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EAST ASIA SUMMITS

PM Modi Arrives in Manila for ASEAN

Philippine President Marcos welcomes Modi at gala dinner; PM highlights India-ASEAN ties and Indo-Pacific cooperation.



Manila, Nov 16 (Open Frame): Prime Minister Narendra Modi, wearing Barong Tagalog, the national formal attire for men in the Philippines, arrived at the Philippine International Convention Centre in Pasay City to attend a gala dinner hosted by the country's President Ferdinand R Marcos Jr. in Manila on Monday. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and First Lady Louise Araneta-Marcos warmly welcomed PM Modi at the event for the visiting dignitaries as he arrived at the venue in an auto. Earlier in the day, PM Modi arrived in Manila to attend the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and the 21st East Asia Summit, which the Philippines is hosting as the ASEAN Chair for 2026.

Upon arrival in Manila, PM Modi was received by the Secretary of the Department of Information and Communications Technology in the Philippines, Robert Joseph "Jay" Montes de Claro.

Sharing details regarding the Prime Minister's arrival in Manila on social media platform X, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said, "The visit reaffirms India's partnership with ASEAN as a cornerstone to its Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific Vision." Members of the Indian community also extended a warm welcome to PM Modi in Manila as he arrived in the Philippines for a two-day visit. PM Modi interacted with members of the Indian diaspora, who enthusiastically chanted "Modi Modi" to welcome the Indian Prime Minister. He also witnessed cultural performances upon his arrival in Manila.

The ASEAN-India Summit will review progress in the implementation of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, including the ASEAN-India Plan of Action 2026–2030, and chart the future direction of cooperation, according to the statement released by the MEA.

"India-ASEAN relations are a central pillar of India's Act East Policy and our vision for the Indo-Pacific. The visit comes as India and ASEAN are celebrating 2026 as the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation, and will commemorate 35 years of Dialogue Relations and five years of our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2027," the MEA said in a statement.

Rahul Gandhi, Kharge review Congress preparations for 2027 UP polls



New Delhi, Nov 16 (Open Frame): Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi and Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday held a meeting with senior Uttar Pradesh Congress leaders in New Delhi to review the party's preparations and discuss its strategy for the 2027 Assembly elections.

The meeting was held at 10, Rajaji Marg, and was attended by Congress General Secretary (Organisation) K.C. Venugopal, Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi, Uttar Pradesh Congress in-charge Rajendra Pal Gautam, state Congress president Aradhana Misra, UP Congress Working President Imran Masood and Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader in Uttar Pradesh Virendra Chaudhary. After the meeting, Kharge said the discussions centred on the prevailing political situation in Uttar Pradesh and the forthcoming Assembly elections, expressing confidence that the polls would play a significant role in shaping a new direction for the country's politics. In a post on X, the Congress President said people in Uttar Pradesh were looking for a change and seeking social justice, equal opportunities and stronger safeguards for the rights of marginalised communities.

"Today, I had an in-depth discussion with senior leaders of the Uttar Pradesh Congress Committee about the state's political situation and the upcoming assembly elections," Kharge said. "The upcoming elections in Uttar Pradesh will give a new direction to the country's politics. The people of the state are looking for change and want to see social justice, equal opportunities and the rights of marginalised communities strengthened," he added.

SC suspends life sentences of two Bilkis Bano case convicts



New Delhi, Nov 16 (Open Frame): The Supreme Court has suspended the life sentences of two convicts in the case of the gangrape of Bilkis Bano and murder of seven of her family members during the 2002 riots in Gujarat and granted them bail.

A bench of Justices MM Sundresh and PB Varale noted that Bipin Chandra Joshi and Pradeep Mordhiya had been incarcerated for more than 17 years.

"Having heard the parties, suffice it to state that the appellants have been under incarceration for a period of more than 17 years, and also the fact remains that one of the appellants has a severe handicap. Certainly, there are issues to be decided in the appeal, both on fact and law," the apex court said in its October 28 order that has now been uploaded.

Gangster Goldy Dhillon Threatens Amitabh, Abhishek Bachchan



Mumbai, Nov 16 (Open Frame): After veteran Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan greeted his fans from inside a bullet-proof glass at his bungalow in Mumbai, he and his son Abhishek Bachchan have received death threats from gangster Goldy Dhillon. The gangster has claimed that the recent arrest of 2 of his associates by the Delhi Police has not derailed a purported plan to target the veteran actor in Mumbai.

Gangster Goldy Dhillon has claimed in a social media post that the Delhi Police Special Cell has arrested two of his accomplices, Vikas Thakur and Deepak Singh, from Mumbai. Goldy said that the two should not be linked to any other gang. In the post, Dhillon also referred to the 1984 Sikh riots and said that the culprits of those incidents will never be forgiven.

Rijiju targets Rahul Gandhi with seven-point advice

New Delhi, Nov 16 (Open Frame): Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Monday took to the social media to launch a sharp political offensive against the Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for what he termed the Congress leader having made "made fun of himself" and also "embarrassed the country" on different occasions.

His remarks followed the Congress-held 'Bharat Summit 2026' in Hyderabad over the weekend that has come under attack from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) over comments and discussions having allegedly tarnished India's image before an international audience. Beginning in Hindi, the Union Minister went on to offer "unsolicited advice" with seven points with which Rahul Gandhi "can do" so the "Congress can win some trust of the people" while writing on social media platform X.

Beginning with urging him to "Spend more time in India and avoid secret foreign vacations frequently", Rijiju "advised" him to "Respect seniors and gain valuable wisdom from the elders, which is Indian tradition" and not "meet Anti-India people and stop promoting their agenda". He also asked the Gandhi scion to "End deep hatred against BJP, RSS & Modi Ji", adding, "Treat BJP as political opponent, not enemy". Continuing the tirade, the Union Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Minister urged the LoP.

Sonia Gandhi Says Memoir Aims to Correct Family Narratives

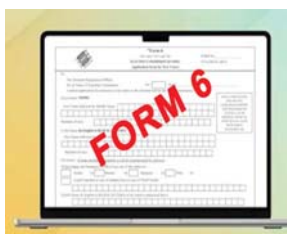


New Delhi, Nov 16 (Open Frame):Former Congress President Sonia Gandhi revealed that she penned her new memoir, Belonging: A Journey of Love, to correct years of inaccurate and distorted narratives surrounding her family, including her mother-in-law Indira Gandhi and husband Rajiv Gandhi, opting to present her personal life and experiences through her own eyes. The Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson officially launched her much-anticipated memoir, Belonging: A Journey of Love, in New Delhi.

Published by HarperCollins India, the book hit the market on November 10 and has already recorded robust sales, with publishers noting that more than two lakh copies have been sold in less than a week.

Speaking at the launch event, Sonia Gandhi shed light on her motivation for writing the memoir, revealing that she was initially hesitant to open up her private life to public discourse. Encouraged by her children, Lok Sabha Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, she decided to undertake the project to set the record straight.

