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NDRF Saves Over 1.61 Lakh Lives Through 11,000 Rescue Operations: Amit Shah



Itanagar, Nov 22 (Open Frame): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that the prompt response and advance preparedness of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) had helped ensure that no lives were lost during several cyclones that struck the country in recent years. "This is a direct outcome of our advanced preparedness," Shah said, highlighting the country's improved disaster response capabilities and the NDRF's crucial role in saving lives during natural calamities.

The Home Minister said that the NDRF had so far conducted more than 11,000 rescue and relief operations and saved the lives of over 1.61 lakh people.

Shah was speaking after inaugurating the 12th Battalion Campus of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) at Hollongi near Itanagar. He said that soon NDRF would have emerged as a leading disaster response force among all such agencies across the world. Northeast India is an extremely important part of the country, and it shares borders with several countries and plays a crucial role in many important national initiatives, Shah noted.

"Our NDRF personnel will be capable of protecting the entire Northeast from disasters, demonstrating their valour and ensuring positive outcomes. The Central government will extend all possible assistance to the entire Northeastern region, and round-the-clock operations will be conducted throughout the year to save the lives of thousands and lakhs of people in the region," he stated. The Home Minister said that the NDRF has not only carried out rescue operations in India but has also extended its services to several countries, including Japan, Nepal, Türkiye and Sri Lanka, bringing honour to NDRF and the Tricolour.

He said that earlier, whenever a disaster struck India, disaster response agencies from across the world would come forward to assist the country.

Today, whenever a disaster strikes anywhere in the world, our NDRF proudly represents India and reaches the affected areas to save lives. This is a significant achievement of the Government of India, Shah pointed out. He said that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has paid special attention to three key areas concerning the NDRF — expansion, resources and training.



EAM S. Jaishankar meets Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah in New Delhi on Sunday to discuss bilateral ties and strengthen cooperation between the two countries.

EAM Jaishankar, Nepal PM Balendra Shah Discuss Strengthening Cooperation

New Delhi, Nov 22 (Open Frame): External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar called on Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah in New Delhi on Sunday, holding discussions on various aspects of bilateral ties and further strengthening cooperation. Following the meeting, EAM Jaishankar said that India cherishes its special friendship with Nepal.

"Prime Minister Balendra Shah was called on by the External Affairs Minister of India, S. Jaishankar at Hotel Taj Mahal in New Delhi. On the occasion, various aspects of Nepal-India relations, including co-operation in the areas of connectivity, trade, transit commerce, energy, culture, education, sports especially cricket and football, and people-to-people ties, were discussed. They also exchanged views on further strengthening bilateral cooperation," Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on social media platform X.

EAM Jaishankar said that he looked forward to Balendra Shah's engagements with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Privileged to call on PM Balendra Shah of Nepal on his visit to New Delhi this evening. India cherishes the special friendship with Nepal. Look forward to his engagements with PM Narendra Modi tomorrow," the EAM said on X.

Earlier in the day, Balendra Shah arrived in New Delhi for a two-day State visit at the invitation of PM Modi. Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Jitin Prasada welcomed him at the airport.

"Warm welcome to the Prime Minister of Nepal, Balendra Shah, as he arrives in New Delhi on a State Visit. He was received by Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry. The visit provides an opportunity to strengthen the enduring and multifaceted partnership between India and Nepal," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on X. This is Balendra Shah's first visit to India and the first bilateral visit since assuming office as Nepal's Prime Minister in March this year. He visited New York in September to participate in the United Nations General Assembly after assuming office.

During his visit, Balendra Shah is scheduled to hold talks with PM Modi on Monday, where both sides will review the full range of India-Nepal relations and exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest, according to the MEA statement.

Following interactions over the phone and the exchange of social media messages, this will be the first in-person meeting between the two leaders.

"During the visit, Balendra Shah will hold delegation-level talks with Prime Minister Modi on November 23 and discuss a range of issues of mutual interest," Nepal's Foreign Secretary Amrit Bahadur Rai said at a press briefing on Friday.

India, China Hold Talks to Ease LAC Tensions



New Delhi, Nov 22 (Open Frame):India and China have held another round of military talks aimed at preventing clashes along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh, as both sides seek to lower tensions ahead of the harsh winter, when snowfall blocks several patrolling routes.

Lt Gen Girish Kalia, General Officer Commanding of the Army's 3 Corps, headquartered at Dimapur in Nagaland, led the Indian delegation in discussions with his Chinese counterpart and other officers. An official from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) was also present. The 3 Corps is responsible for a major portion of the 1,140-km-long LAC in Arunachal Pradesh.

Sources confirmed that the talks were held in two rounds over 10 days after Diwali. Discussions focused on framing rules of engagement for the two armies, preventing friction between patrolling parties and keeping communication channels open. The latest meetings took place less than two months after the Corps Commander-level meeting held from September 6 to 8. As in previous engagements, the latest discussions were held at the Border Personnel Meeting point at Wacha, north of Kibithoo in Arunachal Pradesh's Anjaw district.

A misunderstanding between the two militaries was triggered this summer near Taksing in Upper Subansiri district, an area under the operational command of 3 Corps. Sources said the Indian Army had taken a firm stand in response to the position adopted by Chinese troops in the area.

India and China have differing perceptions of the LAC, and these differences often lead to confrontations on the ground.

The eastern sector came into focus after Shatrujeet Kapur, former Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), said troops from the two countries had come face to face at several locations along the Arunachal Pradesh frontier.

Rajnath Singh Urges Students to Face Challenges With Confidence



Lucknow, Nov 22 (Open Frame): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday urged students to embrace failures and shortcomings as an essential component of one's growth and advised them not to get overwhelmed by them and rather confront the challenges with full confidence and determination. "It is not your circumstances, but your efforts that will determine your future," Rajnath Singh told the students at the convocation ceremony of Babu Banarasi Das University in Lucknow earlier in the day.

