individualised athlete development," he added.

The former Swedish Olympic weightlifter worked with the Indian boxers in 2019 and has over 30 years of experience as a strength and conditioning expert, having worked with elite athletes around the world.

"I am delighted to join the Indian boxing programme and contribute to a team with tremendous potential. Having observed the boxers, coaches and support staff, I believe there is a strong foundation to build on. My focus will be to work closely with the coaching team on a shared approach to physical preparation, training load management and recovery, ensuring every aspect of an athlete's preparation contributes to performance.

Nations League: Portugal Lose To Denmark; Austria And Sweden Go Up



New Zealand, Nov 15 (Way to News): Denmark kept themselves on course to advance from Group A4 in UEFA Nations League action thanks to a 4-1 win in Portugal, while Viktor Gyokeres scored in a record-extending eighth successive game on a night when his Sweden side and Austria both earned promotion from League B.

Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg's first-half penalty gave the Denmark a lead they built upon when Rasmus Hojlund volleyed in shortly after half-time following fine build-up play by Gustav Isaksen.

Hojlund then drilled a low finish past Diogo Costa and Joachim Andersen's header made it four, with Bernardo Silva pulling a goal back for a Portugal side already assured of their place in the quarter-finals. Meanwhile, competition record scorer Erling Haaland struck his 23rd Nations League goal by converting a late penalty as Norway saw off Wales 3-1.

Wales had the only attempt on target of the first half when Egil Selvik parried Daniel James' shot, but the impressive Antonio Nusa drilled in from the edge of the box to put the hosts ahead after the break.

Nusa and Haaland then combined to set up substitute Andreas Schjelderup, with David Brooks halving the deficit by dinking a cool finish over goalkeeper Karl Darlow. Haaland's emphatic spot kick sealed the result, setting his side up for Tuesday's crucial Scandinavian derby away to Denmark.In another match, Gyokeres converted two first-half penalties after Daniel Svensson's early opener for Group B4 winners Sweden in Solna, where Armin Gigovic replied for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Sead Kolasinac scored his first international goal on his 74th outing.

The visitors are confirmed in second place and the League A/B play-offs.

Elsewhere, Austria clinched top spot and promotion from Group B3 by beating the Republic of Ireland courtesy of Sasa Kalajdzic's winner 11 minutes from time, sending Ralf Rangnick's unbeaten team five points clear of second-placed Kosovo.

Terry Devlin's second-half winner at home to Ukraine kept Northern Ireland a point above Hungary at the top of Group B2, with their promotion rivals scoring twice inside the last 17 minutes in Georgia through an own goal and a Barnabas Varga strike.

Hridoy and Litton's 206-run stand powers Bangladesh after Rabada's five-for

Johannesburg, Nov 15 (Way to News): Towhid Hridoy became the second Bangladesh batter to score a Test century against South Africa, after Mahmudul Hasan Joy in 2022, to provide his team with their highest total against this opposition, with four wickets still in hand. Hridoy and Litton Das shared a sixth-wicket stand of 206, the highest partnership by a Bangladesh pair against South Africa for any wicket. That led a spectacular recovery after Kagiso Rabada's new-ball spell left Bangladesh at 22 for 3 in the ninth over, and his burst after lunch saw them slip to 121 for 5.

Hridoy, in just his fourth Test, continued a remarkable run of form, which saw him post the highest individual score by a Bangladesh batter with his 242* against West Indies ten days ago. Now, he has a hundred away from home, in conditions reputed to be among the toughest for batters and against a much-vaunted attack. Hridoy navigated four seamers who offered seam movement, pace and bounce by taking the fight to them, and came out on top. South Africa may be left scratching their heads over what went wrong as they stacked the side with options. Rabada's 18th Test five-for put him level with Makhaya Ntini, and joint-third on South Africa's all time five-for list, behind Dale Steyn (26) and Allan Donald (20). Much as that will give South Africa cause for celebration, they will be more concerned with why no one else in the attack was among the wickets until the last ball of the day.



Dane Paterson, playing his first Test since Boxing Day 2024, came closest and drew several edges, but without luck. Marco Jansen struggled to find the right lengths and Wiaan Mulder offered little threat, while South Africa's sole specialist spinner, Simon Harmer, was expensive and conceded at 5.18 runs an over.