ECI Allows Deleted Voters to Restore Names Through Form 6



New Delhi, Nov 16 (Open Frame): The Election Commission of India has told the Supreme Court that voters whose names do not figure in the draft electoral rolls after the Special Intensive Revision in Delhi can use Form 6 to seek restoration of their names and will not face prosecution merely because the form is meant for first-time enrolment only.

The clarification has been made in the latest affidavit filed on November 14 by Deputy Election Commissioner Bhanu Prakash Yeturu in response to a query raised by the Supreme Court during the October 28 hearing. The Court had then questioned why a person already enrolled in an electoral roll should be required to submit Form 6, which is only for first-time voters, and had suggested that the Commission reach out to electors left out of the draft rolls. The ECI has now placed on record a November 3 communication issued to the Chief Electoral Officers of all States and union Territories clarifying that no prosecution would be initiated against an elector merely for filing Form 6 for re-inclusion after exclusion from the draft roll.

The protection, however, would apply provided the elector is not already enrolled in another parliamentary or assembly constituency and the declaration accompanying the application is otherwise in accordance with law. The Commission has also placed before the Court its November 6 directions concerning electors categorised as absent, shifted, dead or duplicate, whose names did not find place in the draft rolls. Such electors have been permitted to submit enumeration forms before the Electoral Registration Officer having jurisdiction over their present place of residence.

The ECI has further clarified that persons who have shifted residence within the same State would not be required to submit Form 8 for this purpose.

Nirmala Sitharaman Chairs First Pre-Budget Consultation Meeting with Economists for 2027-28



New Delhi, Nov 16 (Open Frame): Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday chaired the first pre-Budget consultation with leading economists in connection with the upcoming Union Budget 2027-28 here, an official statement said on Monday. The meeting was attended by Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Anuradha Thakur, and V Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) to the government, besides senior officers from the DEA.

The Finance Minister has already been meeting industry stakeholders for pre-Budget consultation meetings for the Union Budget 2027-28 In her recent meeting the PDHCCI, the industry chamber recommended a series of customs duty reforms aimed at enhancing India's position as a globally competitive manufacturing hub. During the meeting held by the Tax Research Unit of the Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance, the industry body highlighted the need to rationalise duties on critical industrial raw materials and energy inputs. It said such measures would help reduce manufacturing costs, improve energy security, strengthen domestic value chains and enhance India's global competitiveness. As part of its recommendations, PHDCCI proposed reducing the basic customs duty on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), heavy petroleum feedstocks and naphtha to zero from the current 2.5 per cent. It also called for rationalisation of customs duties on petroleum coke used in industrial manufacturing and sought continuation of the existing basic customs duty structure on steel scrap beyond March 2028.

The chamber noted that these inputs play a crucial role across a wide range of sectors, including energy, fertilisers, steel, aluminium, petrochemicals, infrastructure, construction, textiles

Union Minister Piyush Goyal Explores Trade and Investment Opportunities with Egypt



Cairo, Nov 16 (Open Frame): Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal met several top leaders here, discussing immense opportunities for India and Egypt to strengthen trade and investments in the next five years. The minister said that India and Egypt have exciting opportunities to work together in transforming transport, logistics and supply chain infrastructure.

"Had an excellent meeting with Lt. Gen. Eng. Kamel Al-Wazir, Egypt's Minister of Transport, to explore greater collaboration in railways, highways, ports and multimodal connectivity. Looking forward to seeing Indian and Egyptian companies collaborating more in Egypt's infrastructure development," Goyal posted on X. He met Egypt's Minister of Industry, Khaled Hasham Ali Maher, and discussed ways to strengthen India-Egypt industrial ties. "Indian businesses in Egypt are contributing to investment, jobs, exports, and innovation, and we discussed how to support their further growth. Egypt's location makes it a gateway to Africa, Europe, and the Arab world, and a natural partner for joint manufacturing, technology tie-ups, and resilient supply chains," said the Commerce Minister.

They also explored how their industrial policy can complement Make in India, and how to strengthen MSMEs through joint training in automation and advanced manufacturing, and technology sharing. Goyal said on Sunday that India and Egypt will now work on the Terms of Reference and examine the potential of either a Preferential Trade Agreement or a free trade agreement (FTA).

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Bhatti Vikramarka reviews power supply

Assures uninterrupted electricity in Telangana



Hyderabad, Nov 16 (Open Frame): Deputy chief minister Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday said the power supply position in Telangana, despite the challenges arising from an El Niño-impacted monsoon, is comfortable and the state's power utilities are ensuring the smooth supply of electricity across the state. Vikramarka reviewed the power supply position with the energy department's senior officials, including special chief secretary Vikas Raj and representatives of Southern Power Distribution Company Limited, on Monday.

The deputy CM said the state's power utilities comfortably met even historic spikes in power demand as on Oct 16 when the requirement of power peaked at 20,018 MW. This was the second day in a row when the state power demand spiked, with the power utilities meeting a demand of 20,003 MW on Oct 16.

Discussing the performance of the power utilities, Vikramarka said the overall power consumption in Telangana has been rising year on year. For instance, on Nov 16 last year, the peak statewide demand was 8,522 MW recorded at 7.42 pm, while on Monday (Nov 16 this year), it was 12,802 MW at 7.26 pm. Of this, the SPDCL region saw a peak demand of 8,859 MW while the NPDCL region's peak consumption was 3,595 MW, he said. Complimenting officials for ensuring a trouble-free power supply during the kharif season for farmers and all other consumer categories, despite a 4,000 MW hydel power generation shortfall on account of the poor monsoon, Vikramarka called on them to be prepared for the coming months to do the same during the rabi season.

The officials informed the deputy CM that augmentation of power supply infrastructure was also continuing and two newly built 33/11 kV substations at Dawoodkhanguda and Badangpet were charged, and that this would not only help meet the growing demand in the Saroornagar circle but also improve supply reliability. Cautioning officials about the possibilities of days when power demand might spike during the rabi season, especially since long dry spells have been predicted, Vikramarka called on them to continuously monitor the demand and ensure uninterrupted power supply to all consumers.

Ponnam Prabhakar Inaugurates Congress Office in Elkathurthy



Warangal, Nov 16 (Open Frame): State Transport and BC Welfare Minister and Husnabad MLA Ponnam Prabhakar Goud, along with Hanamakonda District Congress Committee (DCC) president Enagala Venkatram Reddy, inaugurated the newly established Mandal Congress Party office at Elkathurthy in Hanamakonda district on Monday. The leaders were accorded a warm welcome by local party leaders and workers, who burst crackers and presented floral garlands. Later, the minister and the DCC president jointly cut the ribbon and formally opened the new office. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Mandal Congress president Muppu Srinivas.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Goud said party workers were the real strength of the Congress. He observed that the new office would serve as an important centre for addressing the concerns of party workers and ensuring greater accessibility to the public. He urged party leaders and workers to work in coordination to ensure that government welfare schemes reached every eligible poor beneficiary.

