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Revanth Slams BJP Over Rahul's Bharat Summit Participation



Hyderabad, Nov 13 (Open Frame): Chief Minister Shri A Revanth Reddy has said that the State Government is organizing Bharat Summit on December 13 and 14 in Hyderabad to showcase the immense investment potential in Telangana. Stating that every delegate participating in the summit is being considered as "Telangana Ambassador ," the Chief Minister said that nearly 1000 delegates from 70 countries would be attending the summit.

Addressing the press conference today, the CM took a strong dig at the union government for rejecting permissions to some foreign delegates who were supposed to deliver speeches on some important issues in the summit. We have invited individuals from various sectors and diverse professional backgrounds to the 'Bharat Summit.' The summit would also help the participants to visit the historical city of Hyderabad and acquire knowledge on the state's industrial friendly policies.

CM Revanth Reddy highlighted that the Summit would be followed by the 'Invest Telangana Global Summit' scheduled to be held from December 7 to 9 at the Bharat Future City. The environment in Hyderabad is highly conducive to investments. As part of this initiative, the government has already held 'curtain-raiser' events in Delhi and several other locations. Now, we are also planning to host curtain-raiser events in Mumbai and Ahmedabad.

The Chief minister reiterated that the state government 's goal is to attract investments and transform the state into a $1 trillion economy by 2034, and a $3 trillion economy by 2047.

The CM slammed union ministers G Kishan Reddy, Bandi Sanjay, BJP state President N Ramachander Rao and BRS leader KT Rama Rao for spreading lies against the summit.

No Nation can slow down amid rapid technological changes: PM Modi



Mysuru, Nov 13 (Open Frame): Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that no nation could afford to undermine or slow down its progress amid rapidly changing technology, stressing that India was creating a strong ecosystem for science and research to keep pace with global advancements. Speaking after inaugurating COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium, India's first LED Dome planetarium, he said the country had made significant progress in astronomy, astrophysics and the space sector over the last decade, with several achievements placing India among a select group of countries capable of undertaking complex space missions.

"Today, technology is changing rapidly. No country can take the risk of undermining or slowing down its progress. A strong ecosystem for science and research is being created in the country," he said. PM Modi said the inauguration of COSMOS-Mysuru marked another important milestone in India's efforts to promote scientific temper and research, particularly among the younger generation.

Recalling his earlier visit to Mysuru for the inauguration of Viveka Smaraka, he said the two occasions carried a deeper message about India's cultural traditions and values. While Viveka Smaraka inspired people to look within themselves and seek spiritual knowledge, COSMOS-Mysuru encouraged them to look towards the sky and explore the mysteries of the universe. "To understand this vast universe and unravel the secrets of the world is an inspiration in itself. In Bharat, the traditions of science and spirituality have always travelled together," he said.

Highlighting India's ancient contributions to astronomy, the Prime Minister said ancestors had studied celestial bodies in detail, calculated the movements of stars and planets, developed calendars and understood solar and lunar eclipses.

India aspires to play leading role in shaping lobal Economic order: VP



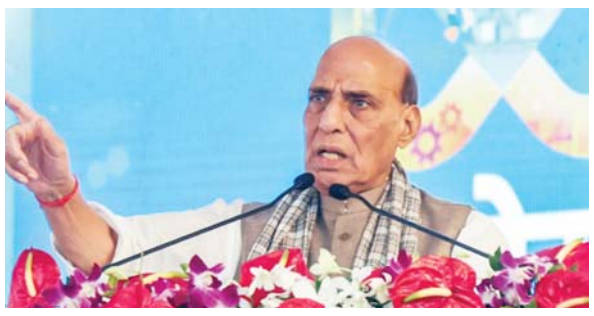
Visakhapatnam, Nov 13 (Way to News): Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, said on Friday that India aspires to play a leading role in shaping the emerging global economic order. Emphasising India's growing economic strength, young and skilled workforce, vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem and expanding manufacturing and services sectors, he said that India aspired not merely to participate in the emerging global economic order but to play a leading role in shaping it.

Addressing the valedictory session of the 31st CII Partnership Summit here, he expressed confidence that India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was moving firmly towards becoming a developed nation by 2047.

Referring to the theme of this year's Summit, 'Navigating the New World Order – Trade, Technology and Trust', the Vice-President observed that geopolitical uncertainties, technological disruptions, climate change and evolving supply chains were reshaping the global economy. However, every period of uncertainty also presented new opportunities, and nations demonstrating adaptability, innovation and trusted partnerships would be best placed to shape the future. The Vice-President highlighted the transformative potential of artificial intelligence, semiconductors, quantum computing, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing and digital platforms.

He stressed that Atmanirbhar Bharat should not be understood as turning inward, but as building domestic capabilities, enhancing competitiveness and integrating more deeply with global markets. Calling for a collective national endeavour towards Viksit Bharat 2047, Radhakrishnan emphasised that the responsibility of building a developed India could not rest with the Government alone. It required the active participation of industry, academia, entrepreneurs, young people and international partners, in keeping with the Prime Minister's call for Sabka Prayas.

Not just winning polls, focus should be to secure future of youths: Rajnath



New Delhi, Nov 13 (Way to News): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday advised governments that instead of only focussing on how to win the next election, they should think about how to secure the future of the next generation in India.

"For us, a 'Viksit Bharat' does not merely mean a five-trillion-dollar economy. While that is certainly an important component, our vision for a 'Viksit Bharat' is far broader," Rajnath Singh said while addressing an event to mark 90 years since the establishment of the Brahma Kumaris and 72 years of its spiritual services in Lucknow. He explained that 'Viksit Bharat' signifies a nation where citizens are honest, families are rooted in values, society lives in harmony, women are respected, the youth are disciplined, and every individual possesses a sense of duty towards the nation. "In our decision-making, we should not just look at the political gains we might derive; rather, we should consider the benefits to society. Don't think about how to win the next election, think about how to make the future of the next generation better. The true essence of politics lies in conducting governance through policy and morality. Politics is not merely a means to attain power; it is a tool to provide direction to the future of society and the nation," the Defence Minister stated.

Further, Rajnath Singh cautioned that if politics is perceived only as a arena for competition, mutual accusations, and personal ambition, the youth will distance themselves from it. "However, if they see the potential for service, nation-building, character development, and social transformation within politics, they will undoubtedly engage with it," he said while emphasising that the youth are not just the future of this country, but also its present. "The future of a nation does not simply emerge out of nowhere at some point in the future—it is shaped today. It is shaped by the efforts made today. In essence, the seeds sown in the present determine the fruits reaped in the future," he stressed.

Moreover, Singh advised youngsters to focus on building character along their careers and use technology responsibly.

