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Election Commission Clarifies Form-6 Use For Existing Voters

The Commission said it received information that many existing voters were hesitant to submit Form-6 because the form contains a declaration stating that the applicant is seeking inclusion in the electoral roll for the first time.



New Delhi: The Election Commission has issued a clarification regarding Form-6, addressing concerns raised by existing voters whose names do not appear in the draft electoral roll under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process or thereafter. The Commission said it received information that many existing voters were hesitant to submit Form-6 because the form contains a declaration stating that the applicant is seeking inclusion in the electoral roll for the first time. As a result, voters feared they could face action for making a false declaration under Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

The Commission has now clarified that if an existing voter's name is missing from the draft electoral roll, they may submit Form-6 to seek fresh inclusion in the electoral roll. It further clarified that such a submission will not be treated as a false declaration, even if the applicant had been enrolled as a voter earlier. The clarification is in line with a Delhi High Court ruling, which held that fears of legal consequences in such cases are unfounded.

Additionally, the Commission has directed that no action under Section 31 should be initiated against any voter who is not enrolled in any other constituency and submits Form-6 for inclusion in the electoral roll.

'2 Planes, 6 Plots': Probe Agency's Rs 510-Crore Action On Anil Ambani Group



New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate, India's top anti-money laundering agency, has attached several movable and immovable assets of firms linked to industrialist Anil Ambani, in connection with the Reliance Home Finance Limited/Reliance Commercial Finance Limited Bank fraud case and the Reliance Communications Limited bank fraud case. The assets include aircraft, bank deposits, fixed deposits, immovable properties, receivables and investments. Listing the seized assets, the agency said in a statement that it has attached 2 chartered aircraft, 6 land parcels, and one office premises in Maharashtra. In the RCFL/RHFL case, it seized two windmills in Tamil Nadu and bank deposits. The total value of seized assets linked to the Reliance Anil Ambani Group under the provisions of PMLA and FEMA legislations has reached Rs 23,100 crore. The ED investigation was initiated on the basis of multiple cases registered by CBI Delhi, the Economic Offences Wing of the Delhi Police, and the Economic Offences Wing of Mumbai Police. The ED has also investigated two cases under the FEMA law. Companies under investigation include Reliance Communications Ltd, Reliance Home Finance Ltd, Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd, Reliance Infrastructure Ltd, Reliance Power Ltd and Reliance Capital Ltd, the agency said. Assets valued at Rs 263.05 crore have been attached in the Reliance Home Finance Limited and Reliance Commercial Finance Limited Bank fraud case. Rs 247.12 crore worth of assets have been attached in the Reliance Communications Limited bank case. The agency accused the Reliance Anil Ambani Group of being involved in siphoning off public funds from banks and financial institutions, misuse of IBC Law to fraudulently ring-fence corporate assets for personal use, diversion of public funds from India to offshore tax havens, etc.

As Punjab's Politicians Switch Sides, Where Are Its 'Spartans'?



Chandigarh: As Punjab approaches the 2027 assembly elections, the shifting political loyalties in the state demand scrutiny. Leaders change parties, yesterday's enemies become today's allies, and voters are asked to renew their trust under another banner. But where, amid this volatility, are Punjab's Spartans - leaders whose commitment to a public cause is above any changes in political circumstances?

The latest example of shifting loyalties came on November 2, 2026, when three Aam Aadmi Party leaders - Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh, Harmeet Singh Pathanmajra and Chetan Singh Jouramajra - joined the Bharatiya Janata Party. Their constituencies stretch from Amritsar North in Majha to Sanaur and Samana in the Patiala belt of Malwa. With this move, the BJP gained recognisable faces across key assembly constituencies. However, whether their supporters have also changed course will be revealed only after elections. Days earlier, on October 25, former Congress MLA Raminder Singh Awla joined the Shiromani Akali Dal. His association with Jalalabad has particular significance for the Akalis, given its chief Sukhbir Singh Badal's electoral history there - a decade-long stint representing the seat in Punjab's legislative assembly from 2009 to 2019 and then losing to AAP from there in 2022.

These developments are in line with the wider pattern of politicians hopping parties in the state. Sushil Kumar Rinku moved from the Congress to AAP in 2023, then joined the BJP in March 2024 alongside AAP legislator Sheetal Angural. Within a year, he belonged to three parties. Sunil Jakhar left Congress for BJP in 2022. Captain Amarinder Singh, after leaving the Congress and forming the Punjab Lok Congress, merged his party with the BJP that September. Manpreet Singh Badal travelled from the Akali Dal through his own People's Party of Punjab and the Congress to the BJP in 2023. Pargat Singh moved from the Akali Dal to the Congress in 2016.

These journeys differ in circumstances and motivation, they cannot fairly be reduced to one accusation, but they invite the same scrutiny: What public purpose did each change serve?

TDP Sweeps Kuppam Municipality, Wins All 32 Wards





From Our Staff Reporter

Chittoor, November 3: Counting of votes in the Andhra Pradesh municipal elections is underway, with alliance candidates registering victories in a majority of seats.

The TDP has achieved a clean sweep in Kuppam Municipality in Chittoor district. TDP candidates registered a landslide victory in the Kuppam municipal elections, winning all 32 wards. The Telugu Desam Party captured every ward, leaving the YSRCP without a single seat. The victory has sparked celebrations among TDP leaders and party workers in Kuppam. Soon after the results were announced, party cadres celebrated at several places by bursting firecrackers and distributing sweets.

Sensational Results in Visakhapatnam Municipal Elections;

TDP Mayor Candidate Secures Massive Lead

From Our Staff Reporter



Visakhapatnam, November 3: The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is making rapid gains in the Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation elections, the largest municipal corporation in Andhra Pradesh. TDP mayoral candidate Mukka Sravani is leading her nearest rival, YSRCP candidate Varudu Kalyani, by a massive margin of 1,19,683 votes. Of the 4,36,676 votes counted so far, the TDP has secured 2,56,881 votes, while the YSRCP has received 1,37,194 votes. The Congress has polled 5,434 votes, while other candidates have secured 37,163 votes. Out of the total 120 divisions in Visakhapatnam, results for 42 divisions have been declared so far. The TDP has won 27 divisions, Jana Sena 10 and the BJP five. The YSRCP has secured four divisions, while others have won two. Alliance candidates are leading in another 24 divisions. These results indicate the alliance's strong dominance in Visakhapatnam. The massive lead secured by mayoral candidate Mukka Sravani has particularly attracted political attention.

The alliance's strength in the Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation is expected to become clearer as results from the remaining divisions are announced.

TDP Captures Uyuru Municipality; Party Workers Celebrate Victory

From Our Staff Reporter

Krishna District (Kankipadu), November 3: The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has captured Uyuru Municipality. Party workers celebrated the victory in grand style across the town. Leaders and party workers gathered in large numbers at the party office to celebrate. MLA Bode Prasad and former MLC Rajendra Prasad congratulated the party workers and distributed sweets. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Bode Prasad made several remarks.

Krishna River Water to Be Supplied to Uyuru Residents

MLA Bode Prasad said Uyuru Municipality had delivered a bigger victory to the TDP than the 2024 General Elections. He promised that the party would fulfil all the assurances made during the election campaign. He said TIDCO houses and Krishna River water would soon be provided to the people of Uyuru. He thanked the people for giving the alliance a 98% strike rate. He stated that the people had given the alliance a massive majority after witnessing the development and welfare initiatives undertaken by the coalition government over the past two-and-a-half years.

Will Show YSRCP the Full Picture: Bode Prasad

The MLA said he had challenged the YSRCP, stating that he was ready to resign if the party won even one of the two municipalities—Tadigadapa and Uyuru—in his constituency. However, YSRCP constituency in-charge Chakravarthy did not accept the challenge, which, according to Bode Prasad, indicated that he had already accepted defeat. He said the Uyuru Municipality victory was just a trailer for the YSRCP and that the party would show it the complete picture with its victory in Tadigadapa Municipality.

Notification Issued for Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam Deputy Mayor Elections

From Our Staff Reporter

Amaravati, November 3: The State Election Commission has issued a notification for conducting Deputy Mayor elections in the Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam (GVMC) Municipal Corporations.



The respective District Collectors or Joint Collectors will serve notices to the Mayors and corporators on November 4. Special meetings to elect the Deputy Mayors will be held on November 9 at 11 AM.

If the elections cannot be conducted on November 9 for any reason, they will be held the following day, November 10, at 11 AM, even though it is a holiday. If the elections cannot be conducted on November 10 either, a report will be submitted to the State Election Commission to decide the next date. State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha issued orders to this effect.

TDP Makes Strong Gains in Jagan's Home District Kadapa; Captures Four Municipalities

From Our Staff Reporter

Kadapa, November 3: Counting of votes in the Andhra Pradesh municipal elections is underway. TDP candidates have registered victories in several municipalities in Kadapa district, the home district of YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. The TDP has captured four municipalities in the district. TDP candidates emerged victorious in Badvel Municipality. The party also won Rajampet Municipality, adding it to its tally. The TDP further captured Rayachoti Municipality, while its candidates also secured victory in Mydukur Municipality. Meanwhile, BJP candidates won Yerraguntla Municipality. With these results, the TDP has won four of the district's five municipalities, while the BJP has secured one. The results have generated considerable enthusiasm among TDP and BJP cadres.

Cyclone Murasu Ravages Andhra Pradesh; 30,661 Hectares of Crops Damaged Across 15 Districts



From Our Staff Reporter

Amaravati, November 3: Officials have made a preliminary assessment that crops across 30,661 hectares in 15 districts of Andhra Pradesh have been damaged due to Cyclone Murasu. Krishna, Bapatla and Nandyal districts have reported the maximum crop damage. Paddy, cotton and maize crops have suffered extensive losses, according to officials. The cyclone had a significant impact, with rainfall exceeding normal levels in 132 mandals across the 15 districts. During the cyclone's landfall, strong winds reaching speeds of 107 kmph were recorded near Dornala in Markapuram district. Officials shifted 10,805 people from cyclone-affected areas to rehabilitation centres. A total of 171 rehabilitation centres were established, and 14,810 food packets were distributed.

Eleven NDRF and 13 SDRF teams were deployed for rescue and relief operations. Officials also kept 613 generators ready. Fire and emergency services teams were deployed to remove fallen trees and clear waterlogged areas. As many as 185 teams were prepared specifically for tree clearance operations. Before the cyclone made landfall, officials shifted 3,066 pregnant women and 1,008 lactating mothers to safer hospitals. The Health and Medical Department deployed 725 medical teams across 13 districts and kept 362 ambulances ready for emergency services. Cyclone warning messages were continuously sent to 3.77 crore mobile phone users to keep them alert. RTGS also facilitated access to emergency cyclone assistance through the Mana Mitra WhatsApp Governance services.

EDITORIAL

Battle Against CEC Intensifies

The massive rally and public meeting organised on Sunday at the historic Ramlila Maidan in Delhi, demanding the removal of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar from office, reflected renewed enthusiasm and the collective fighting spirit among opposition parties. The movement primarily targeted CEC Gyanesh Kumar and the Narendra Modi government, which has stood firmly behind him. Moreover, in view of the recent observations made by the Supreme Court, it is becoming increasingly difficult for the Election Commission of India (ECI) to continue and defend the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process in its present form. The massive gathering has also raised several important questions. The key questions now being debated are: How justified is the Central Government in continuing its support for the Chief Election Commissioner and the SIR process? What political consequences could the government face if it continues to extend such support? Whether CEC Gyanesh Kumar resigns or not, the protest movement has created a new political opportunity for the opposition. In particular, preventing the BJP from returning to power in Uttar Pradesh for a third consecutive term has become a major objective of the opposition alliance. Although the Congress did not suffer any major setback in the recently held MLC elections, the Samajwadi Party's remarkable victory has provided the Congress with a good political opportunity to build a strong opposition alliance in Uttar Pradesh.

