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Democrats gain ground in Congress battle with North Carolina flip

Washington, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Democrats flipped a Republican-held Senate seat in North Carolina and were showing surprising strength across several Republican-leaning House districts in Florida on Tuesday, boosting hopes they could wrest control of Congress from President Donald Trump's Republicans in the midterm elections.



It was still too early to determine whether Democrats would be able to net the four Senate seats and three House seats they need to win a majority in both chambers, with millions of votes still uncounted across the country.

In North Carolina, Democratic former Governor Roy Cooper easily defeated Trump-backed Republican Michael Whatley to win a Republican-held seat, media outlets projected.

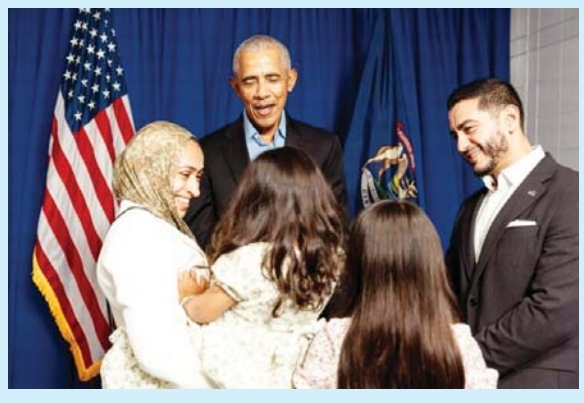
Senator Jon Ossoff, a Georgia Democrat widely seen as a potential 2028 presidential candidate, defeated US Representative Mike Collins in a contest that was once considered competitive but moved out of reach for Republicans amid Trump's declining approval ratings. In New Hampshire, Democrat Chris Pappas kept the state's open Senate seat in Democratic hands, defeating Republican John Sununu.

In Florida, Republican Senator Ashley Moody fended off Democrat Angie Nixon but was ahead by only about 3 percentage points in a state Trump carried by 13 points in 2024, according to a vote count compiled by Reuters and USA Today, which are partnering this year to collect live election results.

Democrats held onto three House districts in Florida that Republican lawmakers had redrawn earlier this year, all of which backed Trump by at least 9 percentage points.

As of 9 p.m. ET (0200 GMT), votes in most of the races expected to be decisive in the House and Senate were still being tallied.

Abdul El-Sayed Triumphs in Michigan, becomes first muslim US Senator



Egyptian American Democrat and former public health official, Abdul El-Sayed on Wednesday scripted history by becoming the first Muslim elected to the US Senate following his triumph against Republican Mike Rogers in the race for a Senate seat in Michigan. El-Sayed also became the first Democratic doctor in the Senate since 1969.

In a speech at his election headquarters in Detroit, El-Sayed, the son of Egyptian immigrants, said, "Michigan, we did it! I am so proud and honoured to stand here as your Senator-elect from the great state of Michigan". El-Sayed, a former public health official who has never held elected office, secured a seat in the US Senate after facing a double-digit defeat in Michigan's Democratic gubernatorial primary in 2018.

Revanth pushes timely uniform distribution

Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to collect feedback from students on the school uniforms distributed to them, emphasising that their opinions should be considered while selecting colours and designs for future uniforms.



The Chief Minister reviewed the distribution of uniforms and educational kits to students of government hostels, residential schools and government schools under various departments at the MCR HRD Bodhi Pavilion. He said that compared to previous years, students had been provided with better-quality uniforms featuring attractive colours and designs. Officials informed the meeting that the distribution of uniforms, ties, belts, identity cards, shoes, socks, plates, glasses, bowls, carpets and school bags had been almost completed. While distribution of certain items in one or two institutions had reached 95 per cent, the Chief Minister directed officials to complete the remaining work at the earliest.

He instructed officials to prepare standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the next academic year well in advance. He stressed that every stage, from finalising the list of items and inviting tenders to procurement, supply and distribution, must be completed within the stipulated timeframe.

The Chief Minister directed officials to prepare an action plan to ensure that students receive all uniforms and educational materials on the very first day of the next academic year. MP Vem Narender Reddy, Chief Minister's Principal Secretary N. Sridhar, Welfare Department Special Chief Secretary Sabyasachi Ghosh, Tribal and Backward Classes Department Principal Secretary Rahul Bojja and other officials attended the review meeting. Clarify the 95 per cent distribution figureShorten the article for quick publication.

Indo-Pacific future hinges on technology and trust: DM Rajnath Singh

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday asserted that the future of the Indo-Pacific region will not be determined solely by technology, but by how "wisely" nations use it and the level of "trust" they build in each other.



Addressing a special session of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD)-2026, Rajnath Singh noted that oceans have never been distant or unfamiliar to India. "For centuries, Indian sailors have traversed these maritime routes, carrying not only goods but also knowledge, culture, and human connections. This is one of the key reasons why India has consistently contributed responsibly to a free, open, and rules-based international order," he said while adding that India's maritime responsibilities extend beyond its national coastline, and the country remains committed to supporting an open, inclusive, and rules-based maritime system. According to the Defence Minister, the global maritime security environment is currently under strain due to "deliberate disruptions" to trade.

"Freedom of navigation along sea routes is being openly challenged, and narrow maritime passages are increasingly being used as strategic tools. This growing instability at sea poses a serious challenge to the broader international order," he said. Moreover, he stressed that the answer to every disruption cannot be a retreat from globalisation, nor should there be attempts to close maritime spaces that have played a crucial role in advancing human progress. "Instead, the goal should be to make interdependence more secure through diversified supply chains."

Agniveers to get 2 yr service extension after initial four-year tenure: CDS

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Open Frame): The four-year service tenure for 'Agniveers' remains unchanged, and those who don't get selected as "regular soldiers" in the first phase, after completing their four-year term, will have an opportunity to serve for an additional two years, clarified the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General NS Raja Subramani, on Wednesday. The move to give an additional opportunity to 'Agniveers' was taken during a Union Cabinet meeting on Wednesday. This comes months ahead of the first batch of about 18,000 Agniveers retiring from the armed forces in December 2026. The Agnipath scheme, launched in 2022, introduced a new scheme of short-term induction of personnel into the armed forces, with an aim to bring down the age profile of the three services. Those recruited under the scheme are called Agniveers.



The existing Agnipath scheme provides for recruitment on a four-year contractual term. The extension comes as more than 18,300 Agniveers are set to be discharged by Dec 31 after completing their four-year tenure.