India, Italy to launch new joint research call in 2027 on AI

New Delhi, Nov 13 (Way to News): India and Italy will strengthen their longstanding scientific partnership and take forward joint research and innovation initiatives, following a bilateral meeting between Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh and Italy's Minister of University and Research, Anna Maria Bernini, an official statement said on Friday.

The discussions focused on translating the India-Italy Strategic Partnership into practical scientific collaboration, strengthening institutional mechanisms and exploring new opportunities for joint research in emerging and priority technology areas. Looking ahead, both sides are in the process of launching a new call in 2027 under the MoU.

The proposed areas include artificial intelligence (AI), high-performance computing and big data; clean technologies, hydrogen, renewable energy and the energy transition; and advanced biotechnology and biomedical research with particular attention to gene therapy, mRNA technologies and biomanufacturing. Dr. Singh expressed hope that India and Italy would maintain their close association to promote practical cooperation by leveraging the science, technology and innovation ecosystems of both countries. He assured full cooperation from the Indian side.



26 killed in bus-truck collision in Assam's Kaziranga; 20 others injured



Kaziranga, Nov 13 (UNI): At least 26 people died, including women and minors, and 20 others were injured in a head-on collision between a minibus and a container truck near Kaziranga National Park in Assam on Friday, officials said. Many of the victims were college students who were returning from their classes. The accident occurred at Rangajan near Hathikuli Tea Estate in Kohora range on National Highway-715 when the passenger vehicle collided with the truck, a senior officer said.

"The total number of dead in the accident has increased to 26. Ambulances have taken the people to different hospitals, and we are collecting the data from them," said Dipam Kumar Barman, a senior doctor at Kohora Model Hospital. At an official function in Biswanath earlier, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that at least 24 people lost their lives and college students were among the dead. Several critically injured people are being treated at Bokakhat Civil Hospital and Jorhat Medical College and Hospital, he added.

"Minister Ranoj Pegu will soon visit Kaziranga, and I will also go tomorrow," Sarma said. Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Atul Bora is already at the accident site overseeing the relief arrangements. Earlier, an Executive Magistrate of Golaghat district told reporters here that the death toll was rising very fast as many of the injured are critical. "Already nine ambulances have been operating to ferry the injured people. Doctors here have referred 20 people to Jorhat for advanced treatment," he added. Out of the deceased, 14 people have been identified as Jyoti Majhi, Darpana Majhi, Anurag Goala (a 12-year-old boy), Abdul Mujid (driver of the minibus), Subhash (handyman of the minibus), Rashid Ali, Hafiza Khatun and Farhana Yasmin, KR Lobho, Amjad Ali, Bulbul Ali, Baby Karmakar, Damini Ghatowar and Dipanjali Rongphar, he added.

India, Nepal Discuss Tourism and Air Links

Kathmandu, Nov 13 (UNI): Newly appointed Indian Ambassador to Nepal, Sudhakar Dalela, on Friday called on two Nepali cabinet ministers and the country's Foreign Secretary, as the two countries prepare the groundwork for an upcoming visit by Nepal's Prime Minister Balendra Shah to New Delhi. Dalela met Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Khadak Raj Paudel and Minister for Infrastructure Development Sunil Lamsal and discussed ways to expand cooperation in tourism, aviation and infrastructure.

In a statement, Nepal's Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation said the two sides discussed developing integrated Buddhist and Ramayana tourism circuits and expanding bilateral air connectivity, including regular commercial flights linking Nepal's two international airports outside Kathmandu with major Indian cities.

Nepal and India share Buddhist and Ramayana heritage and several important religious pilgrimage sites. Lumbini in Nepal is the birthplace of Lord Buddha, who attained enlightenment under the Bodhi tree at Bodh Gaya in India's Bihar and attained Mahaparinirvana at Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh.



Microsoft Services Recover After Global Outage Hits 74 Countries



New Delhi, Nov 13 (UNI): Microsoft services began coming back online after a global outage left millions of users without access for nearly 18 hours, disrupting businesses, schools, government agencies, and airline operations across at least 74 countries, including the United States.

Major services impacted during the event included Outlook email, Microsoft Teams, and Copilot. The disruption also affected airline operations worldwide, prompting major Indian carriers to issue passenger advisories. According to Microsoft 365 Status (the official Microsoft account for updates on certain Microsoft 365 service incidents), the outage was not caused by a cyberattack. Instead, overwhelmed servers responsible for establishing secure connections failed, preventing them from processing user requests. In an update posted on X, Microsoft 365 Status detailed the ongoing restoration efforts across various continents. "We're seeing continued recovery progress across affected regions, with broader improvements in North America, sustained improvements across much of Europe, and encouraging recovery signals in Asia Pacific," Microsoft 365 Status said. Despite the recovery, the company noted that full stability has not yet returned for everyone.

"Some users may still experience intermittent access issues or delayed email delivery as mitigation continues across remaining affected infrastructure," the update added.

"Our focus remains on stabilising recovered infrastructure, completing mitigation in remaining impacted areas, and reducing delayed email queues and backlogs while we validate service consistency across connection methods," Microsoft 365 Status said.

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Dy CM Bhatti Announces Life Insurance for All Families



Hyderabad, Nov 13 (Open Frame): Telangana is all set to become the first and only state in India to provide universal life insurance to every family in the state with its Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bhima Pathakam, for which enrolment will begin on November 19, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said on Friday.

"There have been some insurance schemes in the state in the past that were limited to some department and select sections of the people. The idea is that if a wage earner in a family passes away, the family should not suffer. This is the reason why the Cabinet under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy decided that every family in the state should have life insurance coverage," he said.

Vikramarka said: "The Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bhima Pathakam is a truly universal life insurance scheme. The Rs 5 lakh insurance scheme will be applicable to all families, cutting across caste, creed, religion and incomes, and the enrolment will be formally launched by the Chief Minister." Addressing a video conference with all district collectors and senior government officials, Vikramarka said starting November 19, statewide simultaneous enrolment of beneficiaries will begin in a saturation mode in every village, every town and city.

Vikramarka said not only is the Indiramma Kutumba Jeevitha Bhima Pathakam unique in its expanse but also in its provisions. "If there is one wage earner in a family, that person will be insured. If there are multiple wage earners, the family can decide who the insured will be. And there can be either a single nominee or multiple nominees. This will be up to the family. And the insured person and family can also decide the percentages of the insured sum they will receive," he said. The Deputy Chief Minister said officials should be diligent in getting enrolment details, the name of the insured, the names of beneficiaries and should read out the filled information to the family before taking the signature of the insured person.

This universal life insurance scheme, Vikramarka said as part of public outreach about the scheme and the start of the enrolment process on November 19, the details including where the enrolment camps will be set up should be publicised in villages on Nov 17 and 18 through the tom tom method, and called on officials to use all media, including social media to inform the people about the scheme.