In the end, Bangladesh will be more than happy with how they performed after Shanto decided to bat first on a surface with a decent grass covering, and after the way things started. They flung their debutant opener Mahfijul Islam straight into the firing line when he had to face the first ball of the match. Rabada delivered a standard full delivery outside off that could have been left alone. Instead, Mahfijul played at it and got a thick outside edge which flew to Jansen at gully to become the fourth player in the history of the game to be dismissed for a first-ball duck on debut.

Momimul Haque saw out the rest of the opening over before Tanzid Hasan faced a ball. Mominul then shouldered arms to the first one from Jansen, and it hit him in the side. Welcome to it. He lasted only as long as Rabada's next over when he nicked off to register Bangladesh's second duck.

Rabada then produced the magical moment of the morning when he lured Shanto into a drive, and the ball swerved between the bat-pad gap to take out his off stump. South Africa may have been eyeing a short day in the field, but Tanzid and Hridoy rebuilt and gained confidence. They took Bangladesh to lunch on 91 for 3, and their partnership was worth 69 at the break. They added another 30 runs in the afternoon before Rabada was rewarded in the fifth over of his second spell. Tanzid, on 67, played a back-of-a-length ball onto his stumps to end a well-constructed innings, before Mushfiqur Rahim edged Rabada to Harmer at third slip to give Rabada two in two and his five-for. Rabada's hat-trick ball was fast, and straightened on Litton, but he steered it to point. Litton saw out the over, and the pressure eased.

Slowly, Bangladesh began counterpunching. When Jansen went too short, Litton pulled him fine; when Mulder tried it, Hriody stayed on the back foot to swat through midwicket. Both batters remained convincing against anything back of a length or shorter. Hridoy's fifty came off 99 balls, and he guided Bangladesh to tea without any further loss on 184 for 5.

The final session started with the intent Bangladesh would show for the rest of the day when Litton punched Paterson down the ground for four. Rabada returned for a third spell, was initially too short, and then went fuller. South Africa reviewed two lbw shouts against Hridoy in that time, but both times, the impact was outside off stump. Then, Litton outside-egded Rabada for four to bring up fifty off 71 balls. By then, Hridoy was on 80. With the ball 60 overs old, there was already the sense South Africa were biding time, and the batters cashed in. They scored 94 runs in 20 overs before the second new ball became available as they found boundaries at will.

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Mahesh Babu Remembers Father Krishna on Death Anniversary



Tollywood sensation Mahesh Babu remembered his late father and legendary actor Krishna on his 4th death anniversary on Sunday. He took to his official Instagram handle and published a black-and-white photo from his childhood. The pic featured a young Mahesh Babu posing in his father's arms. Mahesh Babu captioned his latest post, "Always my Superstar…(sic)", followed by a red heart emoticon. His wife and former actress, Namrata Shirodkar, reacted to the post with three red heart emoticons. Taking to her Instagram Stories, the 'Pukar' actress shared, "Remembering a life filled with love, dignity and so much warmth. Forever missed (sic)," along with a red heart emoji.

Known for his work in Telugu cinema as an actor, director, and producer, Krishna breathed his last on 15 November 2022 at the age of 79. Some of his most memorable projects include, 'Gudachari 116 (1966)', 'Alluri Seetarama Raju (1974)', 'Mosagallaku Mosagadu (1971)', 'Pandanti Kapuram (1972)', 'Devudu Chesina Manushulu (1973)', 'Agent Gopi (1978)' and 'Simhasanam (1986),' to name just a few. After Krishna's passing in November 2022, Mahesh Babu shared an emotional note, saying, "Your life was celebrated… your passing is being celebrated even more… such is your greatness. You lived your life fearlessly… daring and dashing was your nature. My inspiration, my courage… Now I'm fearless… your light will shine in me forever. I will carry your legacy forward. I will make you even more proud. Love you, Nanna, my Superstar." Last year, Mahesh Babu paid a heartfelt tribute to his late father by posting a photo of Krishna and a younger version of himself from the sets of a film. Honoring the cherished memory of his late father on his death anniversary, Mahesh Babu wrote on his official handle, "Thinking of you a little more today… and knowing you'd be proud nanna." Work-wise, Mahesh Babu is presently busy with SS Rajamouli's much-awaited Globetrotter 'Varanasi ', which will also see Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran in significant roles. Krishna, fondly known as Superstar Krishna, was one of the most influential figures in Telugu cinema. During his illustrious career spanning several decades, he earned a special place in the hearts of audiences with his versatile performances and contributions to the film industry. His pioneering efforts and memorable roles continue to inspire generations of actors and filmmakers.