However, the real and difficult challenge lies ahead. While allocating election seats among INDIA bloc partners, the personal egos and excessive demands of regional Congress leaders must not be given any importance. Electoral victory should be the sole criterion. Only then can the alliance improve its chances of winning elections, irrespective of when they are held. Through this massive rally, the Congress is seeking to play a key role in shaping the political agenda of the opposition at the national level. The rally also made it clear that Rahul Gandhi is emerging as the undisputed leader of the INDIA bloc. The declaration at the rally that "This is not the voice of one political party; it is the voice of India's youth, farmers and people" marked the beginning of a united political struggle. Rahul Gandhi has personally taken the issue of 'vote theft' to the people from the very beginning and transformed it into a major political issue. Although some leaders within his own party initially doubted whether this issue would resonate with the public, he continued to pursue it strongly. Continuous media reports highlighting irregularities and controversial aspects of the SIR process, along with allegations of internal differences within the Election Commission, have further strengthened Rahul Gandhi's campaign. Against this backdrop, every INDIA bloc partner, including parties that had differences in the past, now has an opportunity to work together. Even the Trinamool Congress, which had remained distant from the INDIA bloc for quite some time, has now emerged as a strong partner in the alliance. Similarly, the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), which was previously in power in Odisha, participated in the Delhi Chalo March despite not being a member of the INDIA bloc. However, the DMK, one of the founding members of the INDIA alliance, did not participate in the protest. Relations between the Congress and the DMK have deteriorated after the Congress reportedly rushed to abandon the alliance's objectives and attempted to join the Vijay-led government in Tamil Nadu. However, it is noteworthy that the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) participated in a recent anti-SIR protest in Chennai. Considering the present circumstances, the opposition alliance has been able to put forward a strong argument against the SIR process. The central argument of the INDIA bloc is that the Election Commission should not go beyond its constitutional authority and remove voters' names through new rules or procedures. We cannot remain silent when such harmful actions threaten to undermine the democratic process. This is precisely the situation the country is facing today. One of the greatest achievements of India when it became a Republic was the introduction of universal adult suffrage. Even many of the world's leading democracies took decades, and in some cases centuries, to accept the principle that every citizen should have the right to vote and that every vote should carry equal value.

However, the SIR process is now becoming an instrument that threatens to weaken this fundamental principle of our democracy. Every mistake committed during the SIR process must be answered for, keeping the interests of democracy in mind. Those responsible for such errors must be identified and brought to justice. The government, the Supreme Court and the Election Commission have a significant responsibility to determine how this crucial issue should be resolved.

Israel's Arab Parties Have Never Had This Much Power. And Netanyahu Isn't Liking It



In the just-concluded historic Israeli Knesset elections, allegations of 'vote theft' against Israeli Arab parties and interference by foreign countries are growing louder, even though the evidence is thin. Israel's two main Arab-led political groups registered an unprecedented victory in the elections with 19 seats between them, thus nearly doubling their combined tally from the 2022 elections. They are now being seen as potential kingmakers. With their support, either of the two main political blocs could potentially form the next government. But will Israel's political establishment let them wield power? The reluctance of both major political camps to work with them reveals a deeper contradiction in Israeli democracy. First, let's see what the allegations are: 1)PM Benjamin Netanyahu and his Likud Party's claims that the election was stolen and that Arab parties should consequently be excluded from government formation; 2) they alleged that Arab parties benefited from illegal foreign funding and 3) Arab Party leaders should be arrested So, instead of focusing on how to accommodate this new parliamentary reality, the political debate in Israel shifted towards questioning the legitimacy of the Arab-led parties' electoral success.

The 'Foreign Funds' Allegations

The election committee has denied the allegations, saying it found no evidence of vote theft or foreign funding. Now, Israel's security agencies have stepped in by launching an investigation. But despite Benjamin Netanyahu amplifying the vote theft theory, the scope of the investigation only includes allegations of foreign funding. The Shin Bet and Mossad opened the inquiry after Central Elections Committee chairman, Supreme Court Justice Noam Sohlberg, asked it to examine allegations of improper influence by foreign entities. Qatar is a central focus of the suspicion, and it has outrightly rejected the allegations. The separate police case involving three Ra'am activists arrested on suspicion of election bribery is unconnected to the wider foreign-interference investigation, with investigators finding no evidence of a vote-buying scheme, let alone proof that the election was stolen. They have subsequently been released and put under house arrest So, it may be disappointing for Mr Netanyahu that the foreign funding will only examine if foreign funds influenced the mobilisation of voters, not the voting itself. It must be made clear here that no public evidence has established that any foreign government succeeded in changing votes or the election outcome. The election committee and security agencies have clearly indicated that the investigation will not affect the certified declared results, which are due to be presented to President Isaac Herzog on November 4. The harsh reality appears to be that Israel's Arab citizens (just over 20% of the population) have delivered their strongest electoral performance in history. Winning 19 seats in the 120-member Knesset has catapulted them to a position where they could decide the fate of Mr Netanyahu. Former military chief Gadi Eisenkot could become the next Israeli Prime Minister if he reverses his pre-election decision not to form a government with the help of the Arab-led parties. A quick reminder of the tally: the final result released by the Central Elections Committee on Friday gives Netanyahu's bloc 53 seats, against 48 for the opposition. The Arab-led Joint List has secured 11 seats and the United Arab List, known as Ra'am, eight. Neither of the two main camps is anywhere close to the 61 seats required for a parliamentary majority.

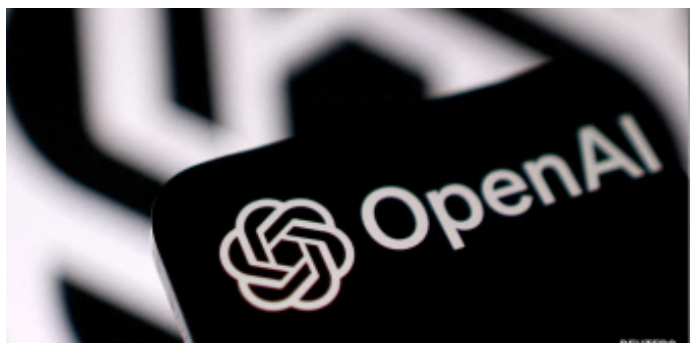
The Four Scenarios

The Arab parties, which faced unsuccessful attempts to be banned from taking part in the elections, now hold the key to the formation of Israel's next government. Netanyahu's bloc is eight seats short of a majority, while the opposition needs 13 more. The first possibility is an opposition government led by Gadi Eisenkot, with the Joint List and Ra'am providing parliamentary support from outside the coalition. In return, they would seek commitments on housing, infrastructure, public security, and other issues affecting Arab communities. A second possibility is a narrower arrangement with Mansour Abbas's Ra'am, which has previously joined a Jewish-led coalition. Its more pragmatic approach could make it a relatively easy partner, although Eisenkot and Naftali Bennett have resisted formally including Arab parties in their government. A third possibility is a political deadlock, forcing another election if neither bloc can secure the 61 seats needed for a majority. This is highly undesirable for all parties concerned, as well as for Israel's economy, which is reeling from wars on various fronts. A fourth, less discussed scenario is Netanyahu dropping his far-right partners, particularly Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich, and attempting to form a broader coalition with centrist and moderate right-wing parties, potentially with Ra'am's support. This would require additional parliamentary partners and mark a major political reversal for Netanyahu, who has repeatedly opposed Arab parties influencing government formation. Even if they remain outside the government, Arab lawmakers could still play a kingmaking role by influencing the election of the Knesset speaker, parliamentary committees, and legislation. Ultimately, the question is whether Israel's political establishment is prepared to turn its unprecedented electoral strength into meaningful political power.

What Arab Parties Stand For

Israel's Arab citizens, who make up over 20% of the population, are largely descendants of Palestinians who remained within Israel after its establishment in 1948 and the mass displacement that followed the war. Unlike Palestinians living under Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza, Israeli Arabs hold Israeli citizenship, can vote and contest elections, and have representatives in the Knesset. They are mostly Muslims, but have substantial numbers of Christians and Druze. The 19 seats won by Arab parties are divided between two distinct political groups with different visions. The Joint List, with 11 seats, brings together Hadash, Ta'al and Balad. Hadash supports social equality, Palestinian rights and Jewish-Arab cooperation, and includes both Jewish and Arab members. Ta'al, led by Ahmad Tibi, takes a more pragmatic approach to parliamentary politics. Balad has a stronger Palestinian nationalist identity and wants Israel to become a state of all its citizens. The other group, Ra'am, led by Mansour Abbas, has an Islamist identity but follows a more pragmatic approach, focusing on housing, infrastructure, public security and better services for Arab communities. Unlike the Joint List's more nationalist elements, Ra'am has shown a willingness to work with Jewish parties, including those on the right, if it can secure concrete benefits for its voters. Israel is officially both a Jewish state and a democracy, a contradiction that is central to its identity, and non-negotiable. Many Arab parties whose members are native citizens of Israel argue that if the country is democratic, it should be a state where all citizens enjoy equal status, regardless of religion or ethnicity. Of course this challenges the very idea of Israel as the homeland of the Jewish people. The October 7, 2023, Hamas attack and the subsequent war have deepened mistrust among many Jewish Israelis towards Palestinian political movements. Opposition leaders, meanwhile, fear that working with Arab parties could alienate right-wing Jewish voters and cost them support. But cooperation is not without precedent. In 2021, Mansour Abbas's Ra'am party joined the coalition government led by Naftali Bennett and Yair Lapid, becoming the first independent Arab party to do so. It did not receive ministerial positions, but its support helped bring an end to Benjamin Netanyahu's 12 consecutive years in power.

The Great AI Rift: Why Meta, Palantir Are Fighting Against OpenAI, Anthropic, Google



Silicon Valley's sharpest quarrel this year is about who gets to hold the weights, the billions of trained numbers that make a model work. One camp rents intelligence through cloud APIs and keeps its frontier models sealed: OpenAI, Anthropic, and Google. The other wants weights published, so anyone can download a model, run it on their own servers, and change it at will.

The line hardened on July 24, when 25 companies, among them Nvidia, Microsoft, Meta, IBM, and Palantir, signed an open letter titled "Open Weights and American AI Leadership", urging Washington not to restrict open-weight models. Google, OpenAI, and Anthropic did not sign. Sam Altman later posted that he wanted America to win in both open and proprietary AI. The hedge was telling: OpenAI released open-weight models in 2025, alarmed by China's progress, but keeps its best systems behind an API.

Jensen Huang's case blends principle with arithmetic. Every downloaded model still needs a GPU to run, and most GPUs are Nvidia's. When Nvidia released the Nemotron 3.5 Lightning model that runs on a single GPU in August this year, he said that "Free AI should be great for chips. In March, Nvidia had assembled the Nemotron Coalition, eight labs including Mistral and Perplexity, to build frontier-grade open models. At CES in January, Huang claimed that 80% of startups build on open models.

Mark Zuckerberg's path has been more erratic. Meta built developer goodwill on Llama, then debuted Muse Spark in April as a closed flagship. On August 10, it swung back, releasing the 30-billion-parameter open-weight Muse Glimmer and promising Spark's weights too. His accompanying 6,500-word essay argued that concentrating AI in a few companies is itself a danger, and cast OpenAI and Anthropic as the foils. Neither man is a pure idealist. Nvidia sells the hardware open models run on. Meta earns from advertising, not from selling model access, so giving weights away costs it little and undercuts rivals who do charge. The closed labs' case is not frivolous. Altman put the core problem plainly in 2025: once weights are out, they cannot be pulled back. Neither can the safety guardrails a downloader strips away. A closed model can be patched, monitored, and switched off; an open one, once copied, cannot.

Geopolitics sharpens the worry. Washington fears that Chinese labs distil expensive American closed models into cheap open ones. Chinese open models from DeepSeek, Alibaba, and Moonshot have grown fastest in adoption, and Moonshot's Kimi K3 helped push Huang into the policy fight this summer. Notably, the White House's new framework for pre-release review of advanced models reportedly covers only the most powerful closed systems. There is the commerce angle, too. Closed labs sell access to their models; publishing weights would give away the product. Their frontier models still lead on the hardest reasoning and agentic tasks, and that lead is what customers pay for.

The schism is reshaping how AI gets built. The capability gap that once settled the debate has narrowed sharply: by one widely cited estimate, the best open models now trail the closed frontier by about four months, and cost roughly a third as much per unit of capability. Yet enterprise use of open models has reportedly fallen, as large companies pay a premium for managed services, support, and the very best performance.

The result is a two-tier economy. Startups and researchers build on open weights because they can inspect, fine-tune, and run them cheaply; open models featured in 44% of single-model-family research papers this year, according to one August study. Large enterprises increasingly do both, routing routine, high-volume work to cheap open models and sending only the hardest tasks to a closed API.

That hybrid pattern is the quiet winner. It also means developers' loyalties are fluid, which is why both camps are fighting so hard to set the defaults now. For the global community of users, the stakes go well beyond Silicon Valley's balance sheets. Open weights lower the price of entry. A hospital, a small business, or a government outside America can run a capable model on its own hardware, keep sensitive data at home, and adapt the model to local languages and laws. Countries without frontier labs gain a way to build rather than merely rent.