The Defence Minister, invited as the chief guest at the convocation ceremony, spoke of the fast-changing and challenging global environment and asked the students to not to give up to adverse circumstances but rather taking on challenges with firm determination and learn from their own failures while also preparing themselves for evolving technologies. He said that the Artificial Intelligence (AI) has fundamentally transformed the way we work and the youth therefore must acquire new skills and keep pace with technological advancements.

Citing an anecdote from the life of Swami Vivekananda, the Defence Minister recounted an incident in Varanasi where Vivekananda was surrounded by a troop of monkeys. "As he continued to walk forward, the monkeys kept following him. But, when he turned around and confronted them, the monkeys immediately fled.

This is what we should learn from this episode — instead of fleeing from challenges, one should confront them," Rajnath Singh said.

The Union Minister also added that the youth's goals and dreams will shape the nation's future and therefore they should aspire big.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, our (NDA) government is constantly working to create opportunities and an ecosystem where young people's talent can be channelled in the right direction and their dreams can take flight," he told the gathering of students. He also called upon the youth to maintain a blend of modernity and traditions, emphasising that they are not opposite values but only complement and enrich each other.

"Staying connected to our traditions and cultural heritage does not hold us back, rather, it provides a foundation for moving forward. Our true strength lies in cherishing our roots while embracing modernity," he said.

Ruined state's education system, closed good schools: Akhilesh

Lucknow, Nov 22 (Open Frame): Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday tore into the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) dispensation and accused it of ruining the education system in Uttar Pradesh. Akhilesh Yadav's scathing criticism of Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government came during an event in Lucknow, organised to mark the birth anniversary of Samajwadi Party founder and former Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav

The SP Supremo claimed that the BJP government closed down many good schools across the state, putting the future of young students in peril. Hundreds of students from 'Abhinav' (model) schools, from various districts of the state, participated in the program.

The SP President distributed laptops and school bags to more than 200 students and also advised them to work hard and stay focused on their studies, terming it as the only means to excel in life.

"We want to send a message that if they (BJP government) shut down schools, we (Samajwadi Party) will provide school supplies and bags to ensure that those children can return to their studies. These children belong to very poor families.

We will work towards building better schools in the future and securing a brighter future for these children.

India Steadily Shifts Towards Preventive, Precision Healthcare: Jitendra Singh



New Delhi, Nov 22 (Open Frame): India is steadily shifting towards a futuristic healthcare system focused on prevention, early detection and precision medicine, as metabolic and lifestyle-related diseases increasingly affect younger populations, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh said on Sunday. Addressing THE WEEK Health Summit 2026 in the national capital, the minister said safeguarding the health of India's youth is critical for the country's long-term development and aligns with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. He noted that healthcare is evolving beyond conventional treatment-based approaches towards scientific interventions, preventive strategies and advanced research at molecular and genetic levels.

"India is moving towards a futuristic healthcare approach with research focus shifting to prevention through futuristic strategies that places greater emphasis on prevention, early detection and advanced research at molecular and genetic levels, as metabolic disorders and lifestyle-related diseases increasingly affect younger populations," the minister stated. Speaking to healthcare professionals, researchers and industry representatives at the summit, Dr. Singh highlighted the growing burden of metabolic disorders such as diabetes, obesity, hypertension and cardiovascular diseases.

He said these conditions are increasingly being diagnosed among younger individuals due to changing dietary habits, reduced physical activity and the spread of lifestyle-related health risks across both urban and rural India.

"Diabetes, obesity, hypertension and cardiovascular diseases are increasingly affecting younger people, making preventive healthcare and early detection imperative," Dr Singh noted. The minister stressed that prevention cannot be the sole responsibility of doctors and healthcare institutions and requires broader public participation, awareness and behavioural changes. According to him, early detection and preventive healthcare will play a central role in addressing the country's future disease burden.

TN Govt Moves Supreme Court Seeking Review of Deepathoon Lamp-Lighting Order

New Delhi, Nov 22 (Open Frame): The Tamil Nadu Government has moved the Supreme Court seeking review of its November 20 order permitting the lighting of the traditional Karthigai Deepam lamp on November 24 as a one-time measure at Deepathoon, a stone pillar atop the Thiruparankundram Hill in Madurai. The review petition was filed by the Commissioner of Tamil Nadu's Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department on November 21.

The Karthigai Deepam controversy at the Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple in Madurai centres is about where and by whom the lamp should be lit on the Thiruparankundram Hill.



For decades, the deepam was lit at the Deepa Mandapam, near the Uchipillaiyar temple on the lower slopes. Hindu groups had sought permission to light the lamp at the Deepathoon, an ancient stone lamp pillar located higher up the hill, approximately 50 metres from the Hazrat Sultan Sikandar Badusha Auliya Dargah.

The Tamil Nadu Government contended that allowing the lighting of the traditional Karthigai Deepam lamp atop the stone pillar near the dargah could lead to thousands of survey pillars across the country acquiring a religious character. The Supreme Court had on Friday allowed the lighting of the traditional Karthigai Deepam lamp atop Thiruparankundram hill near a Dargah in Madurai on November 24 as a one-time measure.

A Bench of Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice Vipul M Pancholi had, however, made it clear that only authorised persons from Devasthanam (temple administration) and government officials can go for lamp lighting and allowed authorities to deploy the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).

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Revanth Demands OBC Census in 2027

CM urges Centre to include OBC enumeration in Population Census, alleges 71 lakh votes deleted in Telangana under SIR.



Hyderabad, Nov 22 (Open Frame): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday demanded that the Union Government include OBC enumeration in the Population Census-2027. Speaking at the meeting of the Political Affairs Committee (PAC) of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), the Chief Minister emphasised that the OBC enumeration must be included in the census.