DCC president Enagala Venkatram Reddy called upon party workers to strengthen the Congress from the village level to the mandal level. He stressed the need to actively take party programmes to the people and remain accessible to them, sharing their concerns and standing by them in times of need.

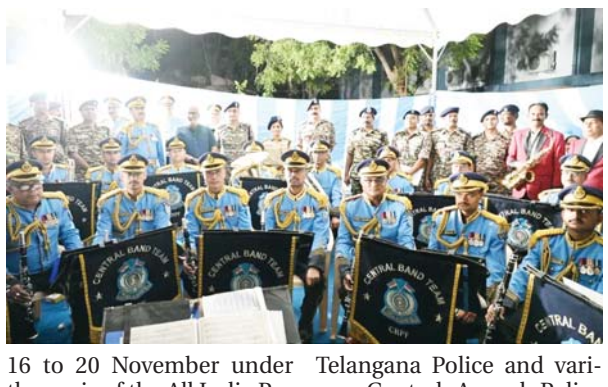
Pingili Venkatrama Narasimha Reddy, DCC Programme Implementation Committee chairman, Hanamakonda Kisan Congress chairman and PACS chairman, along with senior constituency and mandal-level Congress leaders, elected representatives, leaders of affiliated organisations, party workers and supporters, attended the programme in large numbers. The leaders expressed confidence that the new office would strengthen party activities and improve coordination among Congress workers at the grassroots level.

ACB Unearths Rs 6.76 Crore Assets of TG Officer

Hyderabad, Nov 16 (Open Frame) The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has charged a government officer, currently in judicial remand for a bribery case, in a disproportionate assets case, following a search operation at her residence and office on Monday, November 16. Officials searched the properties of Gundu Vani, a Town Planning Officer in the Moinabad Municipality of Rangareddy district and discovered estimated assets worth Rs 6.76 crore.

Officials raided her residence, office and properties belonging to her and her relatives, associates and benamis. Documents relating to several immovable properties, including two open plots measuring 283.11 square yards in Jadcherla, Mahabubnagar, and 424 square yards in Palakurthy, Jangaon, totalling Rs 87.67 lakh. A flat in Attapur valued at Rs 63 lakh, another residential building (G+2 floors) worth approximately Rs 2.45 crore, and a 1.10 acre agricultural land in Mahabubnagar valued at Rs 29.70 lakh were found. The market value is expected to be much higher than their official value, officials said. An investment of Rs 50 lakh in Tulja Bhavani Wines located in Mahabubnagar, shares worth Rs 1.30 crore, bank balances amounting to Rs 7.97 lakh and 175.1 gram of gold articles totalling Rs 2.54 lakh were revealed.

All India Police Band Competition Begins in Hyderabad



Hyderabad, Nov 16 (Open Frame) More than 25 bands from various State Police organisations, Union Territories and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) are participating in the 27th All India Police Band competition, which began here on Monday amid enthusiasm and ceremonial splendour. Nearly 1500 band personnel will be taking part in the five-day competition at Group Centre, CRPF, Ranga Reddy. The participating contingents will showcase their musical excellence, ceremonial precision, discipline and artistic talent through Brass Band, Pipe Band and Bugle performances.

The prestigious national-level competition is being organised by the CRPF from 16 to 20 November under the aegis of the All India Police Sports Control Board, New Delhi. Telangana Director General of Police C. V. Anand was the chief guest at the opening ceremony held on Monday. The ceremony was attended by senior officers from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Indian Army, MCHRD, Railways, Ministry of Tourism, Telangana Police and various Central Armed Police Forces, including RPF, CISF, NIA, NPA and CRPF.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Telangana DGP Anand appreciated the rich traditions and distinguished contribution of police bands to the uniformed forces. He highlighted that police bands are much more than musical ensembles; they represent the discipline, identity, pride and collective spirit of the organisations they serve.

He emphasised their vital role in national celebrations, ceremonial parades, Guard of Honour, investiture ceremonies, Police Commemoration Day and other important occasions.

The DGP highlighted that music transcends linguistic, regional and cultural barriers, and serves as a powerful medium for connecting the police with the public.

He appreciated the dedication and countless hours of rigorous practice undertaken by bandsmen and women, who combine musical excellence with the discipline and commitment expected of uniformed personnel.

Legal hurdles overcome; park opened to the public: MLA Sudheer Reddy



LB Nagar, Nov16 (Open Frame): LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy inaugurated a beautiful and modern park constructed at an estimated cost of 3 crore jointly for the benefit of residents of Teachers Colony Phase-1 and Visvesvaraya Colony in the LB Nagar Assembly constituency.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Sudheer Reddy stated that the foundation stone for the park was laid nearly ten years ago. However, the construction work was stalled for some time after certain individuals approached the court opposing the development of a park on the site.

Despite these challenges, he said that he remained committed to fulfilling the objective of developing the park and making it accessible to local residents. After overcoming all legal hurdles, a beautiful park was finally constructed and made available to the public.

He further stated that development works may be delayed for some time, but ultimately justice will prevail. He assured that development activities in the constituency would continue without interruption, regardless of the obstacles, with public needs and welfare remaining the top priority. Former Hastinapuram Corporator Padma Srinivas Naik, Division President Satyam Chary, Nagireddy Colony residents Bhupal Reddy, Prabhakar Reddy, Yadagiri, Karunakar, Pratap, Prasad Reddy, Praveen Reddy, Amar Yadav, and others participated in the programme.

Hyderabad Auto Drivers Call November 30 Bandh

Hyderabad, Nov 16 (Open Frame): The Mahatma Gandhi Telangana Auto Drivers Joint Action Committee (JAC) has announced a day-long bandh in Hyderabad on November 30. Among their top demands is implementing the revised auto meter charges within 15 days, or Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar must resign, the Deccan Chronicle reported on Monday, November 16. Addressing a press conference at Hyderguda NSS on Sunday, November 15, JAC convenor Mohammed Amanullah Khan sought an immediate ban on green cabs, alleging they were wreaking havoc on their lives. The committee is also demanding a crackdown on the auto black market racket and payment of Rs 36,000 to auto drivers at Rs 12,000 per year as promised by the government.

Like in Bengaluru, two-wheeler taxis should be banned in the city, he said. The organisation has also sought Rs 10 lakh in compensation for the family of auto driver Mohammed Mukaram, who was allegedly assaulted in September. Earlier, the association had announced a strike in August, but after a meeting with the Transport Minister, it was called off. Issuing a statement, the JAC said Ponnam Prabhakar had positively responded to their "genuine demands".



Deputy Sarpanches Deserve Due Recognition and Respect

Gurrampode, Nov16 (Open Frame): Mekala Kotireddy, President of the Gurrampode Mandal Deputy Sarpanches Forum, urged the authorities to ensure due recognition and respect for deputy sarpanches, who play a vital role in the development of gram panchayats. On Monday, he submitted a representation to the Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) on behalf of the mandal's deputy sarpanches.