The CDS, speaking to the press, stated that under the existing system, up to 25 per cent of Agniveers completing four years of service are to be inducted as regular soldiers. The remaining 75 per cent will now have the option of a second two-year service term, enabling them to continue serving for an additional period. After completing the second service term, their performance will be reviewed. Their efficiency, achievements during service, and organisational requirements will be assessed. Agniveers who demonstrate positive performance and meet the prescribed standards may be considered for regular service in the future. The CDS clarified that, along with the willingness of the Agniveers, the

India Ready to Support Nepal's Post-Flood Reconstruction: Misri

Kathmandu, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Wednesday held a series of meetings with Nepali cabinet ministers and senior government officials, discussing ways to deepen bilateral relations and expand cooperation in several areas during his visit to the Himalayan nation.



Misri, who arrived in Kathmandu on Wednesday morning for a two-day official visit, began his high-level engagements by meeting Foreign Minister Shishir Khanal, Finance Minister Swarnim Wagle and Minister for Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation Biraj Bhakta Shrestha. He also held delegation-level talks with a Nepali team led by his counterpart, Foreign Secretary Amrit Bahadur Rai.

During the meeting between the two Foreign Secretaries, the sides discussed a range of issues of mutual interest in preparation for the forthcoming visit of the Nepali Prime Minister, Balendra Shah, to India, the Indian Embassy in Nepal said in a social media post.

RSS Seeks March Permissions Across Karnataka: Kharge

Bengaluru, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Minister for Home, IT and BT Priyank Kharge on Wednesday said that Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) people are "good" while asserting that the organisation has now submitted details and sought permission for its marches across Karnataka. Speaking to the media in Bengaluru, Kharge said the government had earlier been unaware of who was organising the marches, but the RSS had now provided the required information, including the names of those involved in its shakhas.



"You (the media) had scared us by saying that they would not seek permission or provide details. The RSS people are so good. Wherever they have conducted marches, they have provided information and sought permission.

India's Digital Infrastructure Promotes Inclusive Growth: Jaishankar

St John's (Antigua and Barbuda), Nov 4 (Open Frame): External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Wednesday highlighted the value of digital public infrastructure for good governance and financial responsibility.



EAM Jaishankar made the remarks as he represented India at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Executive Session (CHOGM) on Wednesday. In his address, EAM Jaishankar spoke about India's recent Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and other negotiations in that regard. In a post on X, EAM Jaishankar stated, "Honoured to represent India at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Executive Session. Highlighted the value of digital public infrastructure for good governance and financial responsibility. Has helped democratise our economies by expanding opportunities. The Indian example is instructive." "Also spoke about India's recent FTAs and other negotiations underway in that regard. Such understandings will contribute to predictable trade and resilient supply chains," he added.

EAM Jaishankar is currently on an official visit to Antigua and Barbuda for CHOGM. Upon arrival, Antigua and Barbuda's Foreign Minister Everly Chet Greene and Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister Charles Fernandes welcomed him at the airport.

"Delighted to arrive in Antigua and Barbuda for CHOGM2026. Touched by the gesture of FM Everly Chet Greene and Tourism & Civil Aviation Minister Charles Fernandes, receiving me at the airport. Look forward to engagements here," EAM Jaishankar posted on X.

Virat Kohli's 74 powers India to 5-wicket win over NZ

Auckland, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Veteran batter Virat Kohli struck a commanding 74 off 51 balls after Arshdeep Singh, Gurnoor Brar and Anshul Kamboj's scintillating bowling show as India beat New Zealand by five wickets in a rain-affected first ODI here at Eden Park on Wednesday. India's 'inexperienced' pace attack produced an impressive collective performance to bowl New Zealand out for 185 in 40.2 overs. In response, the visitors chased down a revised target of 143 in 22.4 overs to take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

India's chase suffered an early setback when Rohit Sharma was dismissed for a six-ball duck by Kyle Jamieson in the opening over. However, Kohli joined skipper Shubman Gill to take control of the innings, with the pair building a match-defining partnership.

The chase was interrupted twice by rain, with the contest eventually reduced to 32 overs and India's target revised to 143 under the DLS method. Kohli brought up his half-century after the second resumption, reaching the milestone off 35 deliveries with a powerful pull through mid-wicket in the 16th over. The experienced batter continued to dominate New Zealand's short-ball approach, striking 13 fours and a six. His innings also saw him move past Sachin Tendulkar to become the highest run-scorer in ODI run chases, taking his tally to 8,741 runs, compared to Tendulkar's 8,720.



Gill provided steady support with 37 off 56 balls as the duo added a century partnership, their sixth 100-plus stand in 27 ODI innings together. New Zealand finally broke through when Nathan Smith had Gill caught behind for 37 in the 19th over. Kohli, however, continued to keep India comfortably ahead of the required rate before Jacob Duffy dismissed him for 74, caught by Tim Seifert at deep backward square leg. Duffy struck again in the same over, removing Axar Patel for a duck, while Shreyas Iyer fell for 15 to give the hosts a late glimmer of hope. But the result was never seriously in doubt.

Brief Scores: New Zealand 185/10 in 40.2 overs (Tim Seifert 38, Blair Tickner 34; Arshdeep Singh 4-70, Gurnoor Brar 3-44, Anshul Kamboj 2-22) lose to India 143/5 in 22.4 overs, via DLS method (Virat Kohli 74, Shubman Gill 37; Jacob Duffy 3-49, Nathan Smith 1-21) by five wickets.

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Revanth seeks Yadav community's support for global Hyderabad



Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has called upon the Yadav community to extend its full cooperation to the government's efforts to transform Hyderabad into a global city.

Addressing the grand Sri Krishna Sadar Sammelan held at NTR Stadium in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister said projects such as the Musi River rejuvenation, Metro Rail expansion, Regional Ring Road and Bharat Future City would accelerate the city's development and help establish Hyderabad as a model city in the country.

Revanth Reddy extended Sadar festival greetings to members of the Yadav community and appreciated their significant contribution to Hyderabad's growth, maintenance of law and order and social harmony. He said the community had welcomed and supported people arriving in Hyderabad from different parts of the country.

The Chief Minister assured the community that protecting the self-respect and rights of Yadavs would remain his responsibility. He urged them to work towards enhancing Hyderabad's national and international reputation. Revanth Reddy recalled that soon after his govt assumed office, the Sadar Sammelan was recognised as a state festival following the request of the Yadav community. He said the govt had released Rs. 5 crore for organising the celebrations.

He also highlighted the state's caste survey, stating that it was conducted with the objective of ensuring representation and opportunities in proportion to the population of different communities. He said the Yadav community had been given appropriate representation in the government. The Chief Minister mentioned the appointment of Eshwaramma Yadav as a member of the Yadagirigutta Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple Board and the responsibility entrusted to her for the temple's goshala.