The meeting adopted a resolution demanding that the Centre include OBC enumeration in the Census.

The Chief Minister suggested to TPCC president Mahesh Goud to write a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in this regard.

He stated that for the first time in 100 years, the Telangana Government conducted the Caste Census.

Stating that the government would launch the 'Praja Balam ' programme for 5 months after Sankranti, CM Revanth Reddy said that all the leaders should visit every village during the programme. He stated that all the leaders would be given a task to perform, and it would be ensured that there is no shortage of funds. We have already given good positions to the leaders who worked hard for the party, he said.

Highlighting the relief measures taken by the state government to tackle El Nino weather conditions in the state, the Chief Minister requested the Centre to provide Rs 30,000 financial assistance. Due to the 'El Nino' phenomenon, we are not receiving adequate rainfall. The Chief Minister appealed to the farmers to cultivate only dry crops. He, however, made it clear that there is no shortage of food grains in Telangana. He noted that 100 countries were affected by El Nino. Neighbouring states like Maharashtra and Karnataka were also experiencing drought conditions.

CM Revanth Reddy explained the management of available water resources to ensure drinking water supply for the next 8 months. All available water resources in the projects would be utilised for drinking purposes. He claimed that increasing power demand was also being addressed. He revealed that power demand increased to 20,000 MW during the monsoon season. The state government was supplying power without outages and also saving crops, he said.

The Chief Minister said that the government would also launch a major initiative with the goal of providing employment to everyone. The number of beneficiaries in the employment guarantee scheme has already increased significantly. In a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the deletion of votes, the CM warned that votes belonging to Dalits, Adivasi, tribal communities, and women are being deleted. These votes are being removed on the grounds of migration. These sections have been supporting Congress, he said.

CM Revanth Reddy accused PM Modi of removing votes in the guise of SIR. He said 71 lakh votes have been deleted in Telangana State alone. A total of 13 crore votes have already been removed across the country. The Chief Minister called the Congress to fight with a slogan of "Gyanesh Kumar Go Back on the lines of Simon Go Back"

Hyderabad On High Alert Over 26/11-Style Terror Threat

Bomb threat email allegedly linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba targets Kachiguda Railway Station and Hotel Tourist Plaza; police intensify security and anti-sabotage checks.

Hyderabad, Nov 22 (Open Frame):Hyderabad City Police on Sunday stepped up security following the receipt of an email warning of bomb blasts and replicating the 26/11 Mumbai attacks in the city. The email, allegedly linked to the Pakistan-based terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), warned of terror attacks similar to the 26/11 Mumbai attacks. Hyderabad Police Commissioner Mahesh Bhagwat said that after receiving an intimidating email regarding possible bomb attacks at certain locations in Hyderabad, the police immediately initiated precautionary security measures.



Anti-sabotage checks have been conducted at suspected locations, and visible policing has been intensified to ensure public safety and security, he said in a statement on Sunday night. The Cyber Crime Police are actively working to identify and trace the perpetrators behind the threatening email, he said. The police have appealed to citizens not to believe or spread rumours and to remain calm. In case of noticing any suspicious person or unattended object, the public is requested to immediately inform the police by dialling 112. Hyderabad Police are available 24×7 and remain fully committed to ensuring the safety and security of every citizen, the Commissioner added.

According to an alert message sent by Special Branch to all police stations and top police officials, the sender, claiming affiliation with LeT, threatened to carry out bomb blasts at Hotel Tourist Plaza, Kachiguda and Kachiguda Railway Station, Hyderabad with an intention to kill at least 300 people. The send r threatened to replicate the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks in Hyderabad on the same day, stating that attacks were intended to avenge the killing of their leader Lateef Bhat and other associates by the Indian Army.

In view of the specific threat to two important public locations, particularly a hotel and a major railway station, there is an immediate security concern and possibility of a threat to public life and property, stated the alert message.

The Crime Branch advised all police officers to remain on high alert and take immediate precautionary measures by strengthening security and surveillance at Hotel Tourist Plaza, Kachiguda and Kachiguda Railway Station, Hyderabad and also at crowded public places, hotels, railway stations, bus stations, religious places and other important installations.

The officials were told to pay special attention to suspicious persons, unattended objects, vehicles and any unusual activities. Adequate patrolling, anti-sabotage checks and coordination with concerned security agencies shall be ensured, it added.

Kishan Reddy invites Prabhas to join drug-free India campaign

Hyderabad, Nov 22 (Open Frame): Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, on Sunday met popular actor Prabhas to seek his support for the 'Nasha Mukt Bharat' (Drug-Free India) campaign—a major initiative launched by the Central Government to build a society free from the menace of drugs.

The Union Minister extended a special invitation to Prabhas to participate in the "Hyderabad Walks – Nasha Mukt Bharat" event, which is being held under the slogan, "Let us all raise our voices for a drug-free India." On this occasion, Kishan Reddy emphasised that film stars play a crucial role in helping to eradicate the drug epidemic that is debilitating the youth.



The minister noted that Prabhas possesses the influence to reach millions of fans—especially the youth—and expressed his belief that a call from him would inspire a powerful awakening among the younger generation. He stressed that a 'Drug-Free India' cannot be achieved by government actions alone; it requires the collective participation of prominent public figures and society as a whole. Prabhas has responded positively, agreeing to take part in this significant mission aimed at securing the nation's future and fostering a healthy society. Hyderabad Walks for Nasha Mukt Bharat are scheduled for November 25, 26 and 27. The walks will be conducted from Amberpet to Jubilee Hills.