Openness also spreads scrutiny. Independent researchers can probe open models for bias and flaws in ways closed systems do not allow.

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I, **KOLLIPARA PRAVEEN KUMAR,** S/o. **K UDAYABHASKAR**, residing at 13-379/6, Hindi College Road, Near T.I.C Point, Sector-2, Arilova, Visakhapatnam, have changed my Father name from **K UDAYABHASKAR** (Old Name) to **KOLLIPARA VENKATESWARA RAO** (New Name). Henceforth, He shall be known and called as **KOLLIPARA PRAVEEN KUMAR, S/o. KOLLIPARA VENKATESWARA RAO,** for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RONANKI LAKSHMANA RAO,** S/o. **Late RONANKI PEDDA BALUSAKU NAIDU**, Permanent Address Door No.1-35, Peddaveedi, Sorligam, Srikakulam. Residing at 14-322/1, Durga Nagar, Sector-3, Arilova, Visakhapatnam, have changed my minor Son name from **RONAKI JASWNTH** (Old Name) to **RONANKI JASWANTH** (New Name). Henceforth, He shall be known and called as **RONANKI JASWANTH S/o. RONANKI LAKSHMANA RAO,** for all purposes.

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I, **KOLLIPARA PRADEEP KUMAR,** S/o. **I UDAY BHASKAR**, residing at 13-379/6, Hindi College Road, Near T.I.C Point, Sector-2, Arilova, Visakhapatnam, have changed my Father name from **I UDAY BHASKAR** (Old Name) to **KOLLIPARA VENKATESWARA RAO** (New Name). Henceforth, He shall be known and called as **KOLLIPARA PRADEEP KUMAR, S/o. KOLLIPARA VENKATESWARA RAO,** for all purposes.

Dia Mirza Diwali Video Row Not an Issue at My Level: Fadnavis



Mumbai: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis downplayed the controversy surrounding the removal of actor Dia Mirza's Diwali firecracker awareness video from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's (BMC) social media platforms, calling it a minor issue that does not warrant attention at his level. His remarks came after the Bombay High Court expressed displeasure over the civic body's decision to take down the video and asked it to consider restoring celebrity-backed anti-firecracker awareness content. The clip had been removed after Mumbai BJP chief Ameet Satam objected to Mirza's involvement in the campaign.

Speaking about the court's directions, Fadnavis said the decision to delete the video was taken by the BMC and not by the state government. He maintained that the officials managing the civic body's social media account had the authority to decide which content should remain online. "Dia Mirza may be a good actress, but she is not a major political figure in the country. Anyway, I feel these issues are not at my level," Fadnavis said, adding that the matter was of little significance compared with issues concerning his office. He also questioned the suggestion that the High Court had reprimanded anyone, saying he was unaware of any such observation and that the video had been removed at the civic body's discretion.

The High Court bench of Justices Girish Kulkarni and Neela Gokhale had expressed 'great displeasure' over attempts to politicise judicial directions concerning air and noise pollution. It asked the BMC to consider restoring celebrity-backed awareness videos removed from its official social media handles. The controversy began after the BMC uploaded a video featuring Mirza urging citizens to follow restrictions on firecrackers during Diwali. The campaign referred to the court's directions on preventing air and noise pollution. Satam then criticised the civic body for featuring the actor, following which the video was taken down. Dia Mirza later addressed the criticism, clarifying that her participation in the awareness video was part of a public interest initiative undertaken at the request of the Bombay High Court and the BMC. Speaking to ANI, the actor questioned why the video was being criticised, stressing that air pollution is a serious public health concern. She maintained that all efforts aimed at curbing pollution should be encouraged, adding that the initiative was carried out in the larger public interest.

'IVF Failure Not Cheating': Allahabad High Court Quashes Criminal Proceedings Against Fertility Specialist



Lucknow: The Allahabad High Court has ruled that failure of an In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) procedure does not, by itself, amount to cheating. A criminal case under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) cannot be initiated merely because a medical procedure fails to deliver the desired result or an agreement is not fulfilled. The prosecution must establish that the accused had a dishonest intention from the very beginning. Justice Chavan Prakash made the observation while quashing criminal proceedings and a summoning order against a woman fertility specialist accused of cheating a patient over an unsuccessful IVF treatment.

The case concerned IVF treatment at a hospital and fertility centre in Bulandshahr. The complainant, Jaiveer Singh, alleged that the doctor had assured him that his wife would conceive through IVF and charged Rs 3.5 lakh for the treatment. However, his wife did not become pregnant despite undergoing the procedure. He further alleged that the doctor refused to refund the money when he demanded it. Following this, Singh approached the court through an application under Section 156(3) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, seeking criminal action against the doctor. The trial court subsequently summoned the fertility specialist on charges of cheating.

Challenging the proceedings, the doctor argued that IVF treatment does not carry a guaranteed success rate and that the failure of the procedure could not be treated as evidence of fraud. Accepting the argument, the High Court observed that medical science is not an exact science and the success of IVF depends on several physiological factors. It noted that the amount received by the doctor was professional fees for medical treatment and could not be treated as property obtained through cheating merely because the procedure was unsuccessful. The court also emphasised that a magistrate must apply judicial discretion and examine the evidence before issuing summons in a criminal case. Summoning an accused mechanically, without proper application of mind, is not justified. Setting aside the summoning order, the revisional court's order and the entire criminal proceedings against the doctor, the High Court held that failure of a medical procedure cannot automatically be converted into a criminal offence in the absence of evidence of dishonest intention from the outset.

Bageshwar Dham's Dhirendra Shastri Apologises Over Controversial 'Ram And Krishna' Remarks, Says 'Words Were Misunderstood'



Shivpuri (Madhya Pradesh): Bageshwar Dham chief Dhirendra Krishna Shastri has issued an apology following controversy over his remarks comparing Lord Ram and Lord Krishna during a religious discourse. Clarifying his statement, Shastri said, "Logo ne arth ka anarth kiya" (People misinterpreted the meaning of my words). He maintained that his remarks were made in deep devotion and were misunderstood. With folded hands, he sought forgiveness from anyone whose religious sentiments may have been hurt. The controversy erupted after Shastri described Lord Ram as 'seedhe' (obedient) and Lord Krishna as "tedha" (mischievous) during a katha. His remarks triggered criticism, with s veral people questioning his choice of words and accusing him of disrespecting Lord Krishna.

Responding to the criticism, Shastri explained that his statement was an affectionate, playful expression of devotion rather than an insult to Lord Krishna. He said such expressions are common in devotional traditions, where saints and devotees sometimes lovingly reproach their deities. Shastri claimed that some people watched only a short clip instead of the entire discourse, leading to misinterpretation and unnecessary controversy.

Shastri emphasised his devotion to Lord Krishna and his affection for the Braj region. He said he frequently praises Lord Krishna during Shrimad Bhagwat Katha discourses and wishes to reside in Braj. He rejected allegations that he intended to create differences between Lord Ram and Lord Krishna. Explaining further, Shastri said he had been interpreting a devotional verse in which a saint affectionately addresses the deity. Shastri reiterated that he never intended to disrespect Lord Krishna or hurt religious sentiments. He said his life was dedicated to Lord Krishna and that he regularly advocated for matters concerning Krishna's birthplace. Concluding his clarification, Shastri apologised with folded hands, seeking forgiveness if his words had offended anyone.

Rs.4.25 Crore Ramayana Watch Has Lord Ram, Hanuman And Ayodhya's Ram Temple On Its Dial



Mumbai: A luxury watch can tell time, make a statement and sometimes carry a story far beyond its price tag. For Diwali, Jacob & Co has unveiled a timepiece inspired by the Ramayana, bringing miniature depictions of Lord Ram, Lord Hanuman and Ayodhya's Ram Temple together in an elaborate mechanical design. Named the Shri Ramchandra Limited Edition, keep reading to know everything about it. The watch draws from Jacob & Co's Astronomia Solar collection, transforming its celestial-inspired design into a tribute to the Hindu epic. Its vivid blue dial features a mandala pattern, with miniature sculptures of Lord Ram and Lord Hanuman positioned alongside a depiction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, inaugurated in 2024. A rotating blue Earth sits between the two figures, completing one revolution every 60 seconds. Above it, a flying tourbillon adds movement to the intricate display, while an orange Jacob-cut cubic zirconia at the centre represents the sun. The religious and architectural references give the watch a distinctive identity, setting it apart from conventional luxury timepieces that focus primarily on gemstones, materials or complications.

The watch is housed in a 45.5-mm case made from 18-karat rose gold and paired with a blue strap. Inside, it runs on Jacob & Co's hand-wound JCAM42 calibre, assembled from 295 components. The movement offers a 48-hour power reserve, while a custom plate bearing the words "Jai Shri Ram" appears on the caseback. Jacob & Co's design description highlights its use of colourful, 288-facet Jacob-cut gems to represent stellar bodies, set against an aventurine night-sky base decorated with planets crafted from hardstone cabochons. The Ramayana edition adapts this celestial framework into a devotional-themed composition. The Shri Ramchandra Limited Edition has been listed on the Ethos watch boutique website for Rs.4,25,00,000.

Surat Horror! 22-Year-Old Woman Kills Father, Strikes Him With Pressure Cooker Lid, Stabs With Knife After Mobile Gaming Dispute



Surat: A family dispute over mobile gaming turned fatal in Surat, Gujarat, after a 22-year-old woman allegedly murdered her father following an argument over her phone. The accused, identified as Kajal, was arrested on Sunday night for allegedly killing Ramesh Chauhan, 55, after he smashed her mobile phone during a heated confrontation. The incident reportedly took place at the family's residence in the Kosad area of Surat. According to the police complaint filed by her mother, Manju, the argument began over Kajal's habit of playing games on her phone while neglecting household chores. According to the complaint, Ramesh Chauhan returned home from work on Sunday when his wife Manju reportedly complained that their daughter was spending excessive time playing mobile games and was not helping with household responsibilities.

Chauhan allegedly asked Kajal to put her phone aside and assist with the chores. However, when she refused to comply, he reportedly snatched the device and slammed it onto the ground, breaking it. The incident allegedly enraged Kajal, leading to a violent confrontation between the father and daughter. Police said Kajal allegedly picked up a pressure cooker lid from the kitchen counter and struck her father on the head. She subsequently attacked him with a knife, causing severe injuries. Hearing his screams, Manju rushed to the kitchen, where she found Chauhan lying on the floor with blood coming from his head and abdomen. He was immediately taken to a nearby private hospital for treatment. However, doctors declared him dead upon arrival. Following Manju's complaint, police registered a murder case and arrested Kajal late on Sunday night. Police Inspector J B Vanar confirmed Kajal's arrest and stated that the incident stemmed from a disagreement over mobile gaming. "We arrested the accused, Kajal, late on Sunday night. A quarrel broke out between the father and the daughter over a petty issue of her playing games on the phone, and it led to the murder. Kajal's father died a few years ago in Saurashtra, and her mother moved to Surat and married Ramesh Chauhan." The police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the fatal altercation.

Speeding SUV Crashes Into Bengaluru Kebab Shop, 3 Suffer Burns As Hot Oil Splashes On Them



Bengaluru: Three people suffered severe burn injuries after a speeding luxury SUV rammed into several parked motorcycles before crashing into a roadside kebab centre near Bannerghatta on the outskirts of Bengaluru. The incident, captured on CCTV cameras, has gone viral on social media. The accident took place at Halevooramma Kebab Centre in Hommadevanahalli when a Mitsubishi Pajero Sport (KA05-MR-3925), allegedly travelling at high speed, lost control and ploughed into the parked two-wheelers before crashing into the shop.

CCTV footage from outside the eatery shows the black SUV approaching after hitting the motorcycles, sending dust and debris flying before coming to a halt against the shopfront. Several people can be seen scattering as the vehicle crashes into the establishment, while motorcycles and other objects are knocked over. Another CCTV camera inside the kebab centre captures the moment of impact, with dust, steam and debris filling the premises. Tables and benches are displaced, utensils and other items are scattered across the floor, while people inside rush away from the cooking area amid the chaos. The impact reportedly caused hot oil used for frying kebabs to splash onto three people inside the shop. The injured have been identified as Basavaraj, Munikrishna and Manjesh. They sustained severe burn injuries and were rushed to a nearby private hospital for treatment. Bannerghatta police have taken the driver, identified as Sajina Begum, and the SUV into custody. A case has been registered, and further investigation into the incident is underway.