Mahesh Babu has often spoken about the profound influence his father had on his personal life and career. He continues to cherish Krishna's legacy, remembering him through heartfelt social media posts on special occasions. Fans also joined in paying tribute to the legendary actor, recalling his remarkable contribution to Telugu cinema.

Allu Arjun Praises Dulquer at 'Akashamlo Okta Tara' Event



The pre-release ceremony of the film 'Akashamlo Okta Tara' held in Hyderabad was a grand affair. Icon star Allu Arjun attended the event as the chief guest and congratulated the film team. The film, starring Dulquer Salmaan and Satvika Veeravalli, was directed by Pawan Sadhineni and produced by Sandeep Gunnam and Ramya Gunnam under the banners of Geetha Arts, Swapna Cinema and Lightbox Media. Speaking on the occasion, Allu Arjun specially praised the film career of the protagonist Dulquer Salmaan and the stories he chooses. "I have been watching Dulquer Salmaan since the time of 'Ustad Hotel' in Malayalam. He went from Malayalam to Tamil and made films with a legendary director like Mani Ratnam. After that, he came to Telugu and achieved consecutive successes like 'Mahanati', 'Sitaram', and 'Lucky Bhaskar'. He is not only a great actor but also a very good person. Despite being a star kid, he is very humble with everyone without showing that feeling anywhere. He will rise to great heights because of his passion for cinema. After Sumagari, the only Malayali who is so admired in Telugu is Dulquer Salmaan," said Bunny. He said that

this is a dream launch for heroine Satvika, who is making her debut on the Telugu screen with this film, and welcomed her to the Telugu industry and wished her well. He congratulated Shruti Haasan, who played a special role in this film despite being a commercial star heroine. He also praised actress Rohini's screen presence as being very good. He extended his best wishes to music director GV Prakash Kumar, cinematographer Sujith Sarang and other technical experts who are riding high on a string of successes. He expressed hope that director Pawan Sadhineni is talented and will definitely get the recognition he deserves with this film.

Talking about the production of the film, Allu Arjun praised Swapna, Priyanka, Sandeep and Ramya for successfully carrying forward the legacy by providing films with great content as second generation producers. "My father Allu Aravind garu is very excited about this project. If he is usually that excited, the film will definitely be a great success. I also got a very positive vibe when I saw the teaser. This film has a good point that makes every woman's dream come true. It will definitely be well received by the audience," he said. Finally, Allu Arjun thanked the film unit, the media, the police department and his fans for their cooperation in making the program a success.

Ramya Krishna Denies Separation Rumours, Says Marriage Is Strong



Senior actress Ramya Krishna has put an end to the rumors about her marital life. She clarified that there is no truth in the news that she has separated from her husband and director Krishna Vamsi... they are still husband and wife. In a recent podcast interview, she shared many interesting things about her personal life for the first time.

Ramya Krishna said that she is not always active on social media and does not like to reveal personal matters except for work-related matters. Talking about her relationship with Krishna Vamsi... "I and Krishna Vamsi are still a couple. But, we happily live in different places. We have to be like that in terms of career. When our son was born, I was busy with serials. At that time, I used to travel between Chennai and Hyderabad once in 15 days. Every time I came and went, our son used to fall ill. So I told Krishna Vamsi that I would educate him in Chennai," she revealed.

Ramya Krishna and Krishna Vamsi got married in 2003. They have a son. Ramya Krishna lives in Chennai for her career and Babu's studies, while Krishna Vamsi lives in Hyderabad and makes films. Since both of them are in different cities, various rumors have been circulating about their marriage for some time now. However, these rumors were put to a full stop when they said that they have not separated and are staying together for their career and family responsibilities with mutual understanding.



SRK Once Wanted Aryan to Be a Spoiled Playboy

Bollywood star Shah Rukh Khan once said that he would throw his elder son Aryan Khan out of the house if he turned out to be a 'good boy'.

As he appeared on the popular chat show 'Rendezvous with Simi Garewal' with his better half, Gauri Khan, Rukh admitted that he wanted to spoil his son so much that people complain about him.

SRK further told host and veteran actress Simi Garewal that he wanted Aryan to be a 'spoiled brat' and a 'Playboy', running after girls. The 'Jawan' actor added that he wanted Aryan to have long hair, studs, and a Harley-Davidson jacket.