TG Plans statewide action to boost groundwater recharge



Hyderabad, Nov 13 (Open Frame): Bracing for the looming El Niño threat and the possibility of groundwater stress during the coming months, the Telangana Government is preparing a coordinated Statewide action plan to boost groundwater recharge, regulate extraction and ensure sustainable management of available water resources, said the Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies, N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday. The initiative will focus on scientific assessment of groundwater availability, strengthening recharge measures while guiding farmers towards water-efficient cropping patterns ahead of the ensuing Rabi season.

Reviewing the groundwater situation with senior officials and experts at his Secretariat chambers along with Vakiti Srihari, Minister for Diary Development, Animal Husbandry, Youth Services and Sports, Uttam Kumar Reddy said a comprehensive paper would be prepared on the groundwater situation facilitating further discussions with officials to formulate a coordinated action plan.

An expert from the CSIR-Northeast Institute of Science and Technology, Prof. Virendra Tiwari, who is also an adjunct professor at IIT Hyderabad, joined the review virtually, suggested an immediate assessment of precipitation against groundwater storage using the Groundwater Estimation Committee (GEC) model. He said a preliminary assessment could be completed within a few days. Pointing out that more than 94 per cent of water utilisation in Telangana was accounted for by irrigation, while domestic and other uses constituted only about 1.8 per cent, the expert stressed the need to quantify groundwater availability and requirements at the watershed level.

The expert recommended mapping water availability against irrigation requirements in every watershed and using the findings to guide farmers on suitable crops. While paddy cultivation might remain feasible in areas with adequate water storage, farmers in water-stressed regions should be encouraged to consider alternatives such as maize and millets, with the government explaining their potential economic returns. The expert proposed constituting a small task force reporting directly to the State leadership, with weekly, 10-day or fortnightly meetings to monitor the situation and coordinate corrective measures.

Srihari Praises Sonia Gandhi's Life of Sacrifice and Commitment



Hyderabad, Nov 13 (Open Frame): Telangana Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Youth Services and Sports, Vakiti Srihari, praised senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, describing her life journey as a remarkable example of love, sacrifice, family values and dedication to the people of India.

The Minister expressed keen interest in reading Sonia Gandhi's autobiography, "Belonging: A Journey of Love," which highlights her personal journey, family relationships, sacrifices and emotional bond with India. Speaking on the occasion, Srihari said Sonia Gandhi's life was an extraordinary example of how a person could become part of the hearts of millions of people. Born in Italy, she embraced Indian culture and traditions after marrying former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and became closely connected with the lives of the Indian people. He said her relationship with Rajiv Gandhi, her deep affection for her family and the courage she demonstrated while facing personal tragedies and difficult circumstances were truly inspiring.

"Losing a loved one is one of life's greatest tragedies. Despite enduring such immense personal grief, Sonia Gandhi fulfilled her family responsibilities and continued to dedicate herself to the people of the country. Her courage and determination are remarkable," the Minister said.

Srihari observed that India had become an inseparable part of Sonia Gandhi's life and that her journey reflected her affection and commitment towards the country despite being born abroad. He also appreciated her leadership in the Congress party, stating that she faced several political challenges, criticism and difficulties with patience, dignity and commitment to her values.

Describing her decision not to accept the Prime Minister's post in 2004 as a significant chapter in her political career, Srihari said Sonia Gandhi demonstrated that principles were more important than positions and public trust was more valuable than power.

The Minister also highlighted her initiatives for the welfare of the poor, farmers, women and weaker sections of society, as well as her commitment to social justice.

Ponnam Hits Back at KTR, Questions BRS Record on Farmers, Dalits and Corruption



Hyderabad, Nov 13 (Open Frame): Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has issued a sharp counter to former minister and BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) over his remarks about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. In a post on social media, Ponnam said KTR did not have the stature to criticise Rahul Gandhi and described the Gandhi family as one that had made sacrifices for the country. Questioning the BRS government's record during its ten-year rule, Ponnam asked whether the attack on Dalits in Nerella, the handcuffing of farmers in Khammam and the police lathi-charge on Mallanna Sagar project oustees had taken place under BRS rule.

He also questioned why the previous government had not issued a single Group-I recruitment notification during its decade in power. In contrast, he said the Congress government had issued the notification and successfully conducted the examination process.

Ponnam asserted that the Congress government had the ability not only to make promises but also to implement them. He alleged that the BRS leadership was more interested in accumulating assets worth thousands of crores than in public welfare.

Taking aim at KTR's remarks on corruption, the minister referred to the Formula E race case and raised allegations concerning the Kaleshwaram project, power purchases and assigned lands. He said detailing the allegations against the previous government would take an entire year. Ponnam also criticised the arrangements made during the BRS government, contrasting them with the preparations being undertaken by the present Congress government.

Mahesh Bhagwat Takes Charge as Hyderabad CP, Vows Zero Tolerance on Crime and Corruption



Hyderabad, Nov 13 (Open Frame): Nov 13, Dr. Mahesh Muralidhar Bhagwat, IPS, officially assumed charge as the new Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, today (13.11.2026) at 11:00 AM at the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre (TG ICCC) Building, Banjara Hills. Addressing a press conference held shortly thereafter, the Commissioner outlined his priorities and action plan for city policing.

The Commissioner expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Deputy Chief Minister, the Council of Ministers, Advisors, the Director General of Police (DGP), and senior officials for entrusting him with the opportunity to serve Hyderabad City once again. Recalling that this is his third stint in Hyderabad City, he noted that prior to 2004, he served as DCP (South Zone) under Commissioners Sri R.P. Singh and Sri Dinesh Reddy, and in late 2010, served as Joint CP (Admin) for two years and Joint CP (Special Branch) for 7–8 months. Subsequently, he served as the Commissioner of Rachakonda, worked for a year in CID, served in the Railways and Road Safety departments, and held responsibilities as Additional DG (Law & Order) and in the DG rank for approximately two years and five months. He noted that following the recent reorganization of the Core Urban Region—with the inclusion of new zones such as Shamshabad and Rajendranagar along with areas from the erstwhile Rachakonda jurisdiction like Adibatla, Pahadishareef, Balapur, and Shadnagar—the jurisdiction of the Hyderabad Commissionerate has expanded significantly, while the nature of policing challenges remains similar even after the bifurcation of the Malkajgiri Commissionerate. He added that efforts will be made to overcome the existing staff shortage within the Commissionerate.

The Commissioner affirmed that maintaining Law and Order, ensuring women's safety, and curbing cybercrime are his foremost priorities.