Former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav and representatives from several states attended the celebrations, adding to the significance of the event. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, MPs A.K. Yadav and Dr. Mallu Ravi, Uttar Pradesh MP Dharmendra Yadav, TPCC president and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, former MP and Sri Krishna Sadar Sammelan Committee Chairman Anjan Kumar Yadav, public representatives and Yadav community leaders from various states also participated.

Indiramma housing allotments to ensure transparency through E-Lottery



Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Beneficiaries for the 1,920 houses to be constructed across these constituencies were selected through an e-lottery system, utilizing advanced technology. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Reddy stated that the *bhumi puja* (groundbreaking ceremony) for the construction of these houses would be held soon. He noted that the government has utilized lands belonging to the RTC and the Police Department for this prestigious initiative, which aims to fulfill the dream of homeownership for the poor.

He emphasized that the government is actively acquiring suitable land for the construction of a total of one lakh (100,000) houses—a testament to the government's sincere commitment. He added that steps are being taken to ensure that the beneficiaries can move into their new homes by the time of the upcoming Bonalu festival.

Goshamahal MLA Raja Singh, speaking at the event, praised the government's resolve to provide housing for the poor within the very constituencies where they currently reside. He requested that additional suitable land, which has been identified in various parts of the constituency, also be utilized for the construction of 'Indiramma' houses.

Housing Board Vice-Chairman V.P. Gautham stated that the construction of 'Indiramma' housing towers will continue until every eligible individual is provided with a home of their own. He further announced that notifications for similar housing projects in four other assembly constituencies located within the Outer Ring Road (ORR) will be issued shortly. A nominal price of six lakh rupees has been set for these housing units with the intention of involving the beneficiaries in the construction process, ensuring that the work is completed under their own supervision. Beyond providing a home—which would be valued at 40–50 lakh rupees in the open market—at such a nominal cost, it has also been decided to waive registration fees. To ensure complete transparency and eliminate any room for doubt, the housing allotment process is being conducted via an e-lottery.

Jupally encourages illiterate women to learn reading and writing



Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Nov 04, Tourism, Culture and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao has said that literacy is the foundation of women's empowerment and economic independence. He emphasised that every individual should be able to read and write, describing it as his long-cherished aspiration.

On Wednesday, the minister distributed slates and writing materials to illiterate women in Tellarallapalli village of Panagal mandal in Kollapur constituency to encourage them to learn reading and writing. He had earlier provided financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 for purchasing the materials. The minister stressed that the initiative should continue as an ongoing programme rather than remain a one-time activity. He directed village sarpanch Jambalayya to arrange special classes for women every day, with one hour of teaching in the morning and another hour in the evening. He also announced financial assistance of Rs. 20,000 towards conducting the classes.

Stating that there is no age limit for education, Jupally announced a cash reward of Rs. 5,000 for the woman who first learns to read and write. He said literacy would boost women's confidence, create greater opportunities for economic independence and contribute to the development of families and society. The minister urged local residents and community representatives to actively support the initiative and motivate more women to enrol in the literacy classes. He said collective efforts from village leaders, teachers and families would help create a supportive learning environment and ensure that no woman is left behind due to a lack of education. He expressed hope that the programme would inspire women from neighbouring villages to take up learning and become self-reliant.

Jupally said the ability to read and write would also help women understand government welfare schemes, access essential services and make informed decisions in their daily lives.

KTR Urges BRS Cadres to Intensify Fight for Farmers' Issues



Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Open Frame): BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) congratulated party leaders and workers from Adilabad district for the successful organisation of the Rythu Garjana programme at the district headquarters. He urged party cadres to draw inspiration from the event and work with renewed enthusiasm among the people while continuing their fight for farmers' issues.

Former Minister and senior BRS leader Jogu Ramanna, Bhargav Deshpande, young leader Jogu Mahender and several other district leaders and workers met KTR at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad. KTR appreciated their efforts in making the programme successful, expressing satisfaction over the large turnout of farmers and people from different parts of the district. During the meeting, district leaders briefed KTR on the programme and said the BRS campaign for resolving farmers' problems had received a positive response. They stated that the success of Rythu Garjana had infused fresh enthusiasm among party workers.

The leaders recalled that during the previous ten-year BRS government under K. Chandrashekar Rao, schemes such as Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima, 24-hour free electricity and irrigation facilities provided support to farmers. They alleged that delays in implementing Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bima and the failure to fulfil promises by the present Congress government had caused difficulties for farmers.

KTR urged party leaders and workers not to limit their efforts to the success of Rythu Garjana but to remain actively engaged with people at the grassroots level. He called upon them to continuously raise farmers' concerns and highlight what the party describes as the failures of the state government. Meanwhile, several leaders belonging to different political parties joined the BRS in the presence of KTR. He welcomed them into the party by presenting them with pink scarves and called for collective efforts to strengthen the BRS in Adilabad district.

KTR said the BRS would continue to stand by farmers and fight for their rights, urging party workers to take the concerns of farming communities to the government and ensure that their voices were heard. He stressed the need for stronger coordination among district leaders and grassroots-level workers to expand the party's reach and strengthen its presence across Adilabad.

Fake Rythu Bharosa SMS reaches 2.73 Lakh farmers, Cybercrime probe ordered



Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Open Frame): SMS messages claiming that Rythu Bharosa funds had been credited to farmers' bank accounts triggered confusion across Telangana on Wednesday, prompting the Agriculture Department to lodge a complaint with the Cyber Crime police.

The messages, sent in the name of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, claimed that Rs 12,000 per acre had been credited annually under the scheme. However, farmers who checked their bank accounts found no deposits and shared the messages on WhatsApp groups, seeking clarification.

The Agriculture Department clarified that the government had not released the funds and that it had neither sent the messages nor authorised their circulation. According to a report from the C-DAC portal, unauthorised messages had reached around 2,73,128 farmers across the State.

wrote to the DGP and senior Cyber Crime officials seeking a detailed investigation. The department suspected that its name may have been misused through unauthorised access to SMS communication systems or other SMS gateways.

The complaint sought identification of the gateways from which the messages originated, the persons or agencies responsible, and examination of possible unauthorised access to the C-DAC SMS service portal and other gateways. It also called for scrutiny of technical evidence, including transmission logs, sender IDs and IP addresses, and legal action against those responsible.

Farmers have been advised not to believe messages about fund releases unless confirmed through official announcements. They were also cautioned against clicking suspicious links or sharing bank details, OTPs or other personal information. Officials said the incident had raised concerns over the misuse of government identities and digital communication channels to spread misleading information. The Cyber Crime police are expected to examine the technical trail of the messages to establish their source and determine whether any government communication platform was compromised.