In the representation, he requested that the names of deputy sarpanches, along with those of sarpanches, be mandatorily included on foundation stones related to government development works, inauguration ceremonies and foundation-laying events across all gram panchayats in the mandal.

He stated that deputy sarpanches also discharge important responsibilities in village development and public service and therefore deserve proper recognition and respect. He further appealed to the authorities to forward proposals to the government and take necessary steps to provide an appropriate honorarium to deputy sarpanches, on the lines of the honorarium being provided to sarpanches. Juvvigudem Deputy Sarpanch and Mandal Forum Treasurer Palvayi Yedukondalu, Sultanpuram Deputy Sarpanch Andugula Ganesh, Bontha Devender, Kalvapalli and others participated in the programme.

Kavitha Demands Probe into Harish Rao Allegations, Seeks Rs 25,000 Farmer Aid



Nizamabad, Nov 16 (Open Frame): Telangana Rakshana Sena chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha has demanded a comprehensive investigation into the alleged corruption involving former minister Harish Rao, stating that all facts must be brought before the public.

Speaking to the media during her visit to Nizamabad district on Monday, Kavitha said her party would continue its public campaign against the alleged irregularities and would also pursue legal and judicial avenues. She added that all evidence related to the allegations would be submitted to the CBCID and the Central Vigilance Commission. She stressed that anyone found guilty must be punished according to the law, irrespective of their position.

Criticising Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over the drought situation caused by the impact of El Niño, Kavitha accused him of showing a lack of seriousness towards farmers' concerns. She expressed disappointment that the Chief Minister, during his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday, did not raise the issues of drought, farmers' distress and crop conditions in Telangana.

She said the Chief Minister should have sought financial assistance from the Centre to support farmers affected by the drought. Kavitha also criticised him for not raising the pending BC Reservation Bill with the Prime Minister. She alleged that the government was giving priority to contracts and commissions instead of addressing public concerns.

Demanding immediate action, Kavitha called on the state government to declare drought-affected mandals without delay. She said this was the first time since the formation of Telangana and during the undivided Andhra Pradesh period that a Chief Minister had advised farmers against sowing crops. Questioning the government's support plan, she asked what compensation would be provided to farmers if they were advised not to cultivate. She demanded compensation of Rs. 25,000 per acre for affected farmers.

BJP Lodges Formal FRRO Complaint Over Foreign Delegates' Remarks at Bharat Summit



Hyderabad, Nov 16 ((Open Frame): The Telangana unit of the BJP lodged a complaint with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) here on Monday over what it termed provocative political remarks made by foreign political representatives at the Bharat Summit held in Hyderabad. A delegation of BJP leaders led by state president N. Ramchander Rao met the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer and submitted a complaint about what they called 'anti-India' statements made by the foreign delegates at the Summit held from November 12 to November 14.

Ramchander Rao told media persons that Giacomo Filibeck, a leader of the European Socialist Party from Italy, attended the Bharat Summit and made an anti-India statement. "He said, 'Vote Chor, Gaddi Chod'. The slogan, which is being falsely narrated by the Congress party, was repeated by this man. He purposefully made the statement. This shows he has interfered in our domestic politics," he said. The BJP leader said under visa rules, a person should not speak against the country which he is entering, but, unfortunately, this man spoke against the Indian government and the Indian democratic system.

He stated that when the speaker from Italy was making this comment, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi was clapping, and Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was laughing without realising that it was an insult to India. Ramchander Rao demanded action against Filibeck under the Immigration and Foreigners Act. He pointed out that under section 23 of the Act, a foreigner who comes to India and makes a statement against India and acts against India's interests is punishable for three years.

"We demand that the government should not only register a case against this guy, but also against the abettors — that is, the organisers who organised the meeting. Because abettors are also equally responsible for calling in all these foreign elements here and allowing them to speak on Indian soil against India. Therefore, we feel that even the people who conducted the meeting are equally responsible as abettors to this particular treason," he said.

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Microsoft Reveals Causes of Global 365 Outage

New Delhi, Nov 16 (Open Frame): The recent major global outage of Microsoft 365 services was caused by a hidden software flaw, an unusually high volume of traffic and a reduction in server capacity, the company said on Monday.



According to these triggers, the US-based software services provider witnessed a global Microsoft 365 outage earlier this month, disrupting services including Teams, OneDrive, SharePoint and Office applications.

In a post on X, the company's Executive Vice President for Copilot, Agents and Platform apologised to customers and shared the early findings of the investigation into the November 12 disruption. According to Microsoft, the problem started in a networking system that sits in front of many Microsoft 365 services. A hidden software flaw caused servers to get overloaded and stop responding under certain conditions. The company said the code change linked to the flaw was first rolled out in July and had been running across the world for more than three months without causing any trouble. The flaw went unnoticed because the company's testing systems used different traffic patterns and hardware than the real-world systems.

Microsoft said traffic on the affected system rose sharply after Teams traffic was moved from a backup system to the main system about 15 hours before the outage. At the same time, nearly 14 per cent of server capacity was unavailable because of an unrelated issue from the previous day.

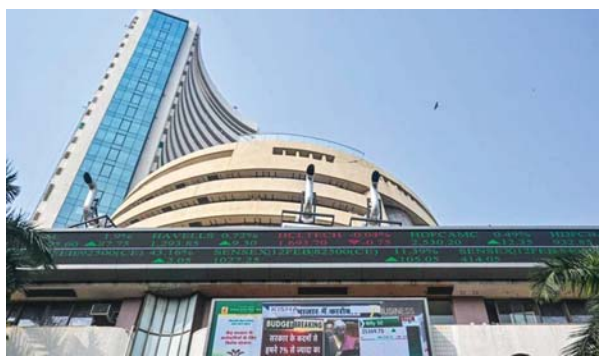
While either factor alone would not have caused an outage, together they exposed the hidden flaw, causing requests to pile up until servers stopped responding during peak traffic hours in the US, the company said.

Microsoft said its automatic systems first tried to send users to healthy servers, but the extra traffic increased the chances of the same failure happening elsewhere. This set off a chain reaction that spread quickly across the system.

At the worst point of the incident, more than 80 per cent of the affected servers stopped responding, according to the top executive. The software giant also said a separate issue stopped its internal safety systems, which are meant to contain failures within a region, from working, allowing the problem to spread globally.

Sensex Gains 510 Points, Nifty Rises 147

Mumbai, Nov 16 (Open Frame): The benchmark equity indices closed higher on Monday, supported by gains in banking and FMCG stocks amid positive global market cues, even as broader markets remained under pressure. The Sensex rose 510.40 points, or 0.63 per cent, to end at 82,102.85, while the Nifty gained 146.80 points, or 0.58 per cent, to settle at 25,291.10. Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that after a strong two-week rally, the index is witnessing range-bound consolidation.