Kerala Man On Bail In POCSO Case Attempts To Kill Survivor

Thiruvananthapuram: *A man accused in a Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act case allegedly attempted to murder the survivor by slashing her throat in Kerala's Ernakulam district, weeks after being released on bail. The accused, Mohammed Adnan, a resident of Perumani near Arakkappady, allegedly entered the girl's house in the afternoon, assaulted her and attacked her with a knife. The incident occurred around 2 pm when a neighbour, alerted by the commotion, rushed inside and intervened. The girl sustained injuries to both hands while attempting to protect herself. The accused allegedly dragged her out of the house and attacked her with a knife.*

Recounting the incident, the neighbour said he narrowly managed to prevent the attack but sustained injuries in the process. "I saw her being dragged out of her home with a knife near her neck. I went near and managed to stop the attacker. In this fight, I got injured by the knife. But I was able to save the girl," stated the neighbour. The accused escaped before the police reached the spot. However, a search operation involving police personnel and local residents led to his apprehension in a nearby forested area. According to the police, the POCSO case against Adnan was registered on August 8, 2026. He remained in judicial custody for nearly two and a half months before securing bail on October 18. He has since been arrested, produced before a court and remanded to judicial custody.

Rajnath Singh Emphasises Defence Self-Reliance, Innovation and Global Partnerships at Delhi Defence Dialogue 2026









New Delhi: "Military preparedness in the 21st century is intrinsically linked to technological and industrial capabilities," said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh as he called for indigenous production of critical equipment and technologies and building the capacity to sustain them independently. Addressing the third edition of the Delhi Defence Dialogue at Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) on November 3, 2026, he emphasised that 'Aatmanirbharta' must be viewed as a quest for technological sovereignty as self-reliance means ensuring that the nation's critical defence requirements are not held hostage to external dependencies. True self-reliance is achieved by possessing the knowledge to design a defence platform, the technology to manufacture it, intellectual property to improve it and the capability to sustain it throughout its lifecycle, he said. Sharing his insights on the theme of this year's Dialogue, 'Defence Reforms, Aatmanirbharta, Collaborations and Exports', Raksha Mantri described the four elements as interconnected dimensions of India's objective to become Viksit Bharat by 2047. He stated that reforms must create an enabling institutional environment, Aatmanirbharta must strengthen indigenous technological capabilities, collaborations must accelerate access to advanced technologies and facilitate co-development, and exports must provide the scale, competitiveness and global partnerships required for a sustainable industrial ecosystem. These four elements are mutually reinforcing pillars of India's quest for strategic autonomy, he said. Rajnath Singh underlined that reforms represent the nation's willingness to change, Aatmanirbharta symbolises its determination to create, collaborations reflect its confidence to partner with the world, and exports demonstrate its readiness to compete globally. He emphasised that these four elements must progress together, as self-reliance without reforms, international collaborations and exports would limit India's technological horizons, industrial scale and global competitiveness. Raksha Mantri pointed out that recent conflicts across the world have demonstrated a fundamental transformation in the character of warfare, with battlefields extending beyond land, sea and air into space, cyberspace and the digital domain. He stated that the distinction between conventional and unconventional warfare is increasingly blurring, while relatively inexpensive drones and autonomous systems are challenging sophisticated and costly military platforms. The ability to innovate rapidly, manufacture at scale and replenish capabilities has become as important as possessing advanced weapon systems, he added. Highlighting that technological and manufacturing capabilities require an enabling institutional environment, progressive policies and responsive processes, Shri Rajnath Singh outlined the initiatives undertaken over the last decade to strengthen India's domestic defence industrial base. These include the establishment of Defence Industrial Corridors and the corporatisation of the erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board into seven Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), aimed at enhancing autonomy, efficiency and competitiveness in defence manufacturing. Raksha Mantri reiterated the Government's commitment to encouraging greater private sector participation in the development and manufacturing of advanced defence platforms and systems. "Opportunities for private participation in programmes such as the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft, propulsion systems, ATAGS, artillery ammunition and shipbuilding will accelerate indigenous development, expand manufacturing capacity and strengthen India's position in the global defence market. These initiatives are creating opportunities for wider participation by private industry, MSMEs, start-ups and academia," he said. Rajnath Singh highlighted that 2025 was observed as the Year of Reforms in the Ministry of Defence, with a focus on jointness, integration, emerging technologies, innovation and strengthening the domestic defence industrial ecosystem. He said that reforms initiated across policies, institutional structures, technology development, acquisition procedures and ease of doing business are yielding positive results, with defence production reaching a record level of approximately Rs 1.78 lakh crore in FY 2025-26 and defence exports rising to Rs 38,424 crore. Indian defence products are now reaching more than 80 countries, reflecting the growing contribution of public sector enterprises, private industry, MSMEs and start-ups, he added. Raksha Mantri described defence exports as a crucial dimension of India's self-reliance agenda, stating that exports reflect the maturity of the domestic industrial ecosystem, the competitiveness of indigenous technologies and the confidence of international partners in India's capabilities. He attributed the growth to sustained policy liberalisation, simplification and standardisation, which have enabled Indian manufacturers, particularly MSMEs, to respond more effectively to international opportunities. Rajnath Singh called for expanding the scope of defence exports to include maintenance, repair, training, logistics and technology cooperation, stating that every successful export should become the foundation of an enduring strategic partnership.

APEDA Exports 1.3 MT of Kullu Pomegranates to Dubai, Boosting Farmers' Global Reach



New Delhi: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, facilitated the export of 1.3 metric tonnes (MT) of Sinduri variety pomegranates from Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh to Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). The consignment, comprising 650 boxes of 2 kg each, was exported by Uttar Pradesh-based Amama Exports. The initiative connects local growers and a Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) with an exporter, creating opportunities for Himachal Pradesh's horticultural produce to access international markets. The pomegranates were sourced directly from local farmers and the Bhuntar FPO, which is associated with approximately 600 farmers. The Kullu district horticulture administration supported the initiative by facilitating procurement and coordination. The Sinduri variety is among the pomegranate varieties grown in Himachal Pradesh, alongside Bhagwa and Kandhari. Known for its attractive red skin, juicy arils and sweet-tart flavour, Sinduri pomegranates are suitable for fresh consumption and offer potential for export markets. The initiative demonstrates the role of direct procurement and collective participation through FPOs in strengthening market linkages for farmers. The export enabled participating farmers to achieve 50% higher price realisation compared with the prevailing domestic market benchmark. Such export-oriented linkages can provide additional marketing opportunities for growers, encourage quality-focused production and support greater participation of FPOs in agricultural exports. During FY 2025-26, India exported APEDA-scheduled agricultural and processed food products worth approximately USD 2.59 billion, with a total volume of around 3.81 million MT, to the UAE. The market offers opportunities for Himachal Pradesh's horticultural produce, subject to buyer demand, quality requirements and applicable import regulations. The consignment was officially flagged off by Chairman, APEDA, Shri Abhishek Dev. The ceremony was attended by APEDA officers, representatives of the Horticulture Department, exporters, FPOs and participating farmers. The programme highlighted the importance of coordination among farmers, producer organisations, exporters and government agencies in developing export opportunities for regional horticultural produce. The export of Kullu pomegranates to Dubai adds to efforts to diversify Himachal Pradesh's agricultural export basket beyond its established apple trade. The state has potential to explore overseas markets for other products, including pomegranates, persimmons, stone fruits, juices and ready-to-eat products. Continued focus on quality management, market linkages and export compliance can help expand opportunities for local growers and strengthen the state's participation in international agricultural trade. Through its export facilitation initiatives, APEDA continues to support Indian exporters, farmers and FPOs in accessing international markets and expanding the global reach of India's agricultural and processed food products.

Piyush Goyal Urges Youth to Drive India's Vision of a Developed Nation by 2047



New Delhi: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal called upon young people to be ambitious, embrace transformation and contribute to nation-building while delivering the keynote address at the Young Leaders Discourse Forum at Kirori Mal College, New Delhi. He underscored that achieving the goal of a developed India by 2047 was non-negotiable and that today's youth would be the architects of the country's journey towards this milestone. He observed that the students would be in their forties when India celebrates 100 years of independence, and that their choices, aspirations and contributions would define the country's future. Highlighting India's export performance, Shri Goyal said that the country had recorded its highest-ever exports of USD 863 billion last year. He noted that while the International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its projections in April-May this year, had estimated global trade growth at 1.9 per cent, India had chosen to set an ambitious export target of USD 1 trillion for the current year, representing 16 per cent growth. He said that India could have set an export target of USD 900 billion, representing 5 per cent growth over the previous year's exports, which would itself have been a significant achievement in view of the projected growth in global trade. A target of USD 900 billion would also have represented growth at more than twice the projected global trade growth rate. However, India chose to set a more ambitious target of USD 1 trillion. Shri Goyal expressed confidence that the country would achieve this milestone, noting that exports had already registered 14 per cent growth during the first six months of the financial year (April–September), reaching USD 480 billion. He said that India would need to achieve exports worth USD 520 billion in the remaining six months to meet the annual target and observed that October had also been a good month. He further noted that the IMF had recently revised its projection for global trade growth to around 3.5 per cent, observing that India's export performance could have been one of the factors behind the revision. Emphasising on India's growing stature in the global economy, Shri Goyal said that the country had come a long way from being a fragile five economy to becoming one of the world's leading economies and the fastest-growing large economy. Referring to a recent World Bank report, he noted that around 50 crore people in India had come out of extreme poverty and were making progress towards improving their lives through hard work. He attributed India's growth to several factors, including its talent pool, the skills of its young population, its democratic system, a youthful demographic profile with an average age below 30 years, decisive leadership and the demand generated by 140 crore Indians for quality goods and services. He said that these strengths collectively provided impetus to India's growth story. Goyal said that India had earned the trust of the world, with countries across almost every region keen to enter into preferential trade agreements and free trade agreements with it. He observed that India was increasingly seen as a trusted partner, with its youthful population, talent, willingness to work hard and commitment to contributing to global growth strengthening its international standing. Recalling India's support to countries during difficult times, he said that India had provided vaccines to the world during COVID-19 while ensuring free vaccination for every Indian. He also highlighted India's contribution through the provision of medicines and relief and rehabilitation assistance during crises, irrespective of whether the countries concerned were developed or less developed. He said that the recognition and respect India received across the world reflected the trust it had built through its actions. Calling upon students to adopt an ambitious outlook, Shri Goyal asked them whether they would prefer to settle for modest targets or aspire for a better future. He said that transformation required a change in the way people think, work and live. He urged young people to continuously reinvent themselves, remain open to changing circumstances and pursue knowledge throughout their lives.

China's 5,000-Ton Digging Machines Could Hit India's Infrastructure Push



China has gotten a lot of bargaining power out of its near-monopoly over rare earths. Now it's looking to repeat the trick in a more mundane industry - and perhaps squeeze a key Asian rival. Beijing's newest export controls target construction equipment - including tunnel-boring machines, some of the world's largest and most complex industrial devices. They're used to build subways or drill roads and railways through mountains. China dominates the global market and India is among its main customers.

Building sites might not be an obvious chokepoint in the global economy - unlike the AI technologies that Beijing has also proposed adding to its restricted list, or the rare earths used in smartphones and high-tech weapons. What's more, China's grip on this industry is strong but not absolute, and seeking to turn it into leverage could spur others to catch up.

"Beijing increasingly sees its position as a key global producer of construction equipment in strategic terms," said Kyle Chan, a fellow at the Brookings Institution. "It raises the risks of dependency, and incentivizes other countries to try to derisk from China."

Still, that's hard to do in the short run. Meanwhile, wars in Ukraine and Iran have highlighted the growing military importance of underground facilities. And when it comes to India, there's a particular edge to the new curbs due to take effect later this month.

Along with tunnel-diggers, they apply to other construction equipment including machines for spraying concrete at high altitudes. Beijing invoked the potential for so-called dual use in military as well as civilian projects. It said "sensitive countries and regions with disputes with China" will face stricter rules.

There are reasons for India's leaders to think this language points in their direction.

The Himalayan border between the world's most populous countries has long been a flashpoint and tensions there flared again just last week. India is building railway lines and roads in the area, with an eye on reducing troop mobilization times. They'll need a lot of tunnels.

What Bloomberg Economics Says

"Controls on specialized construction equipment could slow some infrastructure projects, including strategic construction along their disputed Himalayan border""But China's tightening export control regime could also strengthen India's case as an alternative manufacturing base. Foreign equipment makers ... have an incentive to add capacity in large markets such as India."

- Chetna Kumar.