ED Arrests Four More in 261-cr US Call Centre Scam

Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Open Frame): The Enforcement Directorate (ED), Hyderabad Zonal Office, has arrested four more accused in connection with an international fake call centre racket allegedly involved in defrauding American citizens of hundreds of crores of rupees. The latest arrests include Harshil Raval, Jaswant Singh, Chetan Munjal and Pranav Pithadia. The arrests were made as part of an ongoing money laundering investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

According to reports, the syndicate allegedly operated fraudulent call centres and targeted US citizens by impersonating government officials and representatives of reputed companies, inducing victims to make payments through deceptive methods. Investigators are examining the alleged financial transactions, cryptocurrency dealings and banking channels used to launder the proceeds of the fraud.

The case involves an alleged international scam estimated at approximately 261 crore. The ED is continuing its investigation to identify other individuals involved and trace the proceeds of crime. The latest arrests mark a significant development in the ED's efforts to dismantle the international cyber fraud network operating through fake call centres. See less

MLA Sudheer Reddy Urges HMDA to Expedite Land Use Approvals



L.B.Nagar, November 4 (Open Frame): LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy met HMDA Managing Director Sarfaraz Ahmed at his office and submitted a representation seeking expedited approval for pending land-use changes and infrastructure development works in several colonies across the LB Nagar constituency. During the meeting, the MLA requested the conversion of lands currently designated as Open Space, Conservation, Industrial and Manufacturing Zones into Residential Zones, stating that all necessary documents and proposals had already been submitted to the government. He alleged that although the process of issuing a Government Order for converting certain Industrial Zones into Residential Zones had commenced earlier, it had remained pending for nearly three years. He accused the present Congress government of delaying the process due to political considerations and urged the authorities to prioritise public convenience and issue the necessary orders without further delay. The representation included ten draft land-use change proposals covering several localities: Bandlaguda: Portions of Survey Nos. 40/P, 41 and 37 in Anand Nagar and Gopalakrishnapuram, presently designated as Open Space. Fathullaguda: Portions of Survey Nos. 51/P and 52/P in Indraprastha Colony and Dhanalakshmi Nagar, designated as Open Space. Karmanghat: Lands in Survey Nos. 305 to 310 covering Srinivasa Nagar, Bhagyanagar and Tapovan Colonies, currently designated for Manufacturing use. Kothapet: Lands in Survey Nos. 102, 106, 107, 108, 109, 115, 116, 118, 119, 120, 121 and 122 in Ramalingeshwara Colony, designated as Open Space. Lingojiguda: Lands in Survey Nos. 25 to 30, 64 to 66 and 71 to 79, currently designated for Manufacturing use. Nagole: Lands in Survey Nos. 96 and 98 covering Sai Nagar, Arunodhaya Colony and Cooperative Society Colonies, designated as Conservation Zone. Bandlaguda: Lands in Survey Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 46, 47, 57, 58, 61, 62 and 63 in Anand Nagar and Gopalakrishnapuram, designated as Conservation Zone. Hayathnagar: Lands in Survey Nos. 210 and 215 covering Vinayak Nagar Colony and Kolan Shivareddy Nagar, designated as Conservation Zone. Bagh Hayathnagar: Survey No. 97 in Sriram Nagar Colony, designated as Conservation Zone. Hayathnagar: Survey No. 195/2 in BC Colony, proposed for conversion from Conservation Zone to Residential use. The MLA also sought immediate administrative and financial sanctions for essential civic infrastructure in various colonies under the BN Reddy Nagar Division. The proposed facilities include parks, walking tracks, open gyms, children's playgrounds and community halls. He warned that if the pending issues were not resolved promptly, the BRS party would launch large-scale protests to press for the demands. Responding to the representation, HMDA Managing Director Sarfaraz Ahmed reportedly responded positively and assured the delegation that the proposals would be examined and necessary steps taken to resolve the issues at the earliest. BRS BN Reddy Nagar Division President Katikireddy Aravind Reddy, Vaidehi Nagar North Owners Welfare Association President Pogula Rambabu, Kotha Bhaskar Goud and others were present during the meeting.

India, Brunei Explore Ways to Expand Bilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Open Frame): The third meeting of the India–Brunei Darussalam Joint Trade Committee (JTC) was convened to review bilateral trade and economic cooperation and identify avenues for strengthening commercial ties between the two countries. The meeting was co-chaired by Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India, Shri Amit Verma, and Permanent Secretary (Economy & Trade), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Brunei Darussalam, Dr. May Fa'ezah Ahmad Ariffin. Representatives from relevant Ministries, Departments and organisations of both countries participated in the deliberations.

The discussions focused on expanding bilateral trade, addressing market access priorities and identifying institutional mechanisms to facilitate business-to-business exchanges. Both sides also deliberated on facilitating exports of agricultural and animal products from India to Brunei Darussalam, with a view to supporting food security and diversifying trade. Pharmaceuticals, healthcare and energy were identified as key areas for further cooperation. Both sides explored opportunities for regulatory collaboration, procurement and healthcare services, recognising the potential for greater engagement in the pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors. Discussions on energy covered traditional and emerging energy partnerships to support sustained industrial growth.



The two sides also emphasised the importance of strengthening people-to-people ties and commercial outreach through cooperation in tourism and participation in trade fairs and exhibitions. They noted that targeted trade promotion events and reciprocal business delegations could help identify investment opportunities in manufacturing, infrastructure and services.

Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining regular communication between relevant nodal agencies and working groups to monitor follow-up actions and advance the trade and investment objectives discussed during the meeting. The next meeting of the India–Brunei Darussalam Joint Trade Committee will be held in Brunei Darussalam.

The meeting provided an opportunity for both countries to review progress in their existing economic partnership and explore measures to address trade-related challenges. Officials highlighted the need for closer coordination between government agencies and industry stakeholders to create a favourable environment for businesses and encourage greater participation by private companies in bilateral trade. Both sides also stressed the importance of improving information-sharing on trade regulations, product standards and investment policies. Such cooperation, they noted, could help exporters and investors better understand market requirements, reduce procedural hurdles and explore new business opportunities in both countries.

The two countries expressed confidence that sustained engagement through the Joint Trade Committee would help translate the discussions into concrete outcomes. They agreed to maintain momentum through continued consultations and follow-up meetings, with a focus on achieving balanced growth in trade, investment and economic cooperation.