Shah Rukh shared, "He is going to be completely a spoiled brat. I've told all my heroines that if you have daughters, my son will be running after them, and every day I want complaints from all of them saying, 'Please keep your son out of our houses.' I want him to have a Harley Davidson jacket and I want him to wear studs and everything. He should be really cool, have long hair, and he should be a playboy and really spoiled." When Simi asked King Khan if Aryan would become an actor just like this father, Shah Rukh replied, "Oh yeah that's one of the bad things that you have to do, so he will have to do it."

For the universe, Aryan did make his Bollywood debut, but not as an actor. He stepped into the entertainment industry as a writer and director with the web series, 'The Ba***ds of Bollywood'. Produced by Gauri Khan under the banner of Red Chillies Entertainment, The Ba***ds of Bollywood' premiered on 18 September 2025 on Netflix. The primary cast of the drama included Bobby Deol, Lakshya, Raghav Juyal, Saher Bambba, Anya Singh, Manoj Pahwa, Manish Chaudhari, Rajat Bedi, Meherzan Mazda, Divik Sharma, Mona Singh, Gautami Kapoor, Vijayant Kohli, Rohit Gill, Neville Bharucha, and Armaan

Ashika Ranganath Wishes to Star Opposite Allu Arjun



Beautiful actress Ashika Ranganath has expressed her desire to act in a full-fledged film with icon star Allu Arjun. Recently, a commercial (ad) was shot in the combination of the two. After the successful completion of this shoot, she shared the experience with her fans. After the shoot, Ashika Ranganath posted two photos with Allu Arjun on her Instagram account. One of these is a selfie, and the other is a photo of the two posing for the camera together. On this occasion, she wrote a special message for Bunny. "It was a pleasure working with you, AA! Goodbye until we meet again. I hope that the combination will happen on the sets of a film," Ashika Ranganath said. This post makes it clear that she strongly wants to get the opportunity to act as a heroine opposite Allu Arjun on the silver screen in the future, rather than just being satisfied with an ad.

Ashika Ranganath is currently trying to make a good name for herself in Tollywood. She entertained the Telugu audience with her roles in 'Naa Samiranga' opposite King Nagarjuna and 'Bhartha Mahasayaluklu Vignaapthi' opposite Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja. Megastar Chiranjeevi is also playing a key role in 'Vishvambhara'. Ashika Ranganath has been steadily expanding her presence in Telugu cinema, sharing screen space with several prominent actors. Her performances have helped her gain recognition among Telugu audiences, while her charming screen presence has attracted attention. She is now looking forward to exploring more opportunities in Tollywood. Meanwhile, Allu Arjun continues to enjoy a massive fan following across the country. Following the success of 'Pushpa: The Rise' and 'Pushpa 2: The Rule', the actor has emerged as one of the most sought-after stars in Indian cinema. His upcoming projects have generated considerable curiosity among fans, who are eagerly waiting for updates.

Akshara Singh Says Chhath Puja Brought Mental Peace



Bhojpuri actress Akshara Singh has opened up about the positive changes Chhath Puja has brought into her life. Speaking to, she said the festival has given her a sense of mental peace that she values more than material wealth. Akshara shared how observing the festival has influenced various aspects of her life, including her professional journey, personality and family relationships. Akshara said that since she began observing Chhath, she has noticed a positive transformation in her surroundings and personal life. She added that while money comes and goes, the peace of mind that comes with these changes is far more meaningful. "Since I started Chhath, my life has changed. I don't believe in money. It comes and goes. We work hard, we will earn somehow. But the changes that have come in life, whether it is related to work or your personality, I feel that these changes give you mental peace. And at the end of the day, your mental peace is very important," she said. The actress further shared that she is enjoying this new phase of her life and feels that the festival has brought a positive shift in her world, family and home. "So, I think I am just enjoying my life. And since I started Chhath, I feel that my world, my family, my home, everything seems to be changing. A very good change." The former 'Bigg Boss OTT' contestant also shared a video offering a glimpse into her Chhath Puja celebrations. In the clip shared on Instagram, she is seen preparing traditional festive offerings and taking part in the rituals associated with the festival. On the professional front, Akshara Singh is known for her performances in Bhojpuri films such as 'Tabadala', 'Sarkar Raj' and 'Satya'. She also participated in the first season of the reality show 'Bigg Boss OT

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