According to Kishan Reddy, the drug problem is now plaguing Hyderabad and all rural areas of Telangana. It is not confined to any one social group. "The central government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, is committed to curbing the drug epidemic. We are moving forward with the goal of ensuring that not a single gram of drugs enters the country by 2029. Everyone, from schools to IT companies, must become aware," the Union Minister said.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY 167 IN TGTURNING ACCIDENT HOTSPOT

Hyderabad, Nov 22 (Open Frame) Six months ago, a lorry-car collision near Peddapappur claimed two lives and left five injured. Four months after, a car hit a motorcycle carrying two youths from Chowderpally, killing one person. All accidents happened on National Highway (NH) 167. Over the past few months, as many as five people have been killed and six seriously injured in multiple accidents on NH 167. Most occurred on the 68-km stretch of the highway connecting Gurakonda Gate in Devarakadra mandal and Boinipalli in Midjil mandal, raising serious concerns over road safety in Mahabubnagar, reported.

MLA Sudheer Reddy Administers Polio Drops to Children



Hayathnagar, Nov 22 (Open Frame): LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy urged everyone to actively participate in the Pulse Polio campaign to protect children from the threat of polio.

He attended the Pulse Polio programme held at the Primary School in Amanagal Basti, Hayathnagar, as the chief guest. On the occasion, he administered polio drops to young children and formally inaugurated the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA emphasized that all children below five years of age must receive polio drops without fail. He also urged parents to take special care of their children's health and ensure their participation in the vaccination drive. He called upon the public to extend their cooperation to government healthcare initiatives to build a polio-free society. Hayathnagar Division BRS President Chennagoni Sridhar Goud, Skylab and others participated in the programme.

TGO demands nine key measures to resolve employees' issues

- 42% Fitment and Implementation of Second PRC Sought
- Demand to Abolish CPS, Restore OPS and Clear Pending Bills Immediately

Hyderabad, Nov 22 (Open Frame): The Telangana Gazetted Officers' Association (TGO), Hyderabad District Branch, has urged the state government to take immediate steps to resolve the long-pending issues faced by government employees and gazetted officers.

The association adopted nine key resolutions addressing employees' financial benefits, healthcare security, retirement benefits and working conditions, and appealed to the government to take favourable decisions without further delay. A coordination meeting was held on November 19 at the SBTEt office in Masab Tank, Hyderabad, under the leadership of TGO Hyderabad District Branch President M.B. Krishna Yadav. District Branch Secretary M.A. Bharath coordinated the proceedings. TGO Central Association General Secretary B. Shyam attended the meeting as the chief guest.



During the meeting, participants held detailed discussions on various issues affecting government employees and unanimously adopted nine major resolutions to be submitted to the state government.

Nine Major Demands Before the Government

The association demanded that the government immediately accept the Second Pay Revision Commission (PRC) report and implement the revised pay scales with 42 per cent fitment. It also sought the immediate clearance of all pending bills related to employees. The association further demanded the implementation of a five-day working week in GHMC, CHMC and MMC corporations. It called for regular Joint Staff Council meetings under the supervision of District Collectors to address employees' grievances. Another key demand was the allocation of 60 acres of land within the Hyderabad Core Urban Region (H-CURE) limits for members of the Hyderabad District Gazetted Officers' Cooperative House Building Society. The association also sought approximately 1,000 square yards of land within Hyderabad city or its surrounding areas for the construction of a TGO Hyderabad District Branch office.

Among its major welfare demands, the association urged the government to introduce a New Employees' Health Scheme (NEHS), providing cashless medical services to serving employees, their family members and retired employees.

It also demanded the abolition of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), ensuring financial security for government employees after retirement. Additionally, the association urged the government to study the best employee welfare policies implemented in other states and introduce suitable measures in Telangana.

Several association representatives participated in the meeting, including District President M.B. Krishna Yadav, Secretary M.A. Bharath, Ashanna, Venkataramana, Venkatayya, M. Anjala Reddy, Vidyasagar, Ghosh, Kramati Jyothi, Mallesh, Peraiah, Rajender, Ramanjaneyulu, Prabhakar, Ravikumar, Kramati Saraswathi, Kramati Chandrajyothi, Shravan Kumar, Saibaba, Sudarshan, Srinivasulu, Ramchander, Raghunandan, Kumar, Kramati Krishnaveni, Kramati Karunamma, Kamalakar, Kramati Gayatri, Surender, Chand Pasha, Srinivas Gupta, Bharath, Venkat Ram Reddy and others.

Seethakka Announces Pensions for 4.75 Lakh New Beneficiaries Across Telangana

Maheshwaram, Nov 22 (Open Frame): Empowering women financially and extending social security pensions to every eligible person are among the primary objectives of the state government, said Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Rural Water Supply and Women and Child Welfare Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka).

The Minister participated as the chief guest in the distribution programme of Cheyutha Social Security Pensions held at Kaki Eshwar Function Hall in Maheshwaram mandal on Saturday. She was accompanied by MLC and Government Whip Balmuri Venkat and local MLA Sabitha Indra Reddy. The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the distribution of sanction letters to newly approved pension beneficiaries. Earlier, the Minister laid the foundation stone for Phase-I road works under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM).

Addressing the gathering, Seethakka said the government had provided nearly two months for receiving applications for new pensions and extended the deadline several times to ensure that eligible people could apply. Initially,



around 4.50 lakh applications were received, while another 13,000 eligible beneficiaries were subsequently identified. She said pensions were being sanctioned to single women, widows, persons with disabilities, women without husbands and those suffering from medical conditions such as HIV/AIDS, kidney ailments requiring dialysis, leprosy and thalassemia. More than 4.75 lakh new pension beneficiaries across Telangana will receive their pension amounts directly into their bank accounts on November 26.