Fairfax to acquire 60.72% Stake in IDBI Bank

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Open Frame): IDBI Bank Ltd. is a scheduled commercial bank regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Due to its poor financial health, the Bank required repeated infusion of capital, initially provided by the Government of India and later by the LIC. On 5th May, 2017, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) put the IDBI Bank under the Prompt Corrective Action Framework and imposed several restrictions in view of its non-performing assets and losses incurred by the Bank. After considering the improvement in the Bank's financial health, the RBI later, vide its letter dated 10th March, 2021, lifted the restrictions imposed on the IDBI Bank subject to certain conditions and continuous monitoring.

It was against this backdrop that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved strategic restructuring of the IDBI Bank Ltd., and in compliance thereof, it was decided that an aggregate 60.72% of the equity stake in the IDBI Bank Ltd be sold to a Strategic Buyer, of which, the GoI share would be 30.48% and the LIC share would be 30.24%, leaving a residual shareholding of 15% with the GoI and 19% with the LIC.

The decision of the CCEA was implemented through a two-stage, competitive bidding process supported by a multi-layered, collective decision-making mechanism consisting of the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG), the Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment (CGD) and the Alternative Mechanism.

India's Manufacturing Sector Records 7.25% Growth in Plant and Machinery Investment

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Open Frame): India's registered manufacturing sector has recorded a robust 7.25 per cent growth in the gross value of plant and machinery in the year 2024-25 over the previous year, according to data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on Wednesday.



During FY2024-25, the registered manufacturing industry experienced notable expansion, driven by upward trends across key economic metrics, including capital investment, production output, Gross Value Added (GVA), workforce numbers, and compensation in comparison to the prior year, an official statement said.

The manufacturing corporate sector, having a share of more than 89 per cent in total gross value added (GVA), has reported growth in the number of factories in operation and total persons engaged by 3.45 per cent and 7.57 per cent, respectively and GVA growth of 9.28 per cent over the previous year.

The top five industries — food products, textiles, basic metals, motor vehicles, and wearing apparel taken together, have contributed more than 41 per cent of the total manufacturing employment of the country during 2024-25.

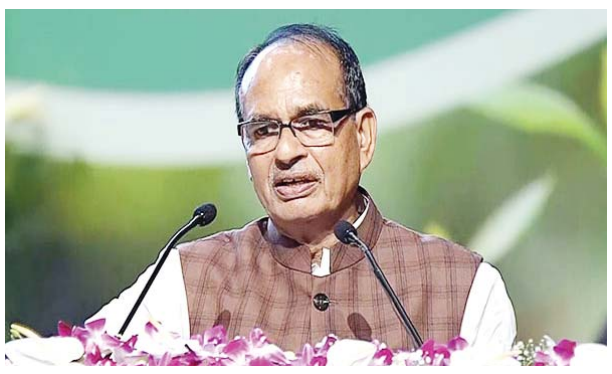
Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh have emerged as the top 5 states in respect of GVA, having a share of more than 54 per cent of the total manufacturing GVA of the country in 2024-25.

The ministry has released the results of the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) for the financial year 2024-25. Detailed publications of ASI 2024-25 comprising Volume I and Summary Results of Factory Sector along with unit-level data have now been disseminated by MOSPI. The figures show that the factories with an investment in plant and machinery up to Rs 5 crore account for 78.69 per cent of the total factories that operated during 2024-25. While these factories share 10.55 per cent of total fixed capital, their share in total persons engaged is 34.32 per cent. Their contribution to the total output and net value added is 19.24 per cent and 17.61 per cent, respectively.

As against this, the share of operational factories, with gross investment in plant and machinery of Rs 10 crore and above.

Union Minister Shivraj announces agriculture council, vows action against fake degrees

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan addressed the 10th National Convention of Agrivision at Pusa, Delhi, today. He said that, while further improving farmers' livelihoods, India would no longer remain limited to meeting its own food requirements but would emerge as the 'food basket' of the entire world in the coming years. He made it clear that strict measures would be taken to curb the proliferation of private agricultural colleges operating without proper standards and issuing fake degrees. An Agriculture Council would soon be established to regulate these institutions and bring greater accountability to agricultural education.



The govt's focus would be on ensuring quality in agricultural education, safeguarding students' futures and strengthening the contribution of agriculture to the country's development.

In his address, Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan highlighted the journey of Indian agriculture, recalling a time when the country had to depend on imported foodgrains under the PL-480 programme. Today, however, through the hard work of Indian farmers and the adoption of modern policies, the country has achieved complete self-reliance in foodgrain production. Between 2014 and 2024, India's total agricultural production increased by 49 per cent. The country now ranks first in the world in rice production and exports, while it ranks second in wheat production. He emphasised that the challenge before India was no longer simply to increase production. Instead, the focus must shift towards scientific storage, efficient management and expanding exports to global markets. Strengthening these areas would help ensure that the country makes the best possible use of its agricultural output while creating further opportunities for farmers.

Shivraj Chouhan described the expertise of students and farmers' organisations as particularly important in the policymaking process. Calling upon the experts and students attending the convention to contribute their ideas and insights, the Union Minister said, "Deliberate in depth at this national convention and bring forth the nectar in the form of your conclusions.

Mandaviya launches NDTL research grant policy to strengthen anti-doping efforts

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday launched the Extramural Research Grant Policy of the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) at the 10th World Association of Anti-Doping Scientists (WAADS) Quality Assurance Managers' Meeting 2026 here. The two-day meeting that began on November 2 was organised by NDTL and brought together international stakeholders from the sports and scientific communities.



Mandaviya, as the chief guest, also oversaw the launch of the NDTL Newsletter at the meet. "Friends, India has zero tolerance for doping. Our responsibility is to ensure that every victory is earned through talent, discipline, and hard work," Mandaviya said. "Over the last two years, under the leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, sports has been recognised as an important pillar of nation-building. India's sporting journey has entered a new phase," he said.

Highlighting India's commitment towards further anti-doping research and education, Mandaviya said, "Today we launched the important Extramural Research Grant Policy, which aims at promoting research and development in areas of advanced detection and prevention. This initiative will strengthen the scientific foundation of our anti-doping efforts." With India set to host Commonwealth Games 2030 and harbouring ambitions of hosting the 2036 Olympics, education and awareness about doping play a vital role in India's fight towards preventing it. The Minister stated that India has already taken major steps towards becoming a sporting nation, and the recent performances of its athletes at the 2026 Asian Games prove that. Over the two days, the meeting was also attended by Secretary (Sports) Hari Ranjan Rao, along with international delegates.