Telangana invites investors, assures all-round support: Minister Sridhar Babu



Hyderabad, Nov 13 (Open Frame): IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu has invited investors and industrialists to invest in Telangana, assuring them that the State Government would extend all necessary support for setting up industries and expanding business operations in the State. On the sidelines of the Bharat Summit 2026 at the HICC on Friday, the Minister held separate meetings with representatives of several companies to discuss investment opportunities and explore the potential for business expansion in Telangana.

The discussions covered a wide range of sectors, including infrastructure, electronics, IT/ITeS, minerals, ESDM, telecommunications, mobile manufacturing, engineering, urban mobility, battery cell technology and energy storage, trade facilitation, supply chains, pharmaceutical manufacturing and waste-to-energy. Representatives from Turkey, Canada, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States also participated in the interactions.

During the meetings, Mr. Sridhar Babu highlighted Telangana's strengths as an investment destination, including its robust industrial infrastructure, skilled workforce, investor-friendly policies and growing opportunities across established and emerging sectors. He said the State offered significant potential for investments in electronics, advanced manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, clean energy, battery storage, telecommunications, engineering and IT/ITeS. He urged companies to establish new facilities in Telangana and expand their existing operations.

The Minister assured the representatives that the government would extend all necessary support to facilitate investments and create a conducive environment for businesses to grow. He said the government's objective was to translate investments into industries and industries into employment opportunities, thereby accelerating the State's economic growth.

Congress will bring equal opportunities: Mahesh Kumar Goud at Bharat Summit



Hyderabad, Nov 13 (Open Frame): Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President B Mahesh Kumar Goud said on Friday, November 13, that the vision behind the formation of Telangana was to ensure equitable development and opportunities for every region and every section of society, and that fulfilling that vision remains the party's commitment.

He spoke at a session on 'Telangana Rising – Economic Justice' at Bharat Summit 2026. He claimed that under the leadership of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, the Congress government is working tirelessly to improve people's lives through employment generation, Indiramma Indlu, 200 units of free electricity, fine rice distribution and several welfare initiatives. "Despite economic challenges, we remain committed to giving equal priority to development and welfare. Development for every region. Employment for every youth. Welfare for every poor family. This is our vision for Telangana Rising — Economic Justice, Inclusive Growth and Social Justice," he said. The TPCC chief shared his thoughts on Telangana's development journey, equal opportunities, employment generation and social justice.

TPCC Vice-President Dr Kota Neelima said that welfare is a right citizens can claim, not a favour. She called for regular welfare audits to ensure effective implementation, accountability and the delivery of benefits to every intended beneficiary.

BrahMos deals signed with Manila, Hanoi; others keen: CEO



Hyderabad, Nov 13 (Open Frame): BrahMos Aerospace CEO and MD Jaiteerth R Joshi on Friday, November 13, said the company has supplied BrahMos missiles to the Philippines and signed an agreement with Vietnam, with several other Southeast Asian countries also showing interest. Talks with those countries are at an advanced stage, he said. "Once the government clears it, we will have a deal with them," he told reporters here. Joshi was responding to a question on which countries had finalised deals and with which others talks were under way, given the surge in demand for the missile after Operation Sindoor.

He said Operation Sindoor had not been anticipated, and that non-destructive testing (NDT) had ensured the missiles' reliability. "NDT plays a vital role for any product. Operation Sindoor was never anticipated. The missiles were made 10, 15, 20 years back. NDT has ensured their reliability. The moment we took the item and fired, it went and delivered," he said. Joshi was briefing reporters on the 36th Annual Conference on Non-Destructive Evaluation and Enabling Technologies (NDE 2026) and AeroNDT 2026, the 15th International Symposium on NDT in Aerospace, to be hosted by the Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing (ISNT) here from November 15 to 17. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will be the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony on November 15. NDE 2026 is expected to draw more than 2,000 professionals, researchers, academics and industry leaders.

Hyderabad Auto Drivers to Get Affordable Homes

Hyderabad, Nov 13 (Open Frame): The Telangana government has decided to launch an affordable housing scheme for auto-rickshaw workers in Hyderabad. The government has permitted the Telangana Housing Board to implement the scheme for Rs 220 crore. Under the scheme named "Auto Nagar Colony", 2,000 Economically Weaker Section (EWS) flats will be constructed at four locations in the core urban region.

According to a government order issued on Friday, November 13, this scheme will be on par with Indiramma Indlu-Towers.

Vice Chairman & Housing Commissioner, Telangana Housing Board, had submitted a proposal for construction of an exclusive affordable housing scheme for auto rickshaw workers under the name "Auto Nagar Colony" in Hyderabad and its surrounding urban areas. The government issued an order, accepting the proposal.

The government has already accorded in-principle approval for construction of one lakh affordable ownership flats in the CURE area and Municipal corporations under LIG and MIG categories based on demand survey.

Permission was also accorded for the construction of 12,000 flats as a pilot project in the CURE area.

According to the government order, the permission was accorded as per the government's view and policy for providing affordable housing to all weaker section people for making the state "Hut-free Telangana".

India to Roll Out First Made-in-India Chip This Year

New Delhi, Nov 13 (Open Frame): IT and Electronics Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday announced that the first Made in India semiconductor chip of 28-90 nm will be rolled out this year. Addressing the CII's Annual Business Summit here, the minister said: "We targeted a particular segment, which has 60 per cent of market volume, using a targeted approach."



"Today we have six units under construction. The first made-in-India chip of 28-90 nm will roll out this year. We started manufacturing in 2022," the minister observed.

In the context of semiconductor manufacturing, smaller nanometer (nm) measurements signify more compact transistor designs, allowing manufacturers to fit more transistors onto a single chip. The 28-90 nm chip is used in automotive, telecom, power, and trains.

Underscoring the importance of the manufacturing sector, the minister said: "Many top economists want us to focus on services. Manufacturing and services are both equally important for the next level of growth. We should increase our work, wherever we get the opportunity. We should have our own IP, product, design and standards." He also highlighted the positive change that was happening due to Artificial Intelligence (AI). "We have experienced a big change due to AI, and it is here for good," he remarked.

"What the internet did for the world, a similar phenomenon would be brought forth from AI. We should be prepared for that change regardless of industry and sector. AI will bring in a humongous change in our society and industry," the minister said.He emphasised the need to have AI models that are trained on Indian culture, nuances, languages, and social norms.

The minister said that one of the first such models is being developed by Sarvam. Vaishnaw also highlighted the achievements and growth of the Indian Railways, of which he also holds charge as minister. "We have achieved a major milestone as we have become the second largest cargo carrying railway in the world with the transportation of 1,612 million tonnes of freight, overtaking the US and Russia," he observed.

"Our passenger carrying capacity has also increased substantially. We have reached a level where dreams are being fulfilled and goals are being achieved. We are going in a steady direction in railways, more industries must join," Vaishnaw added. The Railway Minister further stated that the country's experiment of bringing startups into the railway sector has proved to be very successful. "We are now bringing a new policy where we can test a new innovative idea and then scale it up based on the results of the test," he added.