The inclusion of high-altitude machinery could suggest particular attention to "strategically sensitive terrain," said Sun Chenghao, a fellow at Tsinghua University's Center for International Security and Strategy in Beijing.

"For China, the central concern is where Chinese engineering capabilities are used and whether they could strengthen another country's military infrastructure," Sun said.

China has flexed its muscle as chief exporter of tunnel-diggers in the past. In 2024 it delayed efforts by Germany's Herrenknecht AG - which manufactures some of its boring machines in China - to sell them to India, for use in projects like the Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train and the Delhi metro.

A spokesperson for Herrenknecht said the firm is studying the latest Chinese restrictions.For any "priority project," India can shift equipment from other sites, said Ajay Srivastava, founder of the New Delhi-based Global Trade Research Initiative. But there's another catch: China's new curbs apply to components too."When there is heavy wear and tear in these machines we require regular supply of parts," Srivastava said, so there'll be an impact on the existing stock of machines as well as procurement of new ones.

India is far from the only buyer of China's tunneling gear. Beijing state media put the country's global share of the industry at around 70%. The top producer, China Railway Engineering Equipment Group Co Ltd, says its kit is used in 36 countries including Denmark and France.

Besides Herrenknecht, there are other manufacturers in the US and Japan that build potential substitutes. In the long run, China's restrictions could prove a boon to some of them. But for most customers an immediate switch away from a Chinese supplier is difficult.

So is building domestic capacity - an appealing option in a large country like India with ambitious infrastructure plans.

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has said India aims to invest up to $9.6 billion on tunneling over the next five years, and urged local industry to manufacture boring machines. The government is reportedly considering a $1.2 billion incentive plan for makers of construction equipment.

R. Shankar Raman, president of Mumbai-based engineering giant Larsen & Toubro Ltd., said his company is building a prototype tunnel-borer and "if our experiment proves successful" might be able to source its own machinery and sell to others. But with India at an earlier phase of manufacturing, and China doing it at scale, there's no way to compete on cost.

"If people are still going to compare with Chinese price and find ways to import from China," he said, "then India will be at a disadvantage."

How US Midterms Could Move Stock Markets, Oil Prices And India's Exports

Washington: The US midterm elections are usually seen as a domestic political contest. This time, their consequences could travel far beyond Washington. The results will influence everything from global trade and investment to currency markets, energy prices and technology supply chains.The November 2026 elections will determine whether President Donald Trump retains congressional support or faces a legislature increasingly willing to challenge his economic agenda. For the rest of the world, the outcome could shape the cost of doing business with America and the stability of the global economic environment.

Sohom Banerjee, senior economic and AI expert, told NDTV that the midterms could influence global economic conditions primarily through the balance they establish between congressional restraint and presidential discretion. "Their significance extends beyond the immediate direction of American demand. They will influence the predictability of trade policy, the credibility of fiscal commitments and the allocation of international capital," Banerjee said.

Why US Congressional Control Matters

A Republican victory in both chambers of Congress could give the Trump administration greater freedom to pursue tax, spending and regulatory changes. On the other hand, a Democratic takeover of either chamber could intensify oversight, complicate budget negotiations and create new obstacles to legislation.

That does not necessarily mean Trump's existing policies would disappear. The President would continue to retain substantial executive powers, including his veto. An opposition-controlled Congress could make it harder to introduce new legislation but might struggle to reverse measures already implemented.

Banerjee told NDTV that a divided government could constrain Washington without necessarily making its economic conduct more predictable.

Tariffs Could Keep Global Trade On Edge

Even if Democrats gain congressional control, foreign governments should not assume that American tariff policies will automatically return to earlier conditions.The Supreme Court's February ruling curtailed the use of emergency powers for the challenged tariffs. However, other statutory authorities remain available to the administration. For global businesses, the uncertainty itself can become expensive. A manufacturer planning a new factory may delay investment if future market access remains unclear. Exporters may need additional working capital to manage disrupted orders, while companies dependent on imported components could face higher production costs.

Tariffs can also create winners and losers within the United States.

Protected domestic producers may benefit, but manufacturers using imported inputs could lose competitiveness. Overseas suppliers may face pressure on prices, margins and contractual arrangements. Banerjee told that restricting imports from a particular country may redirect sourcing without necessarily correcting America's overall external deficit. The reason is structural. The US trade deficit also reflects the relationship between national savings and investment.

America's Borrowing Could Change Global Financing Costs

The bigger economic consequences could emerge from Washington's fiscal decisions. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the US federal deficit at around $2 trillion in fiscal 2026.Additional borrowing-financed stimulus could support American consumption and increase demand for imports. That would potentially benefit exporters across Asia and Europe.

But there is another side to the story. Higher borrowing could put pressure on Treasury yields, increasing financing costs across international markets. Countries and companies that depend on dollar borrowing could face more expensive debt servicing. A congressional stalemate would not necessarily solve the problem either. It could block deficit-reducing reforms just as effectively as it obstructs additional spending.

Trump Reveals What He Will Do If Democrats Win US Midterm Elections

US President Donald Trump has said he will use his veto power to stop Democrats from passing bills if they take control of Congress in Tuesday's midterm elections. Trump said he could become "Mr Veto" if Republicans lose their majority in either or both houses of Congress.Trump made the remarks during an interview with The New York Post's Miranda Devine for her podcast, 'Pod Force One'. "I guess I'll become Mr Veto. I'm not going to let them ruin it," Trump said when asked how he would deal with a Democrat-controlled Congress.

He explained that he would reject bills sent to him by Democrats and could eventually use the veto power to bring them to the negotiating table. "They'll be sending stuff up. You veto it. And eventually, after a month or two of getting all vetoed, they're just wasting [time], they come over, and you make a deal," Trump said.

He added that this would not be the first time Republicans and Democrats had to reach an agreement to get legislation passed. "And then at some point, we'll probably make deals. That's what's happened. I mean, this wouldn't be the first time," he said.

Trump also said he hoped Republicans would retain control of Congress so that he would not have to follow this approach. "If we didn't win, I think we're going to do great, but if we didn't win, I'd veto everything. I'll be vetoing, vetoing," he added.

Trump has used his veto power only twice during his second term so far. During his first term as president, he vetoed 10 bills.



A presidential veto allows the US president to reject a bill passed by Congress. Congress can still override the veto if two-thirds of members in both the House and Senate vote in favour of the legislation. During the interview, Trump also spoke about the possibility of running for president for a third time."I'd love to run again if I had the chance, but the language is very exacting," he said. He was referring to the 22nd Amendment of the US Constitution, which prevents anyone from being elected president more than twice. The US midterm elections will take place on Tuesday, November 3. All 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 Senate seats are up for election. Democrats are looking to win back control of the House, where Republicans currently hold a narrow majority. They need to gain three seats to take control of the chamber.

Russian Strikes Kill 29 In Ukraine, Zelenskyy Urges Us To Strengthen Air Defence Support

Ukraine reported at least 29 deaths after overnight Russian missile and drone strikes on November 3. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said energy facilities were targeted and 73 people were injured in a strike on a Kharkiv hospital. He urged stronger US air defence support as Washington prepares to mediate Russia-Ukraine peace talks in Abu Dhabi on November 10–11.

Kyiv [Ukraine]: At least 29 people were killed and dozens injured after Russia launched a massive overnight attack targeting critical infrastructure across Ukraine, with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy urging the United States to take note of Moscow's actions and step up support for Kyiv's air defence. In a post on X on Tuesday, Zelenskyy said Russia launched 289 attack drones, 17 ballistic missiles and 59 cruise missiles overnight, primarily targeting energy infrastructure, including power generation facilities and substations, across several regions. The affected regions include Odesa, Cherkasy, Zhytomyr, Vinnytsia, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Chernivtsi, Chernihiv and Rivne, where emergency and unscheduled power outages have been reported in several cities and communities.

Hospital Strike And Rising Death Toll

Zelenskyy said Russian forces also directly struck a city clinical hospital in Kharkiv, injuring 73 people and damaging its cardiology department, where patients were receiving treatment. He further said rescue operations had been underway in Komyshuvakha in the Zaporizhzhia region, where the death toll had risen to 29, with five others injured. Several people remain trapped under the rubble. "Rescue operations continue as far as the security situation allows – there is a threat of Russian double-tap strikes, as they always so wickedly do," Zelenskyy said, expressing condolences to the families of those killed.

Zelenskyy Urges US To Act

The Ukrainian President warned that the threat of further Russian missile and drone attacks remained, with air raid alerts continuing across the country. Highlighting the timing of the attack, Zelenskyy said it was significant that the strikes had taken place on the day of the US congressional elections, urging Washington not to overlook what he described as a signal from Moscow. "The Russians believe that America will not notice this signal from them. But such terror must be noticed and stopped," he said, calling on the US to help Ukraine defend its airspace against further attacks. Zelenskyy stressed that Ukraine needed continued assistance to protect its skies, adding that Russia would not stop its missile strikes without effective air defence support. He also called for efforts to establish peace through an honest and reliable process.

US Plans Abu Dhabi Peace Talks

The remarks come amid renewed diplomatic efforts by the United States to bring an end to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war. US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff announced on Monday (local time) that Washington would mediate working-level negotiations between Ukraine and Russia in Abu Dhabi on November 10-11 as part of the Trump administration's efforts to advance a peace agreement.

Iran Says Will Open Strait Of Hormuz In 2 Days. There's A Condition For US



Iran on Monday said it was ready to reopen the Strait of Hormuz within two days if the US agrees to its conditions, having previously proposed a one-week timeline."The possibility of implementing this plan in two days is another indication of Iran's good-faith approach," said foreign ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei."We have stated that, if Iran's demands are met, it would be possible to restore security to the Strait of Hormuz and resume the negotiating process within a short period." He said an exchange of messages was ongoing with the United States via mediators and that "everything depends" on the US side accepting the Iranian demands. "Only then can we discuss the subsequent stages."

Since the Middle East war broke out in late February, Iran has claimed control over Hormuz, a vital energy conduit for shipping.It regularly targets vessels that attempt to cross the strait without its authorisation, while the US has, in retaliation, imposed a naval blockade on Iranian ports. In September, Iran initially proposed a seven-day plan that it conveyed to the US through Qatar, which would have seen Tehran reopen Hormuz on the sixth day after the US met Iranian demands.

Those demands include ending the Middle East war on all fronts, the unfreezing of Iranian assets abroad, lifting sanctions on its oil sector, and an end to the US naval blockade.In an interview with Al Jazeera released on Sunday, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Washington must accept a new route agreed between Iran and Oman for transit through the strait. He said the US must also remove sanctions imposed in recent months and reduce American troop numbers in the region. Washington has since August rolled out a fresh raft of sanctions, part of what it called "economic asphyxiation" of Iran.The United States and Israel have in recent days also intensified threats to renew attacks on Iran amid crucial elections in both countries. On Saturday, US President Donald Trump said he still had to "take care" of one or two targets including Pickaxe mountain in central Iran, a suspected nuclear site which Tehran denies is such a facility.

Oil Prices Fall 6% Over Renewed Hopes Of US-Iran Peace Talks

Iran: Oil prices extended losses Monday on hopes of new talks between the United States and Iran aimed at ending the Middle East conflict.Crude futures, already down about four per cent earlier on the diplomatic prospects, dropped further as the trading day went on.

The main international contract, Brent North Sea crude, shed 6.1 per cent to $106.54 a barrel, while the US benchmark West Texas Intermediate gave up 6.3 per cent to $97.56.



Pralhad Joshi Reaffirms Commitment towards Global Solar Cooperation During BRE Summit & Expo 2026

India elected President of ISA for the 3rd consecutive term: Union NRE Minister

3 million farmers empowered through solar energy and Agri-PV: Joshi



New Delhi, November, 3 (PIB): Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Education and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri Pralhad Joshi reaffirmed India's commitment towards advancing international solar cooperation and ensuring that the benefits of progress are shared equitably, while addressing media at a press conference during Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026. The Union Minister highlighted that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India remained steadfast in its commitment to advancing international solar cooperation, guided by the vision of Power To Empower and the principle of One Sun, One World, One Grid. India has been elected President of International Solar Alliance (ISA) for the third consecutive term.

He recalled that this conviction had brought India and France together to establish the International Solar Alliance in 2015. Today, with 130 ISA Signatory and Member Countries, the vision has evolved into a powerful platform for international cooperation, particularly for the Global South. BRE Summit & Expo 2026 was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 2nd November, 2026 and will conclude on 5th November, 2026. Joshi stated that the discussions over the last two days and the following two days would reinforce a clear priority of moving from solar commitments to investments, from partnerships to projects, and from ambition to impact.