Highlighting the government's initiatives for women's economic empowerment, the Minister said interest-free loans were being provided to women's self-help groups, with financial assistance of up to Rs. 10 lakh per group and, depending on requirements, up to Rs. 20 lakh. She encouraged women to establish small businesses, mobile tiffin centres, tailoring units, shops and other self-employment ventures. Officials were instructed to extend necessary support and encourage women to become financially independent.

Seethakka said the government was sanctioning Indiramma houses in women's names to ensure their security, dignity and financial independence. Ration cards were also being issued in women's names. Members of women's self-help groups were additionally being provided bank-linked loans ranging from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1 lakh to support the construction of Indiramma houses.

HYDRAA Clears Sandapalli Lake Encroachments

Hyderabad, Nov 22 (Open Frame): The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Saturday, November 21, removed encroachments on a four-acre area around the Sandapalli Lake in Rangareddy. The agency put a stop to those who wanted to build a wall around the lake and create an empire with lush lawns. It removed encroachments where people had built walls around the lake. The water body covers a total area of 76 acres. A house built within the lake's FTL boundary, covering an area of 100 square yards, was razed down.

After being alerted about encroachments inside the lake, HYDRAA inspected the site with the relevant officials. It confirmed that construction was taking place within the lake's Full Tank Level (FTL) boundary and took action. In the presence of local irrigation officials, HYDRAA officials installed 1,600 metres of fencing. The agency also put up a notice identifying the land as belonging to the lake.

Rising rates put corporate borrowing under pressure



New Delhi, Nov 22 (Open Frame): The decade of cheap money that facilitated corporate expansion in the global economy appears to have changed with loans turning more expensive due to higher interest. The challenge for businesses is no longer simply how to obtain financing, but how to maintain cash flow, manage liabilities, and ensure that investments remain economically viable as capital becomes more expensive, according to an article in India Narrative.

It highlights that the scale of this challenge is reflected in global debt figures. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), total public and private debt reached approximately $251 trillion in 2024, equivalent to more than 235 per cent of global gross domestic product. Public debt stood at $99.2 trillion, while private debt amounted to approximately $151.8 trillion. These obligations must be managed in an increasingly challenging financing environment. The article by economist Eko Setiobudi points out that pressure is also becoming visible in corporate bond markets. As bonds issued during periods of low interest rates mature, companies may face higher refinancing expenses and reduced financial flexibility.

Government bond markets add another dimension to this challenge. A Federal Reserve study published in September 2026 estimates that an additional $100 billion in US Treasury supply could raise five-year Treasury yields by approximately three basis points under current market conditions. The investment decisions of corporates are closely linked to the cost of capital. When the cost of capital shoots up even projects that are expected to generate positive cash flows may no longer remain attractive. Consequently, projects that appeared profitable during an era of cheap money may become less viable, the article observes. The article cites India's experience as showing that strong economic growth does not automatically eliminate capital cost pressures. Companies still need to manage debt maturities, credit ratings, interest rate structures, and foreign exchange exposure.

Businesses with stable cash flows and stronger credit profiles may have broader financing options, while higher-risk companies need to manage leverage and working capital more carefully. Treasury is therefore not merely a fund management function; it is central to corporate competitiveness and financial sustainability, the article states. "India illustrates how companies in emerging economies are navigating changing financing conditions. Its economy requires substantial capital to support industrialization, infrastructure development, and private sector expansion. Yet investment needs are increasing alongside differences in borrowing costs across corporate credit ratings," the article observes. India's financing market is not simply contracting. According to the RBI Bulletin for September 2026, total resource flows to the commercial sector reached Rs 25.29 lakh crore in the first half of fiscal year 2026–2027.

Gold, Silver Prices Plunge on Fed Rate Concerns

New Delhi, Nov 22 (Open Frame): Gold and silver recorded steep weekly losses as rising expectations of a US Federal Reserve rate hike and a stronger American dollar caused heavy selling across commodity markets.

Gold dipped 8.77 per cent to a 14-month low and silver plummeted 14.31 per cent on a weekly basis, marking one of its steepest weekly declines in recent years, also because global risk sentiment weakened after crude prices eased. Commodity market sentiment weakened after US Federal Reserve officials reinforced concerns that persistent inflation may require further monetary tightening. On Friday, MCX gold futures expiring in December declined 4.32 per cent while MCX silver futures for December gained 0.74 per cent. Gold futures stood at Rs 1,21,949, while silver futures stood at Rs 1,48,900 per kg.

The price of 10 grams of 24-carat gold was at Rs 1,23,893 on Friday, down from Rs 1,35,809 seen last week's close, according to data published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA). The price of 1 kg of 99.9 per cent pure silver dropped from Rs 1,78,000 to 1,52,528, down 14.31 per cent. WTI crude slipped to around $83-84 a barrel, roughly 5 per cent below last week's highs in the upper $80s, as recovering Middle East export flows and expectations of a global supply surplus outweighed renewed concerns over attacks on regional energy infrastructure.

FSSAI Initiates Legal Prosecution Against Bisleri Over Unsafe Water Sample



New Delhi, Nov 22 (Open Frame): The FSSAI on Sunday said it has initiated prosecution proceedings against popular packaged drinking water manufacturer Bisleri International, after a laboratory examination found its water sample unsafe. The food safety regulator said in a statement that the initial analysis of the Bisleri water found that the sample did not meet the prescribed limits for bromate, following which it was declared unsafe under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

The company subsequently exercised its right to appeal, and the sample was forwarded to a referral food laboratory for further examination.

However, the second laboratory assessment also classified the water as unsafe, identifying the presence of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). "A regulatory sample of 'Packaged Drinking Water (other than Mineral Water)' was collected from the premises of M/s Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd. for analysis. The sample was found non-compliant with the prescribed bromate limits and declared unsafe under the FSS Act, 2006. Upon appeal by the FBO, the sample was referred to the Referral Food Laboratory, which also declared it unsafe due to the detection of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)," the FSSAI said in a statement.