"The index may witness minor retracement or consolidation within the 25,000–25,500 range before the next leg of buying emerges. Positional support is placed at 24,800," analysts stated. "However, the broader undertone remains bullish, and a buy-on-dips strategy should be preferred while closely monitoring key support and resistance levels," market experts noted.

Market sentiment was aided by buying in heavyweight banking and consumer goods stocks, helping frontline indices extend gains despite weakness in the broader market. Among the Nifty constituents, Max Healthcare Institute, ITC and Tata Consumer Products emerged as the top gainers, leading the benchmark's advance. However, the broader market lagged the benchmark indices. The Nifty Mid-Cap 100 declined 0.51 per cent, while the Nifty Small-Cap 100 fell 1.10 per cent.

NCDRC Upholds Rs 20 Lakh Penalty on ExportersIndia Over Explosive Listings

New Delhi, Nov 16 (Open Frame): The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) on Monday imposed a total penalty of Rs 20 lakh on Weblink.In Private Limited, which operates ExportersIndia.com, for listing and facilitating the sale of regulated and hazardous explosive substances on its online platform. The action comes after the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) dismissed two appeals filed by the company, upholding the penalties and directions issued by the consumer protection regulator.



In two separate orders dated November 12, 2026, the NCDRC upheld the CCPA's final orders imposing a penalty of Rs 10 lakh each for the online listing of Ammonium Nitrate, Pentaerythritol Tetranitrate (PETN) and Picric Acid. The commission found no infirmity or error of law in the CCPA's decisions.

"The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC), New Delhi, through two orders dated 12 November 2026, has dismissed the appeals filed by Weblink.In Private Limited, operator of ExportersIndia.com, against two final orders of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)," the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution said. "The NCDRC has thereby upheld in full the penalties and directions issued by the CCPA for the online listing, hosting, advertising and facilitation of sale of regulated and hazardous explosive substances on the platform," the ministry added. The CCPA had initiated a sector-wide review of e-commerce platforms to examine the online listing, advertising and sale of hazardous chemicals, explosive substances and their precursors.

The review covered substances such as Ammonium Nitrate, Gun Powder, Picric Acid and PETN, which are regulated or restricted under the Explosives Act, 1884, and the rules framed under it. The regulator found that several online platforms were allowing these substances to be listed and advertised without adequate safeguards, including verification of sellers' valid licences issued by the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO), verification of buyers' identities and legal eligibility, and mechanisms to ensure traceability of transactions. Following the investigation, the CCPA issued two separate final orders against Weblink.In Private Limited on September 8 and September 10, 2026.

FSSAI Suspends Licences of Six Nutraceutical Firms Over Safety Violations

New Delhi, Nov 16 (Open Frame): The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on Monday said it has taken regulatory action against multiple nutraceutical manufacturers, including suspension of licences, following the detection of significant food safety and regulatory violations during recent inspections.



The action comes amid heightened scrutiny of the fast-growing nutraceutical sector, which includes food-derived products marketed for specific health benefits beyond basic nutrition.

FSSAI has intensified inspections of manufacturing facilities in recent months and has identified several instances of non-compliance relating to product formulations, labelling, hygiene and manufacturing practices. The regulator named six companies that faced action: Airen Herbals, Aquabliss Lifesciences, Raskam Healthcare, Supercure Biotech, Ambico Ayurvedic Healthcare and Vedant Remedies. According to FSSAI, inspections at Airen Herbals found that its product 'Lycowey Syrup' contained thiamin, vitamin E acetate, copper, selenium and zinc at levels exceeding the prescribed Recommended Dietary Allowance(RDA) limits per serving. Another product, 'Maxford Pain Relief', was flagged for making unauthorised claims related to knee relief and using imagery associated with pain relief. The regulator also observed non-compliance in botanical ingredient declarations. At Aquabliss Lifesciences, officials found expired raw materials stored at the manufacturing site along with poor sanitation and hygiene standards.

Raskam Healthcare was cited for using 'Shilajit', an ingredient not approved for use in the identified products, while inspectors also noted deficiencies in record-keeping and documentation practices. FSSAI's inspection of Supercure Biotech revealed multiple irregularities. The regulator said its 'Gemkolin 9G softgel capsules' contained biotin levels exceeding the maximum permitted limit. Another product, marketed as a vitamin E softgel capsule, was found to contain wheat germ oil instead of vitamin E, which authorities said could mislead consumers.

The company was also flagged for labelling deficiencies and the presence of non-permitted and pathogenic microbial strains in its probiotic products.

ICC Confirms Jay Shah's Reappointment as Chair

Dubai, Nov 16 (Open Frame): Jay Shah has been reappointed unopposed as the International Cricket Council (ICC) Chair for a second term, with the global governing body's Board confirming the decision during its meetings in Bali.



Shah was unanimously elected ICC Chair in August 2024, becoming the youngest to hold the position at age 35. He marked the beginning of his tenure as ICC Chair on December 1, 2024.

Shah was the sole candidate after the then-ICC chairperson, Greg Barclay, chose not to seek a third term. He also became the fifth Indian to head the ICC after Jagmohan Dalmiya, Sharad Pawar, N Srinivasan and Shashank Manohar.

The reappointment provides continuity in leadership as cricket prepares for its return to the Olympic Games at Los Angeles 2028, while pursuing wider global expansion, increased participation and commercial growth.

The ICC said Shah's reappointment followed a proposal by the Board's directors and reflected their confidence in his leadership at a significant stage in the sport's development.

Cricket's inclusion in the LA28 Olympics is among the major priorities alongside strengthening the international game, expanding the women's game, creating more opportunities for Associate Members and ensuring the sport's long-term commercial sustainability.

Reacting to his reappointment, the former BCCI president said he was grateful for the Board's continued support and stressed the responsibility of working with member nations to advance cricket globally.

"I am deeply honoured by the confidence the ICC Board has placed in me and sincerely grateful to every Director for their continued trust and support. Serving as Chair of the ICC is both a privilege and a responsibility, and I remain committed to working with our Members to advance the interests of cricket across the world," Shah said.

He described the sport's return to the Olympics as a significant opportunity to reach new audiences and inspire future generations.

"We are entering one of the most important and exciting periods in our sport's history. Cricket's return to the Olympic Games at LA28 presents an extraordinary opportunity to introduce our game to new audiences and inspire a new generation of players and fans.

"Our responsibility extends well beyond delivering successful events. We must build a stronger and more sustainable future for the sport with a focus on fans, athletes, commercial partners and other key stakeholders.

"I have always believed that cricket's greatest strength lies in its ability to bring people together. With the support of the Board and our Members, our focus will be on turning ambition into action and ensuring that the progress we make leaves a lasting legacy for generations to come."

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Chair Richard Thompson welcomed Shah's continued leadership, emphasising the need to maintain the relevance of bilateral cricket while adapting to the changing commercial and sporting landscape.