Highlighting the key priorities of the Alliance, the Minister emphasised the importance of financing solar deployment where it matters most. He stated that the USD 200 million Africa Solar Facility represented an important step towards unlocking investment in Africa's distributed renewable energy sector. India's commitment of around ?225 crore (USD 25 million) reinforced its resolve to make affordable solar energy accessible to underserved communities. He further highlighted that the USD 300 million Nigeria Distributed Renewable Energy Fund offered a model for scaling this approach across the continent. Emphasising the role of solar energy in transforming lives, Shri Joshi highlighted the importance of delivering solutions at scale. He stated that ISA-supported initiatives in Fiji, Madagascar, Comoros and Seychelles demonstrated how solar energy could strengthen livelihoods and climate resilience by powering healthcare facilities and schools, providing clean drinking water and supporting agricultural cold storage. He further informed that the Alliance was advancing aggregated solar and storage opportunities, beginning with Mauritius, to create scalable models for Small Island Developing States.

The Union Minister also highlighted the importance of empowering 3 million farmers through solar energy and expanding into Agri-PV. He stated that India's PM-KUSUM initiative demonstrated how solar-powered agriculture could reduce irrigation costs and create additional income opportunities. Through ISA, efforts were being undertaken to adapt this model across Member Countries, particularly in Africa, placing farmers at the centre of the energy transition.

On strengthening national capabilities, Shri Joshi highlighted the establishment of 17 Solar Technology Application Resource Centres, the Global Capability Centre–SHINE (Strategic Hub for Innovation and Execution) and the AI-enabled ISA Academy. He stated that the focus was on strengthening institutions, developing skills and harnessing emerging technologies to accelerate solar deployment. Highlighting the growing importance of clean energy in the context of technological advancements, the Minister stated that as artificial intelligence reshaped economies, access to affordable, reliable and clean electricity would become an even greater strategic imperative. Shri Joshi emphasised that the message from the Assembly was clear: the future of solar energy must be built through shared responsibility, sustained investment and collective action.

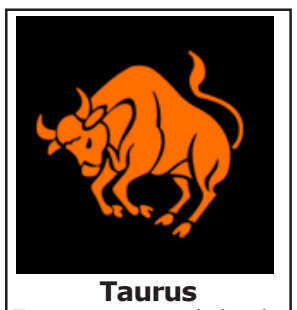
On behalf of the Government of India, he expressed sincere gratitude to all Member Countries for reposing their trust in India and electing it to the Presidency of the International Solar Alliance for a third consecutive term. He also congratulated France and its Minister on being re-elected as Co-President of ISA. Concluding his address, Shri Joshi stated that as India began its new term, the focus would remain on mobilising investment, accelerating deployment and translating collective ambitions into tangible outcomes for communities and nations. He expressed gratitude to all Member Countries for their continued trust and partnership. Present during the conference were Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Secretary MNRE, Ashish Khanna, Director General, ISA, Mathieu Lefèvre, France Minister Delegate for Ecological Transition, Martin Lidegaard, Minister for Business and Competitiveness, Denmark, H.E. Mr. David Abiamofo, Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources, Suriname, H.E. Ms. Geralda Desaubin, Minister, Ministry of Industry and Enterprise, Seychelles and H.E. Mr. Muhammadu Arkam Ilyas, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy, Sri Lanka.

Today's Horoscope



Aries

A day when you will be able to relax. Massage your body with oil to give relief to your muscles. You are very likely to attain financial benefits today, but you must perform charity and make donations, as it will acquire mental peace. Friends and relatives will do favours and you will be quite happy in their company. Your sweetheart is going to miss you badly all day. Plan a surprise and make it the most beautiful day of your life. Associate today with experienced people and learn from what they have to say. A member of your family may insist on spending some time with you today. Although you'll agree to this, but it will be time-consuming. After a long time, you will get a really cozy and warm hug from your spouse today.
Remedy :- Add a mixture of turmeric with milk to your bathing water and help gain bliss and peace in the family.



Taurus

Encourage your mind to be receptive to positive emotions like love hope faith sympathy optimism and loyalty. Once these emotions take complete command-the mind automatically responds positively to every situation. Today, you can take your family members out for a get-together and spend a lot of money on them. To your surprise brother would come at your rescue. Your need to support and work in close coordination to make eachother's happy. Remember cooperation is the main spring of life Today you will miss true love in your life. Don't worry everything changes with time so will your romantic life.
Remedy :- Feeding spinach to cows will make improve love life in a great way.



Gemini

You would get relief from the tensions and strains of life which you have been experiencing for long. It is right time to change your life style to permanently keep them a bay. Today, you can face money-related issues, and ask your father or a father-like individual you cherish for suggestions. Children will make you feel proud with their achievements. Your devoted and unquestioned love has a magic creative power. Try not to force others to do things that you won't do.
Remedy :- Distribute yellow coloured sweets such as laddoo and bundi in and around sacred places and spaces for a successful professional life.



Cancer

You will be loaded with energy and will do something extraordinary today. Today, you are likely to attain economic benefits due to your children. This will make you very happy. Health of your spouse may cause worry and need some medical attention. Romance would be pleasurable and highly exciting. Today is a day for high performance and high profile. You should leave the company of such people you think are not right for you and wasting your time as well. Today, you and your spouse will have a really deep soulfully romantic talk.
Remedy :- Make liberal use of pure honey everyday and enjoy good family life.



Leo

Your mind will be receptive to the good things. If you want to become financially strong in the future, then you have to start saving money from today. Relatives/friends drop by for a wonderful evening. Instant romance could come your way if you go out with friends in the evening. Your partner will be hard to deal with. Efforts made to improve your looks and personality will turn out to your satisfaction. You will spend the best day of your life with your spouse today.
Remedy :- Feed rotis/ bread to crows and experience career upswing.



Virgo

You need to put your intelligence tact and diplomacy to sort problems that trouble your mind. Today, you can come across a person in a party who can give you some important advice to strengthen your economic side. The family's situation won't be normal as you think. Today, there is a possibility of an argument or dispute within the family. Hence, control yourself in such a case. Past happy memories will keep you busy. Lectures and seminars that you attend today will bring new ideas for growth. You can be upset at your workplace due to some problems and waste your time thinking about it. You are going to have a soulful chit-chat with your spouse today.
Remedy :- Offerring 2 or 3 lemons to Lord Shiva or near Peepal tree will enhance health.



Libra

Argument with a quarrelsome person may spoil your mood. Be wise and if possible avoid it, as feuds and fusses will never help you. Married natives of this zodiac sign are likely to attain monetary benefits from their in-laws' side today. Your thirst for knowledge will help you make new friends. Today you will feel the fragrance of your friend in his absence. Mental clarity will give you an edge over other competitors in business. You will also be able to clear all your past confusions. Today, you'll spend some time alone by going out of the house without telling anyone. Even though you'll be alone, there will be millions of things going inside your head. Today, you will realize that how does it feel to have a happy married life.
Remedy :- Helping and serving physically-challenged people will ensure great health.



Scorpio

You are likely to impress people around you with your positive outlook and confidence. You should refrain from consuming alcohol or any such item today, as you may lose your items in toxic state. Be cautious of friends and strangers alike. Show your love by placing flower at your window. Don't let anyone take credit for the jobs you do. You need to work on your shortcomings, and for this, you should make time for yourself.
Remedy :- For a good financial life, keep green stones in flower pots, keep plants in green bottles, and also have green tiles in bathroom.



Sagittarius

Don't depend on fate try to improve your health as fortunate is a lazy goddess Investment in stocks and mutual funds recommended for long-term gains. Children will make you feel proud with their achievements. Good day for romance. At work, you might experience a good change. Students of this zodiac sign will waste their time majorly on TV or mobile phone more than required. This will lead to wastage of time. Today, your partner might show a wonderful side of him/her.
Remedy :- Donate lentils (masoor dal) to sweeper, and help them in any other way, for excellent health



Capricorn

Your energy level will be high. Financial hassles seem to get over as your parents extend support. Good time for entering a matrimonial alliance. Love will show positive vibes Your aptitude to learn new things would be remarkable. Disenchanted by money, love, or family, you can go to meet a spiritual teacher today in search of divine pleasure. Your spouse is truly your angel, and you will know this today.
Remedy :- Feed cows with black-white spots food and fodder to achieve good health.



Aquarius

You have to control the way you feel. The arrival of money today can relieve you from many financial troubles. Illness of infant would keep you engaged. You need to give immediate attention. Take proper advice as slight negligence on your part could worsen the problem. You are likely to be misunderstood in lover affair. You have the ability to achieve lots- so go after the opportunities that come your way.
Remedy :- Maintain a balanced, healthy life by donating green dress material / fabric and bangles to kinnars/Eunuchs. Eunuchs are ruled by Mercury being kind to this marginalised section of the society will greatly help in reducing the malefic effects of mercury.



Pisces

You are going to enjoy the pleasure of leisure. Those who are operating small-scale businesses can get any advice from their closed ones today, which can benefit them financially. Someone you know might overreact to situations concerning finance, bringing uneasy moments at home. Sharing food with beloved in candlelight. Bold steps and decisions would bring favourable rewards. While keeping up with time, giving importance to your family members is necessary. Even though you will understand this today, but still won't be able to succeed. Today you will know the true ecstasy of being married.
Remedy :- Share the prasad offered at the Durga temple with needy people and attain good family life.

SUVIKALP- Mine Repurposing Tool; Transforming Closed and Abandoned Mines into Productive Assets

New Delhi, November, 3 (PIB): Mine closure is an integral part of the mining lifecycle. However, the responsibility towards a mining region does not end with the completion of mining operations. Ensuring productive utilisation of post-mining land, environmental restoration and sustainable socio-economic development requires a structured approach to mine repurposing. Recognising this need, the Coal Controller Organisation (CCO), under the Ministry of Coal, Government of India, has developed SUVIKALP – Mine Repurposing Tool, a digital decision-support platform aligned with the Mining Plan Guidelines for Coal and Lignite Mine, 2025. SUVIKALP aims to establish a scientific, transparent and standardised framework for identifying suitable post-mining land-use opportunities. It addresses the challenges associated with fragmented assessments, independent evaluation of multiple parameters and limited integration of community priorities in conventional mine repurposing decisions.

Scientific and Data-Driven Assessment

SUVIKALP brings together geo-mining characteristics, environmental conditions, infrastructure availability, resource constraints, financial considerations and socio-economic factors within a unified digital platform. Users can create a comprehensive site profile by entering relevant mine-specific information, enabling systematic assessment of potential repurposing alternatives against the characteristics and constraints of individual mine sites. The platform employs a Multi-Criteria Decision-Making (MCDM) methodology based on TOPSIS (Technique for Order Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution) to evaluate and rank potential repurposing options. This approach facilitates objective comparison of alternatives against multiple parameters, providing stakeholders with transparent, consistent and evidence-based recommendations. The assessment process follows a structured sequence comprising factor selection, generation of potential options, integration of community priorities, suitability assessment and final ranking. This enables mine owners, project proponents and government agencies to make informed decisions based on site-specific conditions rather than relying exclusively on subjective assessments.

Integrating Community Priorities through RECLAIM

Sustainable mine repurposing must address the aspirations of communities residing in mining regions. Accordingly, SUVIKALP integrates RECLAIM – Community Engagement and Development Framework to incorporate local priorities into the project evaluation process. The framework facilitates systematic consideration of community preferences alongside technical feasibility, environmental suitability and economic considerations. This helps ensure that proposed redevelopment initiatives are aligned with local development needs, employment generation, livelihood opportunities, infrastructure development and long-term community benefits. By bringing community perspectives into the decision-making process, SUVIKALP promotes a participatory approach to post-mining development, strengthening the linkage between mine closure, regional development and inclusive growth.

From Project Identification to Implementation: PRISM

A distinguishing feature of SUVIKALP is its PRISM (Post-Mining Repurposing Implementation Strategic Model), which extends the platform beyond the identification and ranking of potential projects. PRISM provides a structured approach to exploring implementation pathways, including project vision, repurposing strategies, investment dynamics, strategic structuring and monitoring. It is supported by an integrated knowledge repository comprising project concept notes, national and international case studies, sample tender documents, details of implementation agencies and best-practice resources. This integrated approach enables stakeholders to move from identifying suitable opportunities towards understanding the practical requirements for project development and execution. It also facilitates knowledge sharing and provides reference materials to support informed planning and implementation.