"The laboratory findings established violations relating to unsafe food under the FSS Act, 2006. Sanction has been granted to launch prosecution under the FSS Act, 2006, against M/s Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd," it added. Both bromate and PAHs are classified as carcinogens, substances associated with the potential to cause cancer. Bisleri was yet to react to the FSSAI order. The FSSAI also issued a recall order to Asha Confectionery over pre-packed chocolate-filled cookies after laboratory findings raised concerns about the product's labelling, composition and safety.

The laboratory examination further detected carmosine, a colouring substance, in the cookies even though it had not been mentioned on the label. Tartrazine was also found in quantities exceeding the prescribed maximum limit. In addition, the sample contained Sunset Yellow FCF, a colouring agent that is not permitted for use in the specified category of food. The FSSAI classified the product as misbranded, sub-standard and unsafe under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

Thousands of Crypto Investors Approach ED, CBI Over WazirX, Binance Losses



New Delhi, Nov 22 (Open Frame): Thousands of cryptocurrency investors have approached central investigative agencies, including the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), alleging that crypto exchanges WazirX and Binance caused significant financial losses to them, as per multiple reports.

Reports claim that complaints submitted by investor groups and users have reported alleged unauthorised access to accounts and loss of crypto assets.

Regulatory authorities have been unable to take decisive action due to the absence of a comprehensive legal framework governing cryptocurrency-related frauds in India, they added. The petitioners said WazirX, which had marketed itself as one of India's largest and most secure cryptocurrency platforms with around 16 million registered users, operated for several years while maintaining business links with global crypto exchange Binance. Investors claim that Binance, which announced the acquisition of WazirX in 2019, benefited from the rapid growth of India's cryptocurrency market and generated substantial revenues through trading activity and token-related business.

However, they alleged that questions over the ownership of WazirX emerged after enforcement authorities in India began scrutinising the platform and issued notices under foreign exchange regulations in 2022. According to the complaints, Binance subsequently stated that it did not own WazirX, while WazirX's user agreement continued to reference Binance as a wallet service provider for users' crypto assets, the reports said. The petitioners contend that these developments created confusion among customers regarding responsibility for safeguarding user funds. The investors further alleged that after a major cyberattack on WazirX in July 2024, the exchange proposed measures that effectively distributed losses across both affected and unaffected users. Users whose holdings were not compromised in the breach also faced restrictions on access to their assets, according to them.

The complaints also questioned WazirX's decision to seek court approval in Singapore for a restructuring scheme through its Singapore-based entity, Zettai Pte Ltd.

India dominate New Zealand as Rahul, Pant power Mammoth 720/9



Wellington, Nov 22 (Open Frame): Devon Conway made a gritty unbeaten 59 to keep New Zealand in the fight at 119/2 at stumps on day four, after centuries from KL Rahul and Rishabh Pant powered India to 720/9 declared in the first Test at the Basin Reserve here on Sunday. The hosts still trail by 233 runs with a full day to go. With victory no longer on the cards, New Zealand batted out 45 overs for the loss of two wickets. Conway soaked up 137 balls for making 59, laced with six boundaries, and found help from Henry Nicholls (31) and Rachin Ravindra (27 not out) to keep New Zealand's hopes of escaping with a draw alive.

Records tumbled during India's first innings, which they declared during the second session. Their score of 720/9 in 166 overs is the highest total ever made in New Zealand, and for the first time in Test history a side saw each of its first seven partnerships go past 50. Pant's 128 off 153 balls – his ninth Test hundred and first in New Zealand – also carried him past Brendon McCullum to be at second spot among Test cricket's six-hitters. India had seemed to be building towards a declaration from the middle of day three. Shubman Gill's purposeful 98 on Saturday had put them 118 runs ahead, and on Sunday Pant thrilled a packed, sun-drenched crowd as nightwatchman Anshul Kamboj and Dhruv Jurel helped India pile on 234 runs in 41 overs.

Resuming after tea on 33/1, Conway and Nicholls faced a disciplined Indian attack on a slow, low surface. Kamboj and Akash Deep bowled round the wicket to the left-handers, attacking the stumps with catchers in front of the bat and just one slip. India's patience paid off when Prasidh Krishna, touching 144kph without a slip in place, got one to climb at Nicholls. The left-hander's inside edge ballooned off the thigh pad, and Jurel dived forward at short leg to scoop a stunning one-handed catch. Nicholls, who had scored 206 runs in the match before being dismissed for the first time, departed for 31 to end a stand that lasted almost 22 overs.

Rachin needed 15 balls to get off the mark, while Conway reached his 14th Test fifty off 112 balls by pulling Prasidh for a boundary. Earlier, Bumrah struck in his first over for the second time in the match, removing New Zealand skipper Tom Latham for a pair as the hosts reached 33/1 at tea.

Latham, who was castled while shouldering arms against Bumrah in the first innings, survived an inswinger first ball. But the next ball, a touch shorter and wider, straightened away off the seam, and Latham pushed at it to give a catch behind to Pant. Latham became only the third New Zealand captain to bag a Test pair. Bumrah joined S Sreesanth and Zaheer Khan as the only Indian bowlers known to have taken a wicket in the opening over of both innings of a Test.

Brief Scores: New Zealand 368 and 119/2 in 45 overs (Devon Conway 59 not out, Henry Nicholls 31; Prasidh Krishna 1-20, Jasprit Bumrah 1-33) trail India 720/9 dec in 166 overs (KL Rahul 136, Rishabh Pant 128; Glenn Phillips 3-154, Rachin Ravindra 2-44) by 233 runs

India finish New Zealand Hockey series unbeaten with 2-2 draw



Aucklandm, Nov 22 (Open Frame): The Indian men's hockey team played out a 2-2 draw against hosts New Zealand in the third and final match of the 2026 India/New Zealand Century of Sporting Unity Event at the Lloyd Elsmore Hockey Stadium in Auckland on Sunday.