Defending Champions India to open women's asian champions trophy campaign against Malaysia on November 19

New Delhi, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Defending Champions India will kickstart their Women's Asian Champions Trophy campaign against Malaysia when the six-nation tournament kicks off on November 19 in Bhopal as the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) announced the schedule for the tournament. Six teams – India, Japan, China, Malaysia, Thailand and South Korea – will compete for the continental title in what promises to be an exciting showcase of women's hockey. The continental tournament will take place at Bhopal's new hockey stadium at the International Sports Complex in Nathu Barkheda.



The hosts India enter the competition as defending champions and three-time winners, having lifted the title in 2016, 2023 and 2024. India will be aiming to secure a third consecutive title and extend their success in the competition.

The tournament will hold special significance for the Indian women as it marks their first international assignment following their historic gold medal triumph at the Asian Games in Japan last month. The tournament will follow a round-robin format, with each team facing the other five teams once. The top four teams at the end of the league stage will advance to the semi-finals. The opening day on November 19 will feature Asia's top-ranked team, China, taking on Thailand in the tournament opener. India will begin their campaign against Malaysia in a match preceded by the opening ceremony on the same day. The hosts will subsequently face South Korea on November 21, Thailand on November 22, China on November 24 and Japan on November 25. November 20, 23 and 26 have been designated as rest days. The classification match for fifth and sixth place, followed by the two semi-finals, will take place on November 27. The tournament will conclude on November 28 with the bronze-medal match and the final, where the three medal-winning teams will be decided.

"The Madhya Pradesh Women's Asian Champions Trophy Bhopal 2026 will be a great opportunity to celebrate the growing strength of women's hockey in Asia," said Hockey India President Dr Dilip Tirkey.

Eala advances, Samsonova falls at Hong Kong open

Hong Kong, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Second seed Alexandra Eala defeated British lucky loser Emerson Jones in straight sets to enter the second round of the Prudential Hong Kong Open WTA tournament on Tuesday, while top seed Sorana Cirstea and fifth seed Talia Gibson also progressed. However, seventh seed Liudmila Samsonova suffered a first-round upset. Eala made a flying start, racing to a 4-0 lead in the opening set. Jones, who entered the main draw following the withdrawal of American Alycia Parks, fought back to narrow the gap to 4-3. However, the Filipino held her nerve to take the set 6-4.

Ranked a career-high 17th in the WTA rankings this week, Eala continued her strong performance in the second set, establishing a 5-1 lead. Jones managed to recover one break, but Eala maintained her advantage to seal a 6-4, 6-3 victory in one hour and 23 minutes.

Eala will next face Czech teenager Tereza Valentova, who defeated qualifier Himeno Sakatsume 6-3, 7-5 in another first-round encounter on Tuesday. Earlier, top seed Cirstea recovered from an early break down in the deciding set to overcome Maria Timofeeva 7-6, 1-6, 7-5 and advance to the second round. Cirstea will next take on American Mary Stoiana, who defeated seven-time Grand Slam champion Venus Williams in straight sets on Monday. Fifth seed Gibson, who achieved a career-high ranking of 36th this week, fought back from a 5-3 deficit in the opening set to beat Oleksandra Oliynykova 7-6, 6-1.

Meanwhile, seventh seed

Sachin Tendulkar invests in Hyderabad-Based gaming startup metasports interactive

Hyderabad, Nov 4 (Open Frame): Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar has acquired a significant minority stake in Hyderabad-based gaming startup Metasports Interactive, the developer of popular mobile cricket strategy game Hitwicket. Besides investing in the company, Tendulkar will actively contribute to the game's development by sharing insights from his illustrious cricketing career to make the gaming experience more realistic and engaging.

The association, which began with discussions about a possible collaboration around six months ago, eventually led Tendulkar to become an investor in the startup. The financial details of his investment and the company's valuation have not been disclosed.

Metasports Interactive co-founder and CEO Kashyap Reddy said Tendulkar's involvement would go beyond being a brand ambassador or a playable character in the game. His understanding of cricketing strategies, field placements and match situations is expected to help developers incorporate finer aspects of the sport into the gaming experience. Reddy said the company wanted to capture the thinking process of an accomplished cricketer and translate it into gameplay. This includes understanding technical details such as how grass growing in a particular direction on the field could influence the friction and movement of the ball.

Tendulkar said he was impressed by the way Hitwicket incorporates the strategic dimensions of cricket rather than concentrating solely on reflexes and batting skills.



According to the former India captain, cricket involves constantly reading the bowler, assessing field placements and deciding the appropriate approach for every delivery. He believes the game successfully recreates this decision-making process, allowing players to experience how a cricketer thinks while batting in the middle. Tendulkar will also feature as a playable character in Hitwicket and appear in various in-game experiences, special events, content initiatives and brand activations. The company is exploring ways to make his involvement more meaningful than simply introducing his digital likeness into the game. One possibility being considered is featuring Tendulkar as a team mentor or strategist, alongside his role as a playable character. Developers are also exploring different stages of his 24-year international career to reflect his evolution as a cricketer within the game, from an aggressive young batsman to a more experienced player who adapted his approach with time. Metasports is drawing inspiration from Japanese role-playing games to develop different character experiences and keep gameplay engaging.

The objective is to offer players opportunities to experience different versions of Tendulkar's cricketing journey. Founded in 2020 by Kashyap Reddy and Keerti Singh, Metasports Interactive has built a user base of more than 20 million across over 120 countries through Hitwicket. The game primarily generates revenue through in-app purchases. According to Reddy, users spend an average of 52 minutes playing the game daily, while paying users spend approximately 90 minutes.

India accounts for nearly half of the game's revenue, while the United Kingdom, the United States and Australia are its largest overseas markets. The startup is backed by venture capital firms Prime Venture Partners and Singapore-based Horizon Ventures, along with cricket commentator Harsha Bhogle, who is also associated with the company.

In April 2026, Metasports secured $20 million in user acquisition funding from London-based growth financing company Metica. The funding is intended to support marketing, customer acquisition and international expansion.With Tendulkar joining as an investor and strategic partner, the company is targeting 100 million downloads over the next three years.

Nazriya Nazim rejected me three times: Actor Suriya



Over the years, several actors have turned down big film offers for various reasons, ranging from scheduling conflicts and creative differences to personal choices. While some rejections have sparked controversies, others have simply been a matter of an actor choosing what works best for their career.

And now, one such interesting story has come to light involving Tamil superstar Suriya and actress Nazriya Nazim. The actor has revealed that he had approached Nazriya for three of his earlier films, but the actress turned down all the offers before finally agreeing to work with him in their upcoming film Scene.