Rinku Singh Invites PM Modi to Wedding with Priya Saroj

New Delhi, Nov 16 (Open Frame): Team India cricketer Rinku Singh has invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to his wedding. Rinku, who went to the Prime Minister along with his family members , presented his wedding invitation and sought his blessings. His wedding to Samajwadi Party MP Priya Saroj will take place on December 4 in Lucknow. Rinku shared a photo of the meeting with the Prime Minister on social media. He said that it was a special experience for them to meet Modi along with his family and to invite him to the wedding and seek his blessings.



The wedding arrangements are in full swing. Rinku's family members have already met Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and presented the wedding invitation. Rinku's mother Bina Devi, brother Sonu Singh, and sister Neha Singh went to the CM's residence in Lucknow and invited him to the wedding. Rinku and Priya's wedding ceremony will be held at the Ramada Hotel in Lucknow. Many celebrities from the fields of cricket and politics are likely to attend the ceremony. The couple got engaged on June 8 last year at 'The Centrum' hotel in Lucknow. Rinku had previously revealed about their love story in an interview. He said that while he was in Mumbai for the IPL matches during Corona, he saw Priya's photo on a fan page. He said that she liked his photos and got the courage to send him a message. He explained that the acquaintance that started like that gradually turned into words and led to love.

Mohammed Shami Likely to Join Rajasthan Royals in Swap Deal with LSG

New Delhi, Nov 16 (Open Frame): Veteran fast bowler Mohammed Shami is likely to switch from Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) to Rajasthan Royals (RR) in a swap deal for England's seam-bowling all-rounder Sam Curran, ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2027 retention deadline on November 17.



According to a report by Cricinfo on Monday, LSG have also agreed to let Tamil Nadu left-arm spinner M. Siddharth go to RR as part of the deal. Shami, who turned 36 in September and recently retired from Test cricket, had a modest IPL 2026, taking 12 wickets in 13 matches at an economy rate of 9. It was a season where LSG finished at the bottom of the points table. Shami previously turned out for Gujarat Titans, Kolkata Knight Riders, Delhi Capitals, Punjab Kings and Sunrisers Hyderabad in the IPL. RR, who reached the playoffs before losing to Gujarat Titans in Qualifier 2, will gain a new-ball bowling option in Shami and can be paired up with England speedster Jofra Archer. For Curran, LSG will be his third IPL franchise after two stints each with Punjab Kings and Chennai Super Kings. He missed IPL 2026 for RR due to a groin injury.

At LSG, Curran will be reunited with his friend and mentor Tom Moody, who serves as LSG's global director of cricket. The duo have worked together at Oval Invincibles in the Hundred and at Desert Vipers in the UAE's ILT20, where Curran led Vipers to the title in January this year with Moody as head coach. Curran, who was the Player of the Final and the Player of the Tournament when England won the 2022 T20 World Cup in Australia, can offer great flexibility – he can move up and down in the batting order, as per the given situation, and bowl in different phases of the game.

He could also be a candidate for the captaincy, a role vacant since Rishabh Pant stepped down and returned to Delhi Capitals through a trade after the 2026 season was over. Aiden Markram, Nicholas Pooran, Mitchell Marsh and Josh Inglis are other overseas captaincy contenders. Siddharth, meanwhile, recently won the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) and is currently turning out for Tamil Nadu in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. In nine IPL games, he has picked nine wickets and was previously a part of Kolkata Knight Riders and Delhi Capitals set-ups in the competition.

MCA Unveils Sachin Tendulkar's 'Batography' at Wankhede Museum

Mumbai, Nov 16 (Open Frame): The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) on Monday unveiled 'Batography', a one-of-a-kind section in the MCA Sharad Pawar Cricket Museum, which is dedicated to Bharat Ratna Sachin Tendulkar.



Featuring 25 bats that trace his extraordinary cricketing journey from 1978 to 2013, along with select headgear and apparel from his personal collection, 'Batography ' was unveiled by Sachin Tendulkar, accompanied by Ajinkya Naik, President, Mumbai Cricket Association, at a special event on 16 November 2026. The day marks thirteen years since the end of Tendulkar's 200th and final Test, against the West Indies at the Wankhede Stadium (on November 16, 2013). It was also at the same venue on November 27, 1983 that a ten-year-old Tendulkar first watched a Test match and witnessed his hero, Vivian Richards, score a century.

Conceptualised around the idea of telling a cricketer's story through the instrument most closely associated with his craft, 'Batography' presents each bat as a chapter in Tendulkar's life and career.

The collection begins with the Kashmir willow bat gifted to him by his elder sister, Savita, in 1978, when he was five years old, and culminates with the bat he used in his final Test innings at the Wankhede. Among the most significant pieces are the bat with which he scored his maiden Test century at Manchester in 1990, aged 17; the bat gifted to him by Sir Donald Bradman in 1998; the bat that he used in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2003 and was declared Player of the Tournament; and the one with which he scored his 100th international century against Bangladesh in Mirpur on March 16, 2012.

Complementing the collection of bats is an assortment of memorabilia that captures defining moments from Tendulkar's career. These include his first helmet, his Mumbai Ranji Trophy jersey, the India jersey and helmet from his 200th and final Test, and the sheet of paper he referred to during his farewell speech at the Wankhede.

Teja Sajja Gets Engaged to Mourya



Telugu star Teja Sajja, who is best known for having delivered the pan-Indian blockbusters 'HanuMan' and 'Mirai', on Monday got engaged to Mourya in an intimate yet grand ceremony in the presence of family, close friends, prominent political leaders, and some of the biggest names from the Telugu film industry. Sources present on the occasion said that the event, which was held at the Taj Krishna in the city, was graced by Megastar Chiranjeevi, Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, Telangana Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, Minister Seethakka, Harish Rao and Ganta Srinivasa Rao among others.

The Telugu film fraternity came together in impressive numbers to bless the couple. Among those in attendance were legendary director K. Raghavendra Rao, producers Allu Aravind, Suresh Babu, Dil Raju, TG Vishwa Prasad, Sushmita Konidela, Sahu Garapati, Venkat Boyenpalli, actors Srikanth, Ravi Teja, Nani, Rana Daggubati, Adivi Sesh, Sudheer Babu, Varu Sarath Kumar, Nidhi Agerwal, Niharika Konidela, Ritika Nayak, Imanvi and renowned filmmakers B. Gopal, Anil Ravipudi, Prasanth Varma, Shiva Nirvana, Nandini Reddy, Karthik Gattamneni, Maruthi, Chandoo Mondeti, Sailesh Kolanu and BVS Ravi.

Sources claimed that despite the presence of numerous celebrities and dignitaries, the engagement remained a warm and personal celebration, bringing together people close to Teja Sajja and his family. It was a memorable occasion filled with joy, love, and heartfelt blessings as Teja Sajja and Mourya embarked on a beautiful new chapter in their lives. The wedding is to take place at a destination in December. On the work front, the actor will be seen playing the lead in Suparn S Varma's 'Zombie Reddy2 NXT LVL- Dead Or Alive'.