The minister said the government was committed to building a strong domestic semiconductor ecosystem by encouraging innovation, strengthening manufacturing capabilities and reducing dependence on imported chips.

India Can Remain Fastest-Growing Economy for 30 Years: Goyal

New Delhi, Nov 13 (Open Frame):India is an attractive investment destination and has the potential to remain the fastest-growing large economy in the world for the next 30 years, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, has said.



Goyal said the country has maintained sustained growth of 6–7 per cent and hopes to push it to 8 per cent at constant prices. Speaking at the CII 'Annual Business Summit 2025' here, the minister said that even amid international upheavals, "we are among the better-performing emerging markets".

"Today, India holds the 4th largest foreign exchange reserves in the world at about $690 billion. Our inflation has remained below 4 per cent for the last three months. The Reserve Bank has done a commendable job balancing liquidity and currency management," he told the gathering. Goyal highlighted India as an attractive investment destination. "Over the past 20–25 years, Indian companies have delivered nearly 20 per cent CAGR returns, making India a compulsive investment destination. FDI inflows are consistently breaking records. We are back on track on the growth trajectory, working through international trading relations," he added. The minister cited progress on various Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), including those with the UAE, Australia, the UK, the four EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland), and the ongoing bilateral trade agreement negotiations with the US.

"We are well on track with our bilateral trade agreement with the USA and making fast progress with the European Union's 27-nation bloc. We have also launched negotiations with New Zealand," he stated. The EFTA countries have committed $100 billion in foreign direct investment (FDI) to India over the next 15 years. This is expected to crystallise into a total investment of $500 billion.

Amitabh Kant Urges India to Build Advanced AI Models

New Delhi, Nov 13 (Open Frame): Artificial Intelligence (AI) race has just started, and Indian foundational models will solve many challenges for the world, G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant said on Thursday, urging Indian companies to build better and efficient AI foundational models. "What we did in digital public infrastructure (DPI) is that we used open source, open API, globally interoperable models, and those models will be the way forward for us," Amitabh Kant said at the CII Annual Business Summit 2025.



"Therefore, India must build its foundational model. I believe India will provide these foundational models for many areas which have challenges for the world. How to improve learning outcomes, health outcomes and nutritional standards, etc," he told the gathering. According to Amitabh Kant, India will use 22 languages and thousands of dialects to find solutions to many of the challenges of the world. "Indian startups will do some pathbreaking work in this area," he added.

Talking about the ease of doing business, the G20 Sherpa said that the Central government has put in the building blocks, and it is time for states to bring reforms. He also urged the industry to invest in research and development to develop cutting-edge technologies to sustain India's accelerated growth. Amitabh Kant also said that Quality Control Orders (QCOs) must be used rationally to ensure Indian industry can grow. To make Indian Industry more competitive, he suggested that states give land to the industry on long-term lease and privatise discoms to make them more efficient. He also underlined the need for an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism to ensure speedy justice, especially in commercial cases. Amitabh Kant said that tourism is another great area for growth. "We need to roll out a massive Incredible India campaign to attract tourism in a big way. This is India's soft power. It has a huge multiplier effect in terms of jobs and can create millions of jobs. States must drive the tourism sector as the driver of growth," he said.

CII's President Designate (2024-25) and EY India Chairman and CEO, Rajiv Memani, said that India has done a lot of work in manufacturing and underlined the need to boost the sector further. He also highlighted the need for second-generation reforms and advocated for alternate dispute resolution.

Amitabh Kant stressed that collaboration between the government, industry and startups would be crucial to strengthening India's AI ecosystem.

Indian Shrimp Exporters Eye 2-3% Revenue Growth in FY26

New Delhi, Nov 13 (Open Frame): Indian shrimp exporters will see a marginal 2-3 per cent uptick in revenues this fiscal (FY26) on improved realisations stemming from rising prices and currency gains, a Crisil report said on Friday.



Though the low-value-added shrimp exports will likely see increased pressures, Indian exporters have a competitive advantage in the value-added segment over other Asian peers, such as China, Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia, which face higher tariffs but enjoy over one-third market share in the US. However, export volumes will be flat because of higher tariffs expected to be imposed by the US and subdued demand in key importer nations as sluggish economic growth affects disposable incomes.

India exports close to 48 per cent of its produce to the US. The reciprocal tariffs announced by the US, though paused for the time being, will benefit south American exporters such as Ecuador, the largest shrimp exporter in the world. Indian exporters will face higher competition from them in the raw frozen and peeled frozen categories, which have low value addition and are less remunerative. According to the report, operating margins will be under pressure because the tariff burden will be passed on only partially and gradually, as seen in the past, even as exporters scout for other markets and improve offerings through value addition.

Credit profiles will continue to face challenges as elongated working capital cycles induce further recourse to credit lines that, in turn, would moderate debt protection metrics. Capital structures are expected to remain comfortable, however, the report mentioned. "Last fiscal, the waters turned choppy for Indian shrimp exporters as prices and competition increased after a countervailing duty of 5.77 per cent was slapped by the US," said Himank Sharma, Director, Crisil Ratings. This fiscal, with the US imposing reciprocal tariffs -- even as other major markets such as the European Union and China see sluggish economic activity -- exporters will likely see flattish demand. "But as realisations tick up, overall growth in revenues should be in low single digit this fiscal," Sharma added. Global shrimp demand has flatlined at 4 million tonne (MT) over the past few fiscals and will likely remain subdued this fiscal.

SEBI Introduces New Rules for Equity F&O Trading

Mumbai, Nov 13 (Open Frame): The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Thursday announced a new set of rules for the equity Futures and Options (F&O) segment. These changes aim to improve transparency, control excessive speculation, and bring more stability to the market. One of the major changes introduced by the SEBI is a new method for measuring open interest (OI) in the equity F&O segment. Open interest refers to the total number of outstanding contracts in futures or options. The SEBI said it will now closely monitor the open interest levels during the day, especially for single stock futures and options, instead of waiting until the end of the day. The capital market regulator has also decided to link the market-wide position limit (MWPL) to the cash market volume and the free float of the stock. MWPL is the maximum number of contracts that can be open in F&O trading for a particular stock.



This move is aimed at preventing excessive speculation in stocks with limited liquidity. In another key measure, the SEBI has increased the position limits for trading in Index Futures and Index Options, saying that it wants to strike a balance between allowing market participants to take meaningful positions in large indices and avoiding manipulation risks.