With this result, India concluded the three-match series unbeaten, having registered a 3-2 victory in the opening encounter on 19 November, followed by two successive 2-2 draws. New Zealand got off to a strong start, taking the lead in the 9th minute through Dylan Thomas, who converted a penalty corner to put the hosts 1-0 ahead.

India responded well and found the equaliser in the 16th minute when Captain Sanjay converted a penalty corner to bring the scores level at 1-1. The visitors then took the lead just two minutes later, with Karthi Selvam finding the back of the net with a field goal in the 18th minute, giving India a 2-1 advantage. India carried their lead into the latter stages of the match, but New Zealand continued to push for an equaliser. Their efforts paid off in the 55th minute when Benji Culhane scored a field goal to make it 2-2.

Both teams looked to find a late winner, but neither side managed to break the deadlock as the match ended in a 2-2 draw.

The three-match series celebrated 100 years of sporting ties between India and New Zealand, dating back to 1926, when an Indian Army hockey team featuring legendary Major Dhyan Chand toured New Zealand. The centenary event provided an opportunity for both nations to celebrate their shared sporting history and strengthen their hockey ties. Earlier in the first match, the Indian men's hockey team began its campaign at the 2026 India/New Zealand Century of Sporting Unity Event with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over hosts New Zealand at Lloyd Elsmore Hockey Stadium in Auckland on Thursday.

New Zealand took the lead in the 25th minute through Jonty Elmes, who converted a penalty corner. India responded almost immediately, with Uttam Singh (25') finding the equaliser through a field goal to bring the scores level at 1-1. India stepped up their attacking efforts in the second half, with Shardanand Tiwari (38') scoring a field goal to put the visitors ahead. Captain Sanjay (43') then extended India's advantage with a penalty-corner conversion, taking the score to 3-1.

New Zealand continued to push for a comeback and reduced the deficit through Sam Hiha (55'), who scored a field goal. However, India held on to their advantage in the closing stages to secure a 3-2 win and begin the three-match series on a positive note. The series also provided valuable match exposure for the Indian team as it continued preparations for upcoming international assignments.

Deepika's Hat-Trick powers defending Champions India into Semifinals



Bhopal, Nov 22 (Open Frame): Deepika slammed a hat-trick, and Navneet Kaur scored a brace as defending champions India confirmed their place in the semifinals of the Madhya Pradesh Women's Asian Champions Trophy with an emphatic 7-0 victory over Thailand at the International Sports Complex in Nathu Barkheda in Bhopal on Sunday.

Deepika struck in the 10th, 11th and 56th minutes for her triple, Navneet Kaur converted two penalty strokes in the 4th and 56th minutes, while Mumtaz Khan (28') and Sunelita Toppo (32') scored a goal each to help India register their third successive win, maintaining their unbeaten record in the tournament.

As chief coach Sjoerd Marijne cut an increasingly assured figure on the sidelines and beamed with pride, India began with considerable attacking intent, moved the ball down the flanks with fluidity and immediately put the Thai defence under pressure. A succession of circle entries and crisp short-passing combinations brought the hosts an early opportunity in the form of a penalty stroke in the fourth minute, which Navneet converted with ease. Thailand goalkeeper Siraya Yimkrajang offered resistance as the hosts continued to probe. India eventually doubled their advantage in the tenth minute when Deepika converted a penalty-corner opportunity. She struck again in the next minute, converting another set-piece chance to extend India's lead to 3-0.

Rafael Nadal Joins Real Madrid Board

Madrid, Nov 22 (Open Frame): Tennis legend Rafael Nadal has been elected as a member of Real Madrid's Board of Directors after receiving 99.5 per cent of the votes at the club's Extraordinary General Assembly on Saturday. A total of 1,713 votes were cast, with 1,704 members voting in favour of Nadal's appointment, four voting against and five abstaining. Nadal, a lifelong Real Madrid supporter and honorary member of the club since 2011, received a standing ovation from the representative members following his election.

Speaking after the appointment, the 22-time Grand Slam champion described the opportunity as a great honour and said he was aware of the responsibility that came with joining one of the world's biggest sporting institutions. "It is a great responsibility to be part of the Board of Directors of Real Madrid. This club is passed down from parents to children and unites people. For me, it connects me with family and friends to watch matches together. It is an immense joy and a great satisfaction," Nadal said in an official statement. He added that he hoped to contribute to the club's continued success while learning from his new role. "I am very aware of the responsibility because Real Madrid is a global brand. It is an infinite responsibility, and I take it on with the hope of learning and contributing so that this club continues to be the best in the world," he said. Nadal also expressed his commitment to helping Real Madrid maintain its position among the leading clubs in world sport.

Rajamouli Targets January 2027 Deadline for 'Varanasi' Post-Production





After Mahesh Babu announced that the shooting of 'Varanasi' has been completed, Rajamouli's team has become busy with another work. Although there is still more than four months left for the April release, Jakkanna does not want to wait for the technical work to end. After 'RRR', Rajamouli's films have a good market abroad as well. This time, Jakkanna has also given the team a deadline to reduce the rush before the release.

The plan is to complete the entire post-production by January 2027. Producer SS Karthikeya had earlier said this. It seems that the shooting has already been completed. Currently, CG work and re-recording are underway. Dubbing is yet to begin. If all these works are completed on time, the final copy of the film will be ready more than two months before the release. 'Varanasi' is not an ordinary action film. The story involves time travel and the backdrop of different countries. That is why a lot of work has to be done on visual effects. Karthikeya explained that some CG work has been started while the shooting was going on. In such a huge project, if VFX is started only after all the shots are completed, the pressure will increase near the release date. To avoid that situation, the work has been divided beforehand.