Allu Aravind Confident of Satwika's Bright Film Career

"I have produced many blockbusters over the past few decades. However, the excitement I felt while making 'Akashamlo Okta Tara' is very special," said renowned producer Allu Aravind. The pre-release ceremony of this film, starring versatile star Dulquer Salmaan in the lead role, was held in a grand manner. Iconic star Allu Arjun graced the event as the chief guest. Speaking about the film, which will be released on a pan-India level on November 20, Allu Aravind expressed his happiness over presenting such a great story to the audience.



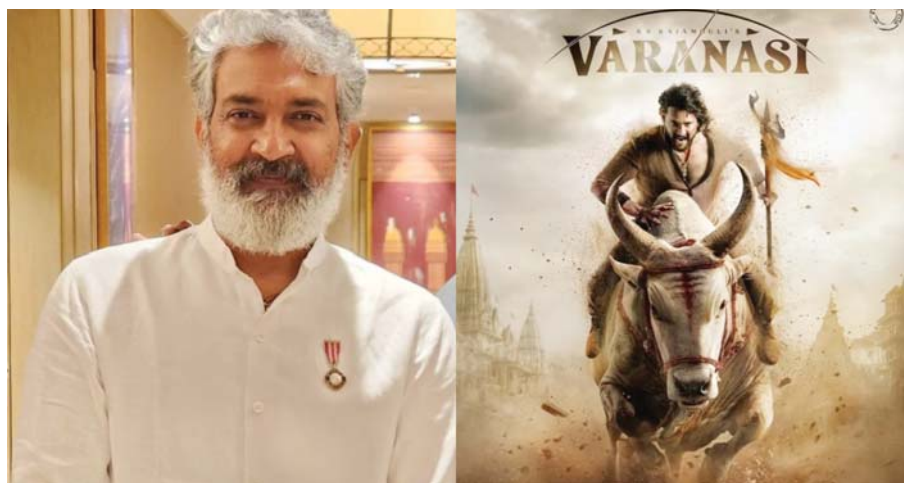
Praising hero Dulquer Salmaan, he said that he is very cultured and is much gentler in real life than the roles he plays on the silver screen. He jokingly commented that Satwika, who is making her debut as a heroine with this film, has acted wonderfully and was impressed by her talent and signed two more films. He expressed confidence that she will become a great star in the future.

Director Pawan Allu Aravind said that he wanted to work with Sadhineni since his first film and he is happy to get that opportunity with this film. He said that it was a pleasure to work with the daughter of his close friend Ashwini Dutt. He said that GV Prakash Kumar has provided excellent music and this film will leave a great experience for the audience. Shruti Haasan and Ruhani Sharma are playing key roles in this film, which is being directed by Pawan Sadhineni and jointly produced by Geetha Arts,

'Varanasi' Shooting Wrapped Up, Rajamouli Teases a Big Surprise

The most eagerly awaited project by movie lovers around the world is S.S. Rajamouli and superstar Mahesh Babu's upcoming film 'Varanasi'. As this is the next film by Rajamouli, who has established Telugu cinema on the world stage with the films 'Baahubali' and 'RRR', expectations are sky-high. In this context, the film team has recently given a crucial update and a hint that will further excite the fans.

The film team has officially announced that the entire shooting of the film 'Varanasi' has been completed. To this extent, the film team made a post on the official 'X' (Twitter) account of the film. It has been clarified that the film is currently in the crucial post-production stage, and re-recording is also underway along with visual effects work. It has been said that the dubbing work will start soon. It is known how much sensation the announcement event of this film, which was held in a grand manner exactly a year ago, created. Now that the shooting has been completed, another important stage in the production of the film has been completed. However, the real kick in this update is at the end. "If you think it's an update, it's an update. But, wait a little longer for the real blast," the film team said in their post. With this single comment, a new discussion has started among fans and film circles. What is the 'blast' that Rajamouli is planning? Will he release glimpses or a making video of the film? Or will he reveal the look of Mahesh Babu's character? Speculations are rife on social media. With this small hint alone, expectations for the film have reached another level. In any case, with the post-production work going on at a rapid pace, it seems certain that the film will hit the screens on time. As announced earlier, the producers are preparing to release 'Varanasi' worldwide on April 7, 2027. There is a lot of interest in how Rajamouli is going to show Mahesh Babu in this global adventure thriller.



Dulquer Salmaan Confident of 'Aakashamlo Okka Tara' Success

Malayalam star hero Dulquer Salmaan is confident about the success of his latest film 'Aakashamlo Okta Tara'. He said that this film will stand as a special film in his career and will make everyone proud. The pre-release ceremony of this film, directed by Pawan Sadhineni, was held in Hyderabad on Sunday. Icon star Allu Arjun was the chief guest for this ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, Dulquer said, "After Sitaram, I felt very special when I heard this story. This will be a film that will remain in my career forever." He expressed confidence. The film, produced under the banners of Geetha Arts and Swapna Cinema, will be released worldwide on the 20th of this month in Telugu, Tamil, Hindi and Malayalam languages.



Dulquer recalled his association with Allu Arjun at the event. "My first film shooting took place in a village in Kerala. There was a photo of Bunny on the cupboard of the house where I stayed. He was already a big star there. Now he has become a global star. I really like the film 'Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo' in which he acted. I watched that film many times with my family during Corona. My daughter is also a big fan of Bunny," said Dulquer's words, which impressed everyone. Dulquer praised director Pawan for working on the story with great clarity and confidence. He said that when music director GV Prakash heard the story, he was more confident. He praised producer Allu Aravind's dedication and energy as amazing. He also praised the performances of heroine Satvika as well as Shruti Haasan and Ruhani Sharma, who played key roles.

Anirudh Looks Ahead to New Dreams After 15 Years in Music

Renowned music director Anirudh Ravichander, who has completed 15 years as a music director, shared an emotional message thanking his fans. Stating that he has acquired many sweet memories and achievements during his journey over the years, he revealed that he still has many dreams to achieve and that his best music is ahead.