For Index Options, the net end-of-day position limit for futures-equivalent open interest (FutEq OI) will be Rs 1,500 crore. In terms of gross positions, neither the long nor the short side should exceed Rs 10,000 crore. When it comes to Index Futures, position limits will vary by category of participants. For example, for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in Category I, mutual funds, and brokers (including proprietary and client trades), the limit will be the higher of either 15 per cent of the total futures open interest or Rs 500 crore. For FPIs in Category II -- excluding individuals, family offices, and corporates -- the limit will be the higher of 10 per cent of the open interest or Rs 500 crore.

Brokers, including their proprietary and client accounts combined, will have an overall cap of 15 per cent of open interest or Rs 7,500 crore, whichever is lower.

The SEBI clarified that these limits are in addition to any holdings the participants have in the cash market or actual stock holdings.

The new rules are expected to make the F&O segment more transparent and efficient, while also keeping excessive risk in check. SEBI said the revised framework would help strengthen risk management practices and ensure that trading positions remain proportionate to market liquidity. The regulator aims to reduce the possibility of excessive concentration of positions and protect the market from sudden volatility caused by speculative activity.

The changes are also expected to improve monitoring of large trading positions and provide greater clarity to market participants. SEBI said the measures would support orderly market operations while allowing investors and institutional players to participate in the derivatives segment within a stronger regulatory framework.

India's Household Financial Savings May Reach 22 Lakh cr in FY25: SBI Report

Mumbai, Nov 13 (Open Frame):Net financial savings of India's household sector may reach Rs 22 lakh crore or 6.5 per cent of gross national disposable income (GNDI) in FY25 based on the current trends, according to an SBI report released on Friday.



With the latest RBI annual report indicating that the household sector showed strong financial resilience, with net savings rising to 5.1 per cent of gross national disposable income (GNDI) in FY24, the SBI report says this growing capital pool remains crucial for funding government and corporate deficits and supporting macroeconomic stability. Further, as against the increase in household liabilities to 6.1 per cent of GNDI, the gross financial savings of households increased to 11.2 per cent of GNDI in 2023-24 from 10.7 per cent in the previous year. As per the central bank report, the RBI's balance sheet expanded by 8.19 per cent in FY25, less than the nominal GDP growth of 9.9 per cent. Despite contractions in traditional income, streams such as domestic interest and LAF earnings, strategic management of foreign exchange and efforts to mitigate rupee volatility materially enhanced surplus generation. A Rs 44,861.7 crore provision to the Contingency Fund kept realised equity healthy at 7.5 per cent of the balance sheet, enabling record Rs 2.69 lakh crore surplus transfers to the government and enhancing the fiscal space.

Further, total gold holdings were at 879.58 metric tonnes, reflecting an increase of 57.48 metric tonnes of gold during FY25. The share of gold in NFA increased to 12.0 per cent as at end-March 2025 from 8.3 per cent as at end-March 2024 due to appreciation in gold prices. Currency in circulation expanded steadily in FY25, with banknotes in circulation rising by 6 per cent in value and 5.6 per cent. in volume.

Apple's India pivot is making China insecure. Baidu users call it a 'reluctant migration'

Mumbai, Nov 13 (Open Frame): Apple's pivot to India has struck a nerve in China, prompting a flurry of sharp responses across state media and online forums. A supply chain adjustment is being reframed in Beijing as a cautionary tale about Western fickleness, India's limitations, and China's enduring industrial strength.Though Apple has been exploring manufacturing alternatives for a while, this latest shift has reignited the debate with fresh urgency. Chinese commentators have seized the moment, especially in light of American President Donald Trump's revived tariff threats on Apple products made outside the US – including in India – to issue broader warnings.

The conversation has shifted beyond India's manufacturing capacity to the strategic risks of decoupling from China: Can 'Made in India' truly replace 'Made in China'? And can Apple replicate its China playbook elsewhere? For many in the country, the answer is a firm no. In Chinese discourse, Apple's so-called migration is being portrayed as reluctant and externally driven. The prevailing view is that India, beyond offering cheap labour, contributes little that is of strategic value. Most components are still sourced from China, with India's weaker infrastructure and higher operational costs making the shift more symbolic than substantive.



This narrative reflects a broader tendency to downplay India's potential and emphasise its industrial shortcomings – low yield rates, fragmented supply chains, labour unrest, and persistent quality issues. Job creation aside, the argument goes, India risks remaining an assembly hub without deeper production capabilities. In contrast, China continues to dominate high-end manufacturing and core component production, reinforcing its lead in innovation. A Weibo post claims that Apple's continued reliance on China is not due to labour costs but due to a skilled talent pool and business-friendly policies. It dismisses India, and many countries in Southeast Asia and Africa, as lacking these core advantages. India, the Weibo user contends, is harder to navigate and less profitable. Some commentary veers into open hostility and racism: "Who dare use a curry-flavoured mobile phone?" Apple's expansion into India is being seen less as a strategic realignment and more as a reluctant hedge – driven not by confidence in India's capabilities but by geopolitical anxiety. Prominent Chinese economist Fan Gang, president of the China Development Institute, attributes the United States' unease to China's continued rise. On platforms such as WeChat and Baidu, users frame the move as reactive. "Even Trump," one post notes, "wants jobs brought back to the US, not handed to India." The 'America First' agenda, they argue, undercuts offshoring to low-cost economies like India. Chinese analysts highlight India's structural constraints: poor infrastructure, an underdeveloped industrial base, and continued dependence on Chinese components. Xiang Ligang, Director General of Beijing-based Information Consumption Alliance, notes that modern manufacturing depends less on wages and more on infrastructure and industrial integration – areas where India still falls short.

Even those who recognise India's potential remain sceptical. Zhang Jiadong, associate research fellow at Fudan University, points to the positives: India's young population, vast labour pool, and improving industrial base. But he also highlights its incomplete supply chains and weaker state coordination compared to China's strategic industrial planning. Apple's massive footprint in China is cited as evidence that decoupling remains a political illusion. Over 80 per cent of iPhones are still made in China, supported by more than 150 top-tier suppliers and critical capabilities in rare earth processing and precision assembly. In this view, Apple's current strategy is best described as "China-plus"—a diversification tactic to placate Washington, not a real departure from Beijing. If Apple indeed withdraws from China, it is the tech giant, not Chinese consumers or manufacturers, that stands to lose the most. This "lose-lose" scenario reflects the deep entanglements caused by globalisation, and prompts fresh reflection on the future.



I've been lucky enough to have that for years: Ram Charan

Veteran actor Ram Charan visited Shirdi Sai Baba, a famous pilgrimage site in Maharashtra. After performing special pujas at the temple, he spoke to the media. He said that getting darshan of Baba after many years gave him immense happiness and his long-standing wish has now been fulfilled.