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare proposes expansion of authorised Import gateways for Drugs, Medical Devices and Cosmetics

New Delhi, November, 3 (PIB): Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has proposed an amendment to Rule 43A of the Drugs Rules, 1945, to expand the network of authorised entry points for the import of drugs, medical devices and cosmetics into the country. The proposed amendment aims to facilitate smoother import operations, improve logistics efficiency and strengthen the supply chain for healthcare products. Rule 43A of the Drugs Rules, 1945, specifies the authorised ports, airports, railway stations, road crossings and other entry points through which drugs may be imported into India. With a view to facilitating trade and improving the efficiency of import-related processes, the Ministry has proposed the inclusion of additional Inland Container Depots (ICDs), a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and an international airport in the list of authorised locations.

The proposed additional locations are ICD Sonipat, Piyala and Harsaru in Haryana; ICD Dadri in Uttar Pradesh; ICD Gandhidham/Mundra in Gujarat; ICD Sanath Nagar and Thimmapur in Hyderabad, Telangana; ICD Whitefield in Bengaluru, Karnataka; SEZ Bommasandra in Karnataka; and Noida International Airport in Uttar Pradesh for the import of drugs by air. These locations will be added to the existing network of authorised import gateways, which includes ICDs at Dhannad and Tihi in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, along with the airports already notified for the import of drugs. The proposed expansion is expected to facilitate importers in clearing consignments closer to their manufacturing facilities, warehouses and distribution centres. This is likely to reduce inland transportation distances, optimise logistics costs and minimise delays in the movement of imported consignments. The measure is also expected to improve operational convenience for importers while facilitating more efficient movement of medicines, medical devices and cosmetics across different regions of the country.

'Z' appoints Tushar Vohra as Chief AI & Transformation Officer



Mumbai: Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd ('Z') -- the country's leading content and technology powerhouse -- has appointed Tushar Vohra as Chief AI and Transformation Officer to enhance its technological capabilities. Vohra will lead the media giant's AI and transformation approach, driving technology adoption and enterprise-wide initiatives to enhance business performance across platforms. He will be based at the company's headquarters in Mumbai and will report to Mukund Galgali, Deputy CEO and Chief Financial Officer, Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEEL). Vohra's appointment is in line with its strategy to strengthen its focus on becoming a technology company, with AI at the core of its growth and innovation plans, according to a press release. Vohra will strengthen Z's AI strategy and enterprise transformation roadmap, with a sharp focus on driving technology adoption at scale and embedding AI-led capabilities across key processes. 'Z' remains committed to boosting capabilities that can improve operational efficiencies and nurture innovation, as it transitions into a technology company that seamlessly combines the power of content and creativity. With enhanced technological prowess, the company aims to offer more personalised and immersive entertainment experiences across platforms, enabling it to garner a higher share in the attention economy. As part of this strategic transformation, the Company has also strengthened its technology and AI leadership team.

Z has also onboarded technology professionals and domain experts who will report to Vohra:

Tony Thomas, Head-AI & Transformation: Tony brings over 18 years of experience in AI-led transformation, cloud infrastructure, DevOps and quality engineering, with expertise in driving large-scale technology transformation, platform scalability and operational efficiencies. Ashutosh Shukla, Head-Operations Transformation: Ashutosh brings over 24 years of experience in technology leadership, business operations and digital transformation, with expertise spanning AI, cybersecurity, cloud infrastructure and enterprise-wide transformation initiatives. Vivek Pandey, Transformation Lead-Advertisement Operations and Advertisement Sales: Vivek brings extensive experience in digital platforms, advertising technology, revenue strategy and business transformation, with expertise in building scalable monetisation platforms, driving advertising efficiencies and optimising sales operations. Together, the newly appointed leaders will work closely with Tushar to accelerate AI adoption, strengthen enterprise-wide technology capabilities and drive the company's transformation agenda, said the conglomerate. It said the appointments reflect its strategic transformation into a technology company, with a sharp focus on AI as a key driver of innovation, business efficiencies and sustainable growth. Z aims to unlock long-term value creation through continued investments in AI-led capabilities, enterprise-wide solutions and digital innovation. "At 'Z', our ambition is to harness technology as a catalyst for innovation and growth. As consumer preferences continue to evolve, building differentiated experiences and a more agile operating ecosystem will be critical to sustaining long-term success. Tushar and his team come with a strong track record of leading technology and transformation initiatives, and the appointments reflect our commitment to embedding future-facing capabilities across the business. We look forward to the value that the team will create as we advance our strategic priorities," said Mukund Galgali, Deputy CEO and Chief Financial Officer, ZEEL. "Artificial Intelligence and technology-led innovations present an immense opportunity to transform business processes and create meaningful impact across the value chain. I am delighted to join 'Z' to advance its vision of transitioning into a future-ready Company powered by technology and innovation. I look forward to working closely with the teams to accelerate the transformation agenda, build scalable capabilities and contribute towards driving sustainable growth for the Company," said Vohra. Vohra has more than two decades of experience across technology and digital transformation. Previously, he held leadership roles at several leading organisations, wherein he led product, engineering and operations across digital platforms while driving AI-led transformation initiatives at scale.

Why did Dixon Technologies shares jump 12% despite 49% fall in Q2 profit?



Mumbai: Shares of Dixon Technologies (India) Ltd surged nearly 12 per cent on Monday, November 2, after the electronics manufacturing services (EMS) company reported its September quarter results for FY27. The stock settled at Rs 12,319 on the NSE, up Rs 1,319 or 11.99 per cent. The rally came despite a sharp decline in the company's quarterly net profit and EBITDA. Investors appeared to focus on strong revenue growth, a recovery in smartphone volumes and improving core operating performance. The company's growth outlook and plans to strengthen backward integration also supported sentiment. However, the stock has remained under pressure over a longer period. It is down 3.37 per cent over the past month and 20.45 per cent over the past year.

Dixon Technologies Q2 results FY27

Dixon Technologies reported a 46.7 per cent year-on-year (YoY) increase in revenue to Rs 21,794 crore in Q2FY27, compared with Rs 14,855 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. However, EBITDA declined 37 per cent to Rs 666 crore from Rs 1,057 crore in Q2FY26. The EBITDA margin contracted sharply to 3.1 per cent from 7.1 per cent. Net profit fell 48.7 per cent to Rs 343.7 crore in the September quarter, compared with Rs 670 crore in the year-ago period, according to the company's exchange filing. Operating profit, meanwhile, increased 6 per cent to Rs 597 crore from Rs 561 crore in Q2FY26. For the first half of FY27, revenue from operations, including other income, rose 35 per cent to Rs 37,938 crore. EBITDA increased 8 per cent to Rs 1,657 crore, while profit after tax (PAT) grew 13 per cent to Rs 1,007 crore from Rs 895 crore in the corresponding period last year.

Why Dixon Technologies shares surged after Q2 results

Improvement in core profitability despite the end of mobile PLI incentives

Dixon Technologies reported an improvement in EBITDA per smartphone and core profitability despite the withdrawal of mobile production-linked incentive (PLI) benefits. The improvement came even as the company reported a sharp decline in its overall EBITDA and net profit during the quarter.

EMS business revenue grows nearly 50 per cent

The company's electronics manufacturing services (EMS) business reported revenue growth of nearly 50 per cent in Q2FY27. The increase was supported by higher manufacturing volumes across its business segments.

Smartphone volumes recover

Dixon Technologies sold around 97 lakh smartphone units during the September quarter. The management retained its FY27 smartphone volume guidance of 3.3-3.4 crore units.

Exports and new customer additions

Smartphone exports and new customer additions are expected to support Dixon's business growth. These are among the key drivers of the company's smartphone manufacturing business.

Backward integration to support margin recovery

Dixon is expanding its backward integration capabilities in display panels, solid-state drives (SSDs) and mechanical components. The company expects these initiatives to support margin recovery from FY28. It can increase the share of components manufactured in-house.

JV Vivo production from Q4FY27 onward

Dixon's joint venture with Vivo is expected to start production in Q4FY27. The facility is likely to boost the company's smartphone manufacturing capacity and volumes in the coming quarters.

Other key developments

Dixon Technologies' board approved the appointment of Prithvi Vachani as an Additional Director in the capacity of Executive Director for five consecutive years, effective October 30, 2026. The appointment and remuneration are subject to shareholder approval. The company also incorporated Adivistar Electronics India Private Limited as a subsidiary during the September quarter.

Page Industries Q2 Preview: Jockey maker's profit may rise 8%; will volume growth offset margin pressure?



Mumbai: Page Industries Q2 Results Preview: Page Industries is set to announce its September quarter results next week. In a regulatory filing, the Jockey innerwear maker's board will meet on Thursday, November 12, 2026, to consider the unaudited financial results for the second quarter of FY27. The board will also consider the declaration of the second interim dividend for the current financial year. According to Zee Business estimates, Page Industries may report a 14.4 per cent year-on-year (YoY) rise in revenue to Rs 1,477 crore in Q2FY27, compared with Rs 1,291 crore in the year-ago quarter. The company's profit after tax (PAT) is expected to increase by 7.7 per cent to Rs 210 crore from Rs 195 crore a year ago. EBITDA may rise 9.4 per cent to Rs 306 crore against Rs 280 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. However, the EBITDA margin may decline to 20.7 per cent from 21.7 per cent a year ago. This indicates that the company may see some pressure on its margins despite growth in revenue and profit.

What to expect from Page Industries Q2 results?

Mixed results are expected from Page Industries in the September quarter. The company may report volume growth of around 12 per cent. Realisation is also expected to increase by around 5 per cent. The company may benefit from a recovery in logistics and manpower-related issues during the quarter. Growth in sales through exclusive brand outlets is another factor to watch. However, higher input costs may put pressure on margins. This could limit the benefit of higher volumes and realisations.

Page Industries Q1FY27 results highlights

Page Industries Limited is the exclusive licensee of Jockey International in India and neighbouring countries. It also holds the licence for Speedo in India. The company reported a 4 per cent year-on-year decline in net profit to Rs 193 crore in the June quarter of FY27, compared with Rs 201 crore in the same quarter last year. Revenue from operations increased by 7.9 per cent to Rs 1,420.4 crore from Rs 1,316.6 crore. However, EBITDA declined 2 per cent to Rs 289 crore from Rs 295 crore a year ago. The EBITDA margin also fell to 20.3 per cent from 22.4 per cent in the corresponding quarter last year. Along with the Q2 results, the board will consider the declaration of the second interim dividend for FY27. In its regulatory filing, the company said that November 18, 2026, will be the record date if the board declares the interim dividend. The record date will determine which shareholders are eligible to receive the dividend.

Page Industries Ltd share price

Page Industries shares closed at Rs 35,500 on the NSE on November 2, up 2.90 per cent or Rs 1,000 from the previous close. The stock opened at Rs 34,900 and touched an intraday high of Rs 35,800 and a low of Rs 34,850. The company's market capitalisation stood at Rs 39,596 crore. Its 52-week high is Rs 43,855, while its 52-week low is Rs 29,805.

Tata Investment Q2 Results: Consolidated PAT falls 22% YoY to Rs 115.92 crore, Revenue declines 21%

Mumbai: Tata Investment Corporation Ltd on Monday reported a 21.8 per cent year-on-year decline in consolidated profit after tax (PAT) to Rs 115.92 crore for the September quarter of FY27, compared with Rs 148.16 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. The company's consolidated revenue from operations declined 20.6 per cent to Rs 122.30 crore in Q2 FY27, against Rs 153.98 crore in the September quarter of the previous financial year.



CONCOR Dividend 2026: Navratna PSU declares cash payout with Q2 results; Check amount and record date



Mumbai: Navratna CPSE Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) reported an 8.46 per cent year-on-year decline in consolidated profit after tax (PAT) to Rs 337.75 crore in the second quarter of FY27, compared with Rs 368.98 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal. However, the company's performance exceeded Zee Business estimates. Consolidated revenue from operations increased 1.02 per cent year-on-year to Rs 2,378.57 crore from Rs 2,354.53 crore, beating the Zee Business estimate of Rs 2,290 crore by 3.87 per cent.

CONCOR Q2FY27 results

PAT came in 0.52 per cent above the estimate of Rs 336 crore. The company's consolidated operating margin stood at 23.1 per cent, compared with the Zee Business estimate of 21 per cent, exceeding expectations by 2.1 percentage points. Total income rose to Rs 2,463.39 crore from Rs 2,442.24 crore, while total expenses increased to Rs 2,009.25 crore from Rs 1,944.66 crore. Consolidated profit before tax declined 8.73 per cent to Rs 454.14 crore from Rs 497.58 crore in the year-ago period. On a standalone basis, PAT fell 7.85 per cent to Rs 347.16 crore from Rs 376.75 crore, while revenue from operations rose 0.93 per cent to Rs 2,373.21 crore from Rs 2,351.36 crore.