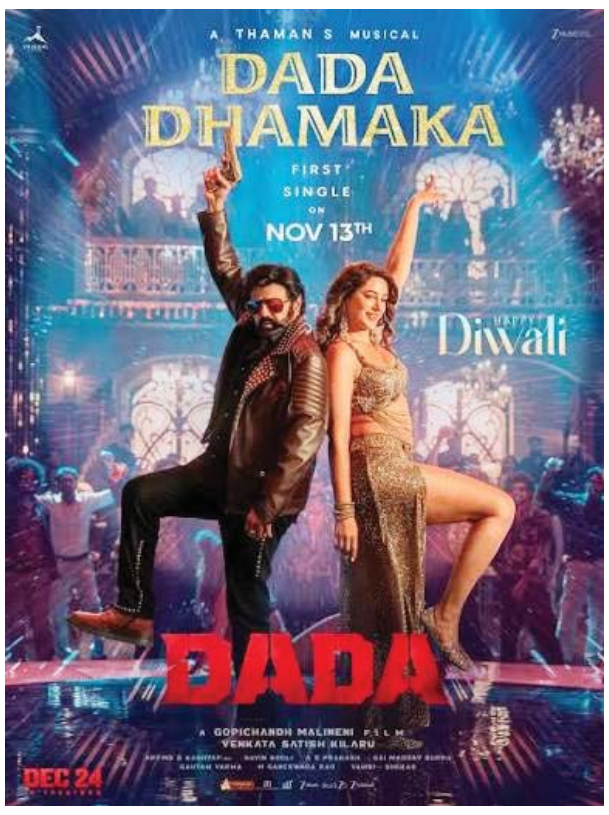
Anirudh recalled that his first song was released on this day 15 years ago. He said that the journey that has been going on non-stop since then has brought him many music, memories and wonderful experiences. He said that he has had the opportunity to compose songs in Tamil, Telugu, Hindi and English. He said that independent music, working with international artists and singing songs in different languages are special experiences in his journey.

Anirudh said that he has had the opportunity to work with leading directors, actors and producers of the country. He said that creating streaming records, reaching out to crores of listeners and conducting music concerts around the world are unforgettable experiences. From chartbuster songs to thousands of fans singing along to their songs, every occasion is very special,

Anirudh said. This year is even more special for him. In 2026, five films for which he composed music, 'LIK', 'Jananayagan', 'DC', 'Paradise', and 'Jailer 2', were released. Many of these songs have already become hits. He expressed his happiness that there could be no better celebration for 15 years of music career.

Anirudh said that despite the ups and downs and challenges, we have worked without taking a single day off. He said that the love for music that we had from day one is still driving us forward. Anirudh, who recently married Kavya Maran, thanked his fans and listeners for listening to, singing, and supporting his songs again and again. He said that even after the 15-year journey, he still has millions of dreams to fulfill and that he is stepping into the studio again. Anirudh also expressed his gratitude to his family, friends, mentors and collaborators for standing by him throughout his musical journey. He said their constant encouragement and the unwavering support of fans had inspired him to push creative boundaries and explore new musical styles. He vowed to continue entertaining audiences with fresh sounds and memorable compositions in the years ahead.

Balakrishna's 'Dada' buzz begins, business is booming!



The shooting of the movie 'Dada', which is being made in the combo of Nandamuri Balakrishna and Gopichand Malineni, has reached the final stage. The first song from this movie, which is being made amidst huge expectations, has come out. This pub song stood out as it was sung by Balakrishna himself. Bollywood beauty Nargis Fakhri made a splash with Balakrishna in this special song. Thaman has provided music for this song, which is called Dada Dhamaka. There is talk that Thaman gives music to Balakrishna's movies while swinging. Balayya fans also trust Thaman's music. It is known that Thaman has been providing music for a series of movies and making musical blockbusters. Fans are expressing their confidence that Thaman has worked in such a way that this movie too will be a musical hit with the song Dada Dhamaka.

It is well known that before the movie 'Dada', Balakrishna and Gopichand Malineni's combo 'Veerasimha Reddy' came out. That movie was a huge success at the box office. That's why the two, who have established themselves as a hit pair, are teaming up once again, and immediately the fans and industry circles showed interest in the movie Dada. As everyone wanted, the movie in their combo will be a huge action entertainer and will be released in front of the audience. Fans are confident that Balakrishna will definitely create a buzz at the box office with this movie, which will be released on December 24 as a Christmas gift. Even though the Christmas competition is heavy, since the Balayya and Gopichand combo is a hit pair, analysts are also of the opinion that the movie Dada will definitely get a hit talk and register huge collections. 'Dada' movie OTT business...

Industry sources are reporting that a huge amount of business has already been done in several areas due to the buzz surrounding the film. This film has been produced by Satish Kilaru under the banner of Vriddhi Cinemas with a huge budget. Due to the buzz surrounding this film, there are chances that producer Satish Kilaru will get a table profit before its release. There are also reports that discussions are underway regarding the OTT business. Some are already saying that the popular OTT company has bought the film Dada for a huge amount and that an agreement has been reached to release the film in theaters on Christmas and stream it on OTT for Sankranthi. Overall, there is a lot of discussion in industry circles and media circles that the pre-release business of Dada is going on.

Kajal Aggarwal is acting opposite Balakrishna in the movie 'Dada'. Their combo has already proved to be a hit combination with Bhagwant Kesari. So, there is talk that Balakrishna and Kajal combo is sure to score a hit once again. Manchu Manoj, Samuthirakani, Sarath Kumar, Upendra Limaye, Abhimanyu Singh and others are going to be seen in important roles in this movie. It is said that the key scenes and action part of this movie have been shot and there are chances of completing the entire shooting by the end of this month.

Robert Pattinson Officially Announced as the New James Bond Actor

The wait is finally over! After years of speculation, countless fan theories and several Hollywood A-listers being linked to the coveted role, the makers of James Bond have finally revealed the new face of Agent 007. And the choice has certainly come as a surprise to many.

British actor Robert Pattinson, best known for his roles in Twilight and The Batman, has officially been announced as the next James Bond, taking over the iconic character from Daniel Craig.

The announcement was made by Amazon MGM Studios on Monday, November 16, bringing an end to one of Hollywood's most talked-about casting mysteries. The 40-year-old actor will become the seventh star to portray the legendary British spy on the big screen, following Sean Connery, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan and Daniel Craig.

Craig, who first stepped into the role with Casino Royale in 2006, bid farewell to the franchise after



five films, with his final appearance coming in No Time to Die in 2021. Interestingly, Pattinson's casting marks yet another major milestone in his career. From winning hearts as Edward Cullen in the Twilight franchise to portraying Gotham City's masked vigilante in The Batman, the actor is now preparing to take on one of cinema's most celebrated characters. Reacting to the announcement, Pattinson described playing James Bond as "the honour of a lifetime", adding that the opportunity was a dream come true.

What do we know about the next James Bond film? he upcoming film, currently referred to as Bond 26, will be directed by Dune filmmaker Denis Villeneuve, while Peaky Blinders creator Steven Knight has been roped in to write the screenplay.

Amy Pascal and David Heyman will serve as producers. The film will also mark a new chapter for the franchise following Amazon MGM Studios taking creative control of James Bond in 2025. While an official release date is yet to be announced, the upcoming film is expected to introduce audiences to a fresh interpretation of the British secret agent.

With Pattinson already having played both a vampire and Batman, adding the title of 007 to his filmography is certainly an interesting turn in his Hollywood journey. Now, all eyes are on how the actor will bring his own charm, intensity and style to the legendary character made famous by generations of Hollywood stars.

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