Speaking exclusively to IANS after the darshan, Ram Charan reminisced about his childhood memories. "My greetings to everyone. I have been wishing and praying for Baba's blessings for a long time. I have been fortunate enough to have this opportunity for all these years. I am very grateful for this. I came here when I was very young. Baba's pujas and his memories will always be a part of our family. My heartfelt thanks to the temple staff, administrators, and Mahesh garu for providing me with a good darshan. It was a great pleasure to meet all of you. I hope to come back soon for Baba's darshan," Ram Charan explained. When it comes to Ram Charan's film projects, he is busy with a series of big films. He recently started shooting for his latest film (working title 'RC17') directed by star director Sukumar. This crazy project began on November 1st in Hyderabad with a grand pooja ceremony.

A special video of the muhurta ceremony was shared by the production house Mythri Movie Makers on their official social media platforms. Megastar Chiranjeevi, who was the chief guest at the ceremony, clapped for the muhurta shot and blessed the film unit by breaking a coconut. At that time, Ram Charan bowed to his father Chiranjeevi's feet and took blessings, and then both of them embraced each other intimately, which impressed the fans. After an industry hit like 'Rangasthalam', there were huge expectations among the audience on this film, which is coming in the Ram Charan-Sukumar combination.

Ram Charan's visit to Shirdi has also drawn attention from fans, who welcomed his heartfelt expressions of devotion and his memories of visiting the shrine during childhood. Meanwhile, his upcoming collaboration with Sukumar has generated considerable excitement, as audiences eagerly await the duo's reunion after the success of Rangasthalam.

Mouli Fails to Entertain in Dull Crime Drama



Mouli became known as an actor with the film 'Little Hearts'. With the success of that film, he got the opportunity to act as a hero in a famous production company like Mythri Movie Makers. 'DNK' is the film in which Mouli acted as a hero in Mythri's company. This film has been released in theaters. So what is the story of this film? Has Mouli received another hit as a hero? Let's find out.. Eeshwar (Mouli), a middle-class young man from Visakhapatnam. He dropped his B.Tech midway due to lack of education and takes up debts.. He lives his life aimlessly by betting. He also cheats Deepu (Sushmita Shetty), a girl he fell in love with for necessities, and he also cheats her of Rs. 10 lakhs worth of gold and money. When this matter comes to light at Deepu's house, problems start for Eeshwar.

On one hand, the girl's father Pullaiah (Raghubabu) is pressuring him to give them their money, and on the other hand, the debt collectors are after him, so he and his friend get ready to commit a robbery. In this process, he plans to rob a gold shop. But an unexpected development occurs there. What actually happened there? What happened in the gold shop? What troubles did Mouli's family face due to that robbery? What happened next is the rest of the story. This is a simple crime drama. A routine story without any twists and turns. The story is very dull from the beginning. There is nothing new or interesting in this story written by the director. It is surprising that the idea of making a movie on the silver screen with such a weak story comes to mind. The story is boring from beginning to end. The first half is all about the mischievous acts of Eeshwar, the comedy of the mischievous little ones, and the cringe-worthy scenes. The story of the film is as if we have never seen a more inferior comedy. Even if we look through the entire film with a magnifying glass, we cannot find a single entertaining scene. Every sequence is like a test of the audience's patience. The scenes and confusion comedy in the second half make the audience feel so bored that they want to get out of the theater. In any flop film, there are at least one or two scenes to tell. That is not seen in this film either. When the film is finished, the title is correct.. You get the feeling that this film could not have had a more apt title.

Mouli, who entertained with an innocent face in 'Little Hearts'.. with his comedy performance.. Maybe the overconfidence that the film gave him.. failed to entertain in this film. Due to the lack of strength in the story, every character seemed weak. The role of the heroine Sushmita is also limited. Jaikrishna's comedy is a bit of a relief for this film. The singeeth singeeth seems to be inadequate. Finally, the story is devoid of any novelty. With stories.. entertainment... emotion.. without impressing in all departments... DNK completely disappoints the audience.

Shruti on cosmetic enhancements: Don't see the point of lying about it



Actor Shruti Haasan got candid about cosmetic procedures and her personal journey with alcohol. She shared her perspective on cosmetic enhancements, emphasising that she sees no reason to lie about such choices, while also making it clear that she does not wish to promote them.

Shruti spoke about cosmetic procedures and her personal journey with alcohol during her appearance on Neha Dhupia and Angad Bedi's show Double Date. Having grown up in the public eye, she believes it would be silly to deny something that people can clearly notice.

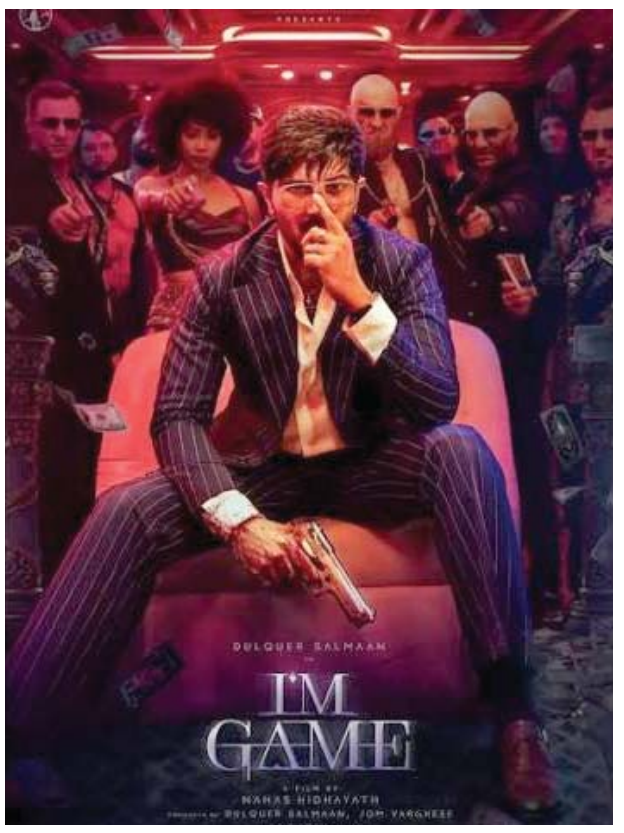
Sharing her thoughts, the actress, who is the daughter of Kamal Haasan and Sarika Thakur, said, "I speak very carefully about these things, but I have grown up in front of people and it is silly to lie about it. I am not judging anyone, but some people say, 'I was born like this.' But you were not like this three weeks before! Like, whatever!" she added with a laugh.

She further clarified that while everyone has the right to make their own choices, she does not understand the need to hide them. "Sab ki marzi, khud ki marzi. I don't see the point of lying about it. But also, I don't want to be a promoter of it," she added.

The conversation also touched upon a more personal aspect of Shruti's life as she opened up about her relationship with alcohol.