Speaking at a promotional event in Hyderabad, Suriya revealed that he had wanted to share screen space with Nazriya for a long time. However, getting the actress on board took more than one attempt.

Recalling their earlier conversations, the actor said that Nazriya had rejected three of his film offers before agreeing to be part of director Jithu Madhavan's upcoming project Scene.

"I have always wanted to work with Nazriya. We had asked her to act in three of my films earlier, but she rejected them. It was only on the fourth attempt that she agreed," Suriya said, as quoted by The Times of India. The actor also spoke about his admiration for Nazriya's confidence and the way she makes decisions about her career.

Suriya revealed that Nazriya had turned down several Tamil film offers over the last 12 years. However, the actor did not view her decisions as missed opportunities.

Instead, he appreciated the clarity with which she chose her projects and expressed respect for her confidence in following her own path. Nazriya, who has largely stayed away from Tamil cinema for nearly 12 years, is now set to make an important return to the industry with Scene.

After her marriage to actor Fahadh Faasil, Nazriya largely focused on Malayalam cinema, staying away from Tamil films for an extended period. Although she continued to entertain audiences through Malayalam projects, she did not take up any Tamil films during this time. Her last Tamil release was the romantic film Thirumanam Enum Nikkah, directed by Anees, which hit theatres in 2014. Now, with Scene, Nazriya is all set to return to Tamil cinema alongside Suriya. The upcoming film is directed by Jithu Madhavan, who is known for his work in Malayalam cinema.

While Suriya's revelation about Nazriya rejecting three of his earlier films has certainly caught attention, the collaboration has also raised expectations among fans who are eager to see the two actors share screen space for the first time.

Baby Doll singer Kanika Kapoor annouces divorce



Singer Kanika Kapoor, known for popular songs such as 'Baby Doll' and 'Chittiyaan Kalaiyaan', has announced her separation from husband Gautam Hathiramani after four years of marriage. The singer shared the news through an emotional note on her Instagram Story on Tuesday night, November 3, requesting privacy as they move forward separately.In her statement, Kanika said the decision was taken after considerable thought and consideration. She expressed gratitude for the time they spent together and wished Gautam well for the future.

"Dear friends and family, after much thought and consideration, my husband and I are going our separate ways. I am grateful for the time we shared and wish him well for the future. I sincerely ask for kindness and respect for our privacy as we move forward," she wrote.

The singer has not disclosed the reason behind their separation. It is also unclear whether the couple has initiated divorce proceedings. Kanika married businessman Gautam Hathiramani in London in May 2022. Their wedding photographs and videos had attracted considerable attention on social media.

This was Kanika's second marriage. She was earlier married to Raj Chandok in 1999. The couple separated in 2012 and have three children together. Kanika rose to nationwide fame with the hit song 'Baby Doll' from the 2014 film 'Ragini MMS 2', featuring Sunny Leone. She has also lent her voice to several popular Bollywood tracks, including 'Chittiyaan Kalaiyaan' from 'Roy', 'Lovely' from 'Happy New Year', 'Desi Look' from 'Ek Paheli Leela', 'Tukur Tukur' from 'Dilwale' and 'Da Da Dasse' from 'Udta Punjab'.

Aditi on choosing films: I listen to the child inside me



Actress Aditi Rao Hydari, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming film 'Parivarik ManuRanjan', has shared that while choosing her roles, she relies on her inner child.

The actress spoke with IANS along with her co-actor Pankaj Tripathi at a 5-star property in the Goregaon east area of Mumbai during the promotions of the film in the city.Talking about the film, she said, "I just found it really sweet. It's like a slice of life film story. Also, the people who were involved, I don't usually get stuff like this. Also, an opportunity to work with them. It was all those things that made me want to do this film". She told , "I think also the fact that as an actor, to just be in a very different kind of space is also a lot of fun. Also, you get to play in a very different kind of way. There was a lightness in it, which I really liked. I just wanted to do it. I didn't think too much. There's an instinct and excitement. I listen to the child inside me. If I'm excited about something, then the journey for me is really important. Because anyway, the result is not in my hands".

"So, if the journey is fun and there's adventure, it's playful and you're learning, and there could be people, I think that's what's very, very important. Because that's what lasts with you", she added. Meanwhile, 'Parivarik ManuRanjan' is set to drop on November 13, 2026 on November 13, 2026 on SonyLIV. Aditi also spoke about the importance of enjoying the creative process rather than being focused only on the final outcome. She believes every project offers an opportunity to explore new emotions, learn from fellow artistes and grow as a performer. For her, the experience of working with an interesting team and discovering something different through a character makes a project memorable.

The actress said that approaching a role with curiosity and openness helps her remain connected to the character. She prefers to trust her instincts and embrace opportunities that bring excitement and allow her to step outside her comfort zone. This approach, she feels, keeps her work fresh and makes the journey of acting more rewarding. 'Parivarik ManuRanjan' brings together Aditi Rao Hydari and Pankaj Tripathi in a slice-of-life narrative. The film is expected to offer audiences an engaging family-oriented story, with its characters and everyday situations forming the heart of the narrative.

Kapoor family fathers never appreciated their children says Ranbir Kapoor



Bollywood superstar Ranbir Kapoor has opened up about what he believes is a generational tradition in the Kapoor family, where fathers have refrained from openly appreciating their sons' work, choosing instead to push them towards greater dedication and excellence.

Recalling an interesting anecdote involving his grandfather Raj Kapoor and great-grandfather Prithviraj Kapoor, Ranbir revealed how the latter never readily praised his son's achievements, even when Raj had become a celebrated star.

The actor shared the anecdote during a conversation with megastar Amitabh Bachchan on Kaun Banega Crorepati. He revealed that he had read about the incident in a book on Raj Kapoor written by his aunt, Ritu Nanda. According to the story, Raj once approached his father and questioned why he never appreciated his achievements or patted him on the back despite his success. Recalling the conversation, Ranbir said, "But I think maine ek kahani suni thi mere dadaji Shri Raj Kapoor ki kitab mein jo Ritu bua, Mrs. Ritu Nanda ne likhi thi, ke wo gaye the Prithviraj Kapoor ke paas aur unse unhone poocha ki aaj aapka beta star hai, itna kuch kar raha hai, aap kabhi meri tareef nahi karte, mere peeth pe thapthapate nahi. Toh unhone ek kahani sunai thi Shri Raj Kapoor ko ki ek chhota balak tha raste par ek balancing act karta tha ek rope par aur roz bahut saari janata aati thi, taaliyan maarti thi, paise dete the, bahut wah-wah hoti thi." (I think I once heard a story in a book about my grandfather, Shri Raj Kapoor, written by my aunt, Ritu bua, Mrs. Ritu Nanda. He had gone to Prithviraj Kapoor and asked him, 'Your son is a star today and is achieving so much, but you never praise me or pat me on the back.' Prithviraj Kapoor then narrated a story to Shri Raj Kapoor about a little boy who performed a balancing act on a rope by the roadside. Every day, large crowds would gather, applaud him, give him money and shower him with praise)