CONCOR Dividend 2026

Container Corporation of India Ltd (CONCOR) has declared a second interim dividend of Rs 1.90 per equity share for the financial year 2026-27, amounting to Rs 144.71 crore. The dividend represents 38 per cent of the face value of Rs 5 per share. The company has fixed November 11, 2026, as the record date to determine shareholders eligible for the dividend. The dividend will be paid or dispatched on or after November 20, 2026, and within 30 days of its declaration.

Petronet LNG Q2 Results: PAT rises 9% to Rs 1,235 crore; Rs 7 dividend declared



Mumbai: Petronet LNG Limited on Monday reported that its profit after tax (PAT) increased 9.06 per cent to Rs 1,235.40 crore in Q2FY27, compared with Rs 1,132.72 crore in the previous quarter (Q1FY27). Revenue from operations rose 29.64 per cent to Rs 7,200.35 crore during the July-September quarter, against Rs 5,554.14 crore in the April-June quarter. Petronet LNG shares surged 4 per cent on Monday to end the session at Rs 300.95. The day's intraday high and low stood at Rs 301.40 and Rs 289.80 per share, respectively.

Petronet LNG Dividend 2026

The Board of Directors of the Company, in its aforesaid meeting, has also, inter alia, declared an interim dividend of Rs. 7/- (Rupees seven only) per share (on the face value of Rs. 10/- each) on the equity shares of the Company for the financial year 2026-27. The record date and payment/ dispatch date for the above declared interim dividend for the financial year 2026-27 shall be intimated in due course.

Expenses rise

On the cost front, the company's expenses were higher at 35.06 per cent at Rs 5,773.34 crore in the September quarter against Rs 4,274.19 crore in the previous quarter. The company's cost of materials consumed which was the highest expense was up at Rs 5,145.51 crore versus Rs 3,699.29 crore seen in Q1FY27. However, employee benefits expenses were lower at Rs 63.58 crore from Rs 67.06 crore. Similarly, finance costs were down to Rs 49.64 crore from Rs 50.65 crore. Depreciation and amortisation also declined to Rs 186.63 crore from Rs 201.23 crore. Petronet LNG posted a 9.56 per cent increase in its pre-tax profit (PBT) to Rs 1,659.10 crore in Q2FY27 from Rs 1,514.43 crore in Q1FY27. The company's earnings per share increased to Rs 8.24 in September quarter from Rs 7.55 in June quarter. EBITDA margin of the company remained under pressure for the second quarter of the current financial year 2026-27. It came down to 23.1 per cent, dropping 440 bps sequentially from 27.5 per cent in the previous quarter.

SBI Q2 Net Profit Rises 14.28% To Rs.23,038 Crore; Strong Loan Growth and Better Asset Quality Support Performance

Mumbai: State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest public sector lender, reported a 14.28% year-on-year (YoY) increase in net profit at Rs.23,038 crore for the second quarter of FY27, compared with Rs.20,160 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. The growth was supported by strong loan expansion, higher net interest income and an improvement in asset quality. The bank's operating profit increased 7.28% year-on-year to Rs.34,226 crore during the July-September quarter. Net interest income (NII), which is the difference between interest earned and interest paid, grew 14.69% to Rs.49,143 crore, compared with Rs.42,847 crore in Q2 FY26. SBI's total business crossed Rs.115 trillion during the quarter, reflecting continued growth in its lending and deposit operations. Total advances increased 17.84% year-on-year to Rs.52.08 lakh crore, while total deposits grew 12.27% to Rs.62.78 lakh crore. Among the lending segments, small and medium enterprises (SME) recorded strong growth of 21.97%, while agriculture advances increased 22.64%. Retail personal advances grew 14.54% and corporate advances registered growth of 16.12%. Home loans also remained strong, rising 11.94% year-on-year to Rs.9.86 lakh crore. On the deposit front, SBI's CASA deposits, which include current and savings accounts, increased 8.13% to Rs.22.97 lakh crore. However, the CASA ratio declined to 38.32% from 39.63% a year ago, indicating a change in the composition of the bank's deposit base. The bank also reported an improvement in asset quality during the quarter. Its gross non-performing asset (NPA) ratio declined to 1.39%, improving by 34 basis points compared with the same period last year.

Hero's Daughter Getting Big Offers Even Before Debut!

Medha Meka who is the daughter of popular Telugu actor Srikanth and actress Ooha is slowly becoming a name to watch in Tollywood. The young actress is receiving good film offers even before making her official debut in Tollywood. She has lot of exciting projects coming her way. So there is growing curiosity about whether she could become the next big female star in Telugu cinema.



According to reports, Medha is being considered for a popular sequel as well. An official update about the project is expected to come within a week. If the news turns out to be true then surely it could be a major opportunity for her to make a strong entry into the film industry. Interestingly Medha was also considered for the upcoming film of Nandamuri Mokshagna. But the project faced delays and the decision is said to have changed due to various reasons. Medha is now preparing to make her acting debut with a romantic comedy produced by Mythri Movie Makers. The film is currently being referred to as Mythri In Love. Newcomer Jai Jasthi is playing the male lead in this movie. The film recently began with a pooja ceremony in Hyderabad. Medha's entry into films has become an interesting topic because star daughters rarely achieve the same level of success as their fathers in the industry. While many actors' sons have continued their family legacy, very few daughters have become leading actresses. Shruti Haasan is one of the notable examples of a star daughter who successfully established herself in South Indian cinema. Now it looks like, even Medha can follow a similar path and create her own identity in Tollywood.

Medha has already completed her graduation from the University of British Columbia in Canada. She is also known for her interest in sports and dance. Her mother Ooha has revealed that Medha is a talented basketball player who has participated in national-level competitions. So with these many offers in her hand, Medha Meka is creating lot of curiosity and if everything goes fine, then it looks like she is the big thing in Tollywood in coming days.

Tamannah Sells Her Jewellery Brand With Style



Tamannah Bhatia has a good number of films in hand and is busy promoting her jewellery brand. She nailed her look for the promotions. She wore an ivory peplum kurta with a V neckline and a flared hem. She teamed it with matching tulip pants that had small gold tassels at the ankles. The sheer organza dupatta had gold cutwork embroidery on the borders and scalloped cutwork on the sleeves. She layered a gold choker with a long chain, and added an ear cuff, rings and bangles. Embellished gold heels with ankle straps finished the outfit. Her hair was in soft side-parted waves, with glowy makeup, a small red bindi and pink lips. On the work front, Tamannah will next be seen in the film Ragini MMS 3.

'Pocket Rockkets' Teaser: Risky Adventure

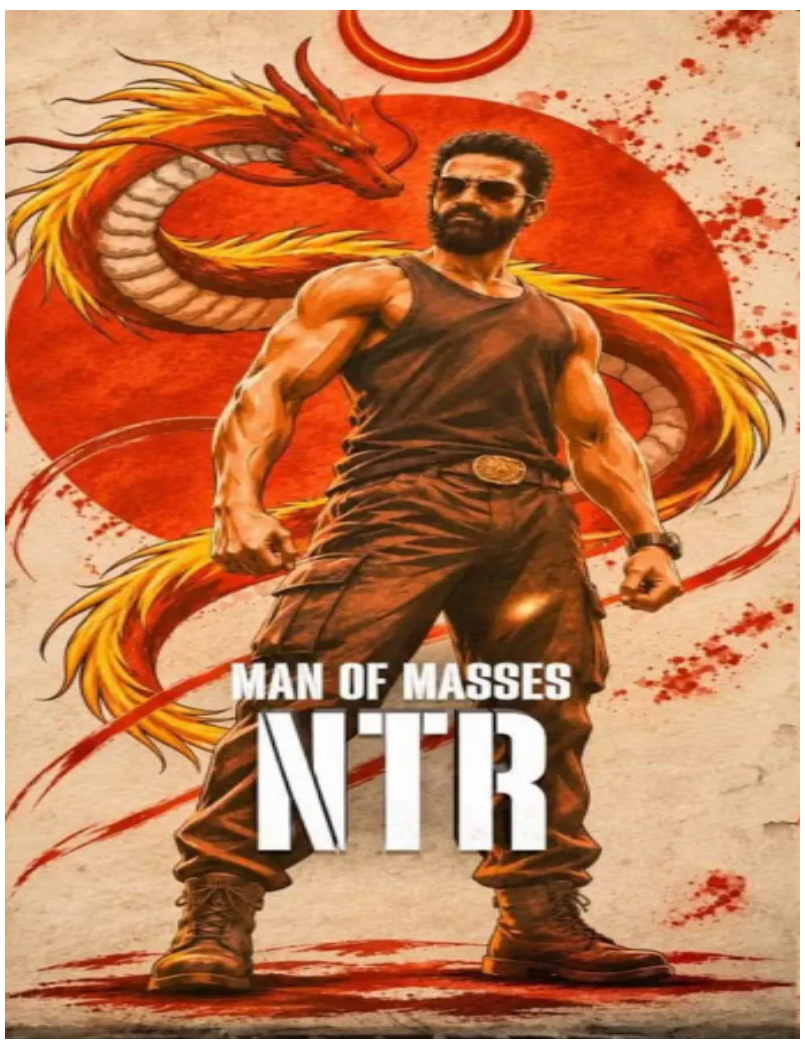


A conversation about money, an unexpected opportunity and a casino floor set the stage for Pocket Rockkets, whose teaser introduces two friends navigating the uncertainties of a life-changing decision. Presented by Niharika Konidela's Pink Elephant Pictures in association with Maximum City Studios, the film is written and directed by Rudra Atri. The teaser establishes the financial pressures surrounding the protagonists before introducing a possible way out. Their circumstances bring them to a point where an opportunity to make money appears worth considering, even if the path ahead is far from certain. The casino setting adds another dimension to their predicament. Roulette tables and gambling machines suggest the possibility of sudden fortune, while the friends' exchanges reveal the hopes driving their decisions. The teaser leaves the outcome undisclosed, allowing the contrast between their ambitions and the risks they face to generate curiosity. Their camaraderie provides the narrative with a distinct character-driven appeal. Humour emerges through their interactions, offering a glimpse of the bond between them without revealing how their journey unfolds. The teaser's selective approach keeps the larger story under wraps, leaving audiences to wonder whether this gamble will deliver the change they seek. The film features Trinadh Varma, Nirmal and Shriya Kontham, with JD Chakravarthy in a pivotal role. It is produced by Padmaja Konidela, Rahul Raghavendra and Rahul Nimmakuri, with Ramesh Manyam as executive producer. Edurolu Raju handles cinematography, Gyaani composes the music, and Anwar Ali is the editor. Pocket Rockkets brings its story of friendship, ambition and risk to cinemas on December 11, 2026.

NTR's Big Support For Itlu Arjuna

The upcoming film Itlu Arjuna, starring newcomer Aniesh, is making interesting moves ahead of its theatrical release. The makers have announced that Young Tiger NTR will launch the film's trailer tomorrow, bringing additional spotlight to this promising project. The trailer is expected to reveal more about the film's distinctive storyline and the world created by debutant director Mahesh Uppala. Presented by King Nagarjuna, Itlu Arjuna features Anaswara Rajan essaying the lead actress. The project is particularly special for filmmaker Venky Kudumula, who is making his debut as a producer with this film under the banner What Next Entertainments.

The film's music promotions have already gained traction, with the three songs released by the makers earning a favourable response. Thaman S has composed the music, and debutant Raja Mahadevan is handling cinematography. With the trailer arriving tomorrow and the November 13 release date approaching, Itlu Arjuna is steadily building curiosity.



Niddhi Stuns In Mirror Work Saree



Niddhi Agerwal has always been talked about for her looks and beauty, and she has stunned everyone again with her latest pictures online. Niddhi wore a nude beige saree with tiny sequin and mirror work all over it. The saree had a ruffled tiered drape and a mirror-lined border that caught the light as she twirled. She paired it with a sleeveless embroidered blouse, a maang tikka and heavy pearl drop earrings. Her long brown hair was left open in loose waves. Soft glowy makeup, winged eyeliner and nude pink lips completed the look. The palace lit up behind her made the shoot feel royal. On the work front, Niddhi has no film in hand right now. This comes after The Raja Saab did not work at the box office.

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