She revealed that she had been sober for eight years, during which she did not consume even a drop of alcohol, before eventually returning to drinking. Speaking about it, Shruti said, "I always said openly that it's not good for me! I am super careful with it now. I am in a journey of managing it." Shruti will next be seen in Aakasamlo Oka Tara, a science fiction comedy drama film directed by Pavan Sadineni. The film stars Dulquer Salmaan and Satvika Veeravalli in the lead roles.

Dulquer Salmaan's Thriller Disappoints with Routine Story



Dulquer Salmaan has a good craze in Malayalam, Telugu and Tamil languages. There is also a good market for his films. Dulquer is moving forward by choosing different concepts and roles from time to time. His latest film is 'I Am Game'. The film, which was released in theaters on September 3rd, was directed by Nahas Hidayat. The film, which stars Kayaadhu Lohar as the female lead, is also streaming in Telugu from the 6th of this month on Jio Hotstar.

Dan John (Dulquer Salmaan) is the only son of a rich man. He interprets his father's words that respect in this society is only possible if there is money in a different way. A desire to earn that money as soon as possible takes root in him. While he does not care about business at all, the fact that he is going into crores of debt is mentally debilitating for his father. No matter how much his parents tell him, it is of no use. He starts gambling for easy money. John, who has lost a lot of money in gambling, gets into a fight with the locals. He loses his right hand in the danger of escaping from their clutches. Due to spending a large amount of money, someone else's hand is implanted in John. At that time, a 'physiotherapist' named 'Isha' (Kayadu) Lohar serves him. Because of her, he recovers quickly. John likes Isha, who is the reason for his physical and mental recovery. However, the newly implanted hand starts working without his control.

John is surprised to see his right hand reacting unexpectedly on its own. Sometimes it attacks itself, which makes him angry. The hand keeps typing on the phone and telling him what it means. When it sees the money-loving 'David Abraham' (Miskin), John's hand tries to attack him. It types on the phone that it wants to kill him. Who actually owns the hand that was implanted in John? What is the relationship between that person and David? What are the experiences that John encounters as he tries to find out the secret? What does David plan to do after realizing the matter? This is the rest of the story.

Some movies have been made with stories like the eyes of one person being implanted in another, and the person who has those eyes implanted behaves like an image of the person who has them implanted. Similarly, this movie is made with the main plot of the changes that occur in the hero's life when the arm of one person is implanted in the hero. This raises the doubt that his 'arm', which makes the hero do things he does not want, could be the villain in this story. The first half continues with scenes like John's luxurious life.. gambling.. debts.. changing his arm through surgery.. John's various troubles due to lack of control over that arm. Now, the second half continues with John's attempts to find out who owns the arm implanted in him and David's attempts to find out why John, who has nothing to do with him, is attacking him.

Regarding the first half, the question of who is the hand that was implanted in John? What is his background? arouses everyone's excitement. Everyone waits for the moment when that matter is revealed in the second half. However, the lack of novelty in the flashbacks in the second half is a bit disappointing. The long scenes involving cricket and betting make the audience a bit impatient.

Mammootty the common uniting factor for two Kerala churches



For two churches of different denominations in Kerala, an unlikely common bond has emerged in Malayalam superstar Mammootty. In a remarkable coincidence, the actor has been celebrated by both the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church and the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, appearing at important gatherings of the two churches within a fortnight of each other.

On November 1, Mammootty was the chief guest at the concluding public meeting of the pilgrimage week marking the 124th remembrance feast of St Gregorios of Parumala at the Parumala church in Pathanamthitta district. The meeting was presided over by Catholicos Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, supreme head of the Orthodox Church. On Friday, the actor was back a ong the faithful, this time at Puthencruz, where the Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church honoured him with its Shreshtha Bava Award.

Instituted in memory of its late Catholicos Mor Baselios Thomas I, the award recognises Mammootty's contributions to the welfare and progress of society. The gathering was part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the historic Mulanthuruthy Synod and the Holy Mooron consecration ceremony.

It was led by Patriarch Ignatius Aphrem II, the supreme head of the Jacobite Church based in Lebanon, and Catholicos Mor Baselios Joseph, its head in Kerala. Kerala Chief Minister, V.D. Satheesan, inaugurated the meeting. The two churches, despite sharing a common Malankara Christian heritage, are at loggerheads over church ownership and spiritual authority. Chief Minister Satheesan used the ccasion to make an emotional appeal for unity, offering to act as an interlocutor between the two sides. "I just imagined if unity takes place. It would be a huge thing for Kerala. All of you also imagine the same scenario," he said. Mammootty, meanwhile, offered his own simple reflection on what makes life meaningful. Material possessions, he said, do not bring happiness, peace does."What I do often is I always convert all as my friends," he said.There was something particularly poignant about those words coming from a man whom both sides were happy to embrace. Mammootty's presence at both church gatherings has attracted attention, given the long-standing differences between the two denominations. His participation offered a rare moment of shared appreciation for a public figure respected across religious and social boundaries.

The actor, known for his decades-long contribution to Malayalam cinema, has also earned recognition for his philanthropic activities and commitment to social causes. His work beyond films has strengthened his image as an influential personality in Kerala. The Chief Minister's appeal for reconciliation has once again brought the issue of church unity into public discussion. While differences over ownership and spiritual authority remain unresolved, the call for dialogue has raised hopes for renewed efforts to bridge the divide.

Diljit Dosanjh asked not to perform 4 songs at Ahmedabad concert

Ahead of his November 21 concert in Ahmedabad, singing superstar Diljit Dosanjh has been asked to refrain from performing four of his songs allegedly promoting alcohol, substance abuse and violence.

The District Child Protection Officer has written to the Police Commissioner seeking restrictions on the concert, stating that the songs should not be performed even with modified lyrics.

The official has requested that the singer refrain from performing four songs such as 'Patiala Peg', '5 Taara Theke', 'Jeb Vicho Feem' and 'Jatt Fire Karda', which allegedly promote alcohol, substance abuse and violence. The request also applies to performing these songs with modified lyrics.Diljit is all set to perform in Indore on November 15. Ahead of his performance, bomb threats have been issued to three banks and the city's Mayor's Secretariat through emails sent in Punjabi and English. The threats have put security agencies on alert, with a Bomb Disposal Squad conducting a thorough search of the Mayor's Secretariat, while police have launched an investigation to trace the source of the emails.

Following the threats, security agencies have been put on high alert, and security arrangements at the targeted locations have been tightened. According to information, threatening emails were sent targeting Bandhan Bank, Bank of Baroda, Punjab National Bank and the Indore Mayor's Secretariat. Notably, the emails were sent in both Punjabi and English. Following the threat, a Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) team reached the Mayor's Secretariat and conducted a thorough inspection of the premises.

The team carried out a search operation, keeping all security aspects in mind.

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