Elaborating on the story, Ranbir recalled how the young boy would approach his father after every performance, hoping to hear words of appreciation, but would receive the same response every single time. The father would tell him that there was still room for improvement, despite the applause and admiration the boy received from the audience. He added, "Aur jab act khatam hota tha toh balak apne pita ke paas jaata tha aur poochhta tha ki babuji kaisi rahi, aur wo hamesha ek hi baat kehte the, 'Kasar rahi'. Aisa lagata hota tha, 'Kasar rahi, kaisi hui? Kasar rahi, kaisi lagi? Kasar rahi.' Toh ek din bahut saalon baad jab unhone pitaji se poochha ki main itna achha karta hoon, log itni tareef karte hain, itni wah-wah karte hain meri, aap kyun kehte ho? Toh I think jo unhone kaha tha ki beta jiss din main aapki tareef karna shuru karunga, jo aapka ek lakshya hai, aapka joh dhyan hai woh yahan se hat jayega aur aap tareef mein kho jaoge.."

(And whenever the performance ended, the little boy would go to his father and ask, 'Father, how was it?' And his father would always give the same response: 'There was still room for improvement.' It was always the same: 'There was still room for improvement. How was it? There was still room for improvement. How did you like it?' Many years later, the boy finally asked his father, 'I perform so well, people appreciate me so much and shower me with praise. Why do you always say this?' I think his father replied, 'Son, the day I start praising you, your goal and your focus will shift away from what you are trying to achieve, and you will get lost in the praise.')

The Kapoor family is touted as one of the most influential film dynasties in Indian cinema. Generations of the family went on to become Bollywood stalwarts. The legacy began with Prithviraj Kapoor, who laid the foundation for the family's contribution to Indian theatre and cinema. His sons, Raj Kapoor, Shammi Kapoor and Shashi Kapoor, carried the legacy forward, carving their own identities as celebrated actors, filmmakers and entertainers. Raj Kapoor further strengthened the family's standing, with his sons Randhir Kapoor, Rishi Kapoor and Rajiv Kapoor also making their mark in the film industry.

The further generations, including Karisma Kapoor, Kareena Kapoor Khan and Ranbir Kapoor, have continued to carry the Kapoor legacy forward.

Rashmika Unveils Fierce Avatar in 'Mysaa' Song



Actress Rashmika Mandanna is set to explore a new dimension of her acting career with the upcoming action thriller Mysaa. Following the encouraging response to the film's teaser, the makers have released its first full-length song, 'O Mysaa Re', offering a glimpse of the actress's intense transformation.

The song features Rashmika performing a high-energy tandav-style dance, showcasing fierce expressions, powerful movements and an intense screen presence. Set against a tribal backdrop, the visuals complement the film's raw and earthy atmosphere. Composed by Jakes Bejoy, 'O Mysaa Re' blends powerful beats with tribal rhythms, adding to the film's action-packed mood.

Mysaa is being developed as a female-led pan-India action thriller. Along with high-octane action sequences, the film explores an emotional father-daughter relationship set against the backdrop of tribal lands. The film's first look, released in June 2026, featured Rashmika with a blood-streaked face, untamed hair and a sword in her hand, presenting her in a strikingly different avatar.

Sharing her excitement about the character, the actress had said that the role was unlike anything she had played before and introduced her to a completely new world. She described the character as fierce, intense and raw. Produced by Unformula Films and directed by Rawindra Pulle, Mysaa promises a combination of action, striking visuals and an emotional storyline. The film is scheduled to hit theatres on November 27, 2026.

Ayushmann Khurrana Gets Extortion Threat

Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana received a threatening audio message from a man claiming links to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, with the sender demanding crores of rupees, Mumbai Police sources told media. Police are trying to verify the sender's identity, the sources said. Investigators are matching the voice in the audio clip against a sample from the suspected sender, whose name is already in police records, according to the report.

No formal complaint or FIR has been confirmed on record by Mumbai Police as of this report. The Pioneer could not independently verify the audio clip or the sender's claimed gang link.

The development comes a day after actor Tusshar Kapoor received a Rs 5 crore extortion threat from a man claiming links to the same gang, a case The Pioneer reported on Tuesday. Bollywood figures including Salman Khan have previously received threats linked to the Bishnoi network, which has claimed responsibility for extortion calls to several public figures over the past few years.



Vivek, Nithya's 'Mr and Mrs Grey' to release on Dec 11

The makers of 'Mr and Mrs Grey', starring Vivek Oberoi and Nithya Menen, have unveiled the film's first-look poster and announced that it will hit theatres on December 11.

Directed by Ankur Pajni and Vishal Ranjan Mishra, the film also features Shreya Sharma and Ashish Vidyarthi in important roles. The poster offers a glimpse of Oberoi and Menen's characters, with the tagline, "Every marriage has two sides. This one has shades you never saw coming."

The promotional material also hints at a suspense-filled storyline through the Hindi taglines, "(What if the person you would give your life for becomes the one you fear?) and " (Love has a shade of grey too). The film appears to revolve around a murder mystery. Produced by A Jhunjhunwala and Shikha Karan Ahluwalia under the Waveband Production banner, the film reportedly has



Scotland among its shooting locations.

'Mr and Mrs Grey' marks the first on-screen collaboration between Oberoi and Menen. The project has reportedly been in the making for three years and marks Menen's return to Hindi cinema after her appearances in 'Mission Mangal', the television show 'Chhoti Maa... Ek Anokha Bandhan' and the web series 'Breathe: Into the Shadows'. Menen was last seen in Dhanush-starrer 'Idli Kadai'. Her upcoming projects include a fantasy dark comedy directed by DK, which she is also producing under her newly launched banner Keyuri Productions in association with Leo Vision. Oberoi, meanwhile, was last seen in 'Mastiii 4'. His upcoming projects include 'Ramayana', co-starring Ranbir Kapoor, and 'Spirit', featuring Prabhas. The makers are expected to release more promotional material in the coming weeks, offering audiences further glimpses into the film's plot and characters. With its intriguing title, mysterious first look and fresh pairing of Vivek Oberoi and Nithya Menen, the film is expected to generate curiosity among moviegoers ahead of its December release.

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