There is also an IMAX release. In addition to normal theaters, we also have to see how the film will look on big screens. Dubbing, sound mixing, and preparing final versions in different languages are another task. The arrangements required for a release in one country are not the same as the tasks required in another country. That is why, once the film is ready, the material also needs to be provided to the distributors as soon as possible.

On the other hand, Jakkanna is likely to allocate a little more for promotions. After 'RRR', interest in Rajamouli's films has increased even from the Hollywood media. Now Mahesh Babu and Priyanka Chopra can promote it internationally together. If we get bogged down in CG and mixing work till the end, the time for events will be reduced. If we achieve the January target, we will have more flexibility for promotion in February and March.

'Varanasi' release date is April 7, 2027. This date was officially announced in January this year. Although there have been rumors of a delay in the middle, the makers have been clarifying in some way or another that there is no truth to it. Mahesh Babu is playing the role of Rudra, while Priyanka Chopra is playing the role of Mandakini. Prithviraj Sukumaran is playing another lead role. Keeravani is composing the music. The makers have said that they will give another update soon once the shooting is completed.



Rashmika's 'Mysaa' Release Postponed

Rashmika Mandanna starrer 'Mysaa' has been postponed, that too only 5 days before its scheduled release on November 27. The 'Animal' actress confessed that even she didn't know the new release date of her next. Rashmika promised her Insta Fam that she would share the new release date as soon as she knows. The makers, Unformula Films, and the director, Rawindra, released a joint statement on Instagram, sharing the update. The statement read, "Telugu cinema has entered an exciting phase, consistently raising the bar with films that showcase exceptional craftsmanship and technical excellence, as seen in this week's releases. In the same spirit, Mysaa is envisioned as a technically superior, one-of-its-kind action spectacle from Telugu cinema, crafted to deliver an immersive big-screen experience. (sic)"

"To ensure we bring this vision to audiences without any compromise, we have collectively decided to POSTPONE THE FILM'S THEATRICAL RELEASE FROM NOVEMBER 27TH." The filmmakers have not announced a new release date, "The new release date will be announced very soon, thank you for your continued love, patience and support. We assure you that the wait won't be a long one," they went on to add. Re-sharing the official statement on the Stories section of her Instagram Stories, Rashmika penned, "Apparently the release is getting pushed (Two sobbing emojis) dunno to when but pakka when I know I'll let you also know (Two red heart emojis) (sic)."

'Mysaa' was initially slated to reach the audience on November 27 in multiple languages, including Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada. Led by Rashmika, the ancillary cast of the drama also includes Easwari Rao, Rahul Ravindran, Samuthirakani, Rao Ramesh, Shiva Kandukuri, Karthik Ranjini, Tarak Ponnappa, and Nidhi Singh, along with others. 'Mysaa' has been helmed by Rawindra Pulle, who has also written the script, along with Raj Kumar Kandamudi

Tiger Shroff returns to stage after firing incident

More than a month after the firing incident, Bollywood actor Tiger Shroff made his first public appearance as he performed on 'Deva Shri Ganesha' at the Global Peace Honours 2026 event in Mumbai. Following the performance, Tiger expressed his gratitude to Maharashtra Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis for giving him the opportunity to be back on stage.

Saying that he is grateful to be 'out there again', the 'Baaghi' actor wrote on the photo-sharing app, "Happy to be out there again (Red heart and high voltage emoji). Thank you to the cm @devendra_fadnavis and @amruta.fadnavis ji for inviting me to open their show again this year. Always a privilege (red heart emoji) (sic)."

Tiger was seen performing on stage wearing only a red dhoti-style trouser. He accessorized his look with multiple necklaces and metallic arm cuffs. He also had an ornate drape across his shoulders. Recently, Tiger also made a comeback to social media, that too almost a month after the firing incident. Tiger dropped the teaser for his latest song "Tenu Leke Jaana" on Instagram. "One more chance, one more dance," he added the text. Reacting to his post, Tiger's sister Krishna Shroff commented, "He is back." For the unaware, Tiger was shot at on the evening of October 18 as his car was leaving a football ground in the Juhu area of Mumbai. Three men on a motorcycle fired at Tiger's car. Luckily, Tiger was able to escape the unfortunate incident unhurt; however, his driver sustained injuries. Professionally, Tiger will next be seen in Karan Johar's 'Lag Jaa Gale', where he will be sharing screen space with Janhvi Kapoor and Lakshya Lalwani. Directed by Raj Mehta, 'Lag Jaa Gale' will arrive in the cinema halls on May 14, 2027. Additionally, Tiger also has a film directed by Remo D'Souza in the making.



Nithiin returns to family entertainers

Young hero Nithiin, who has been struggling with a series of flops, is now completely changing his route in the selection of his films. He once went towards big action stories to gain a mass image and increase the market, but those experiments did not work out at all for him. 'Macharla Kumbhola' and 'Extraordinary Man' disappointed, while last year's 'Robin Hood' and 'Thammudu' also flopped at the box office.

With the budget increasing and the openings decreasing, the pressure on the producers increased. With this, Nithin is now determined to put aside the action elements and get into the love and family comedy track that he is very fond of. With this idea, he is now going to join hands with Ram Abbaraju, who has become a carafe for full-length entertainers. Ram, who made his directorial debut with 'Vivaha Bhojanbu', showed his trademark comedy timing with 'Samajavaragamana'. This year, he scored another clean hit with 'Nari Nari Nadu Murari' with Sharwanand for Sankranthi. Ram's style is to bring family audiences to theaters with situational comedy instead of big fights and buildup shots. It can be said that such stories are a perfect set for Nithin's body language. All the biggest hits that Nithin has received in his career have been fun romantic comedy films. The ease and comedy timing he showed in films like 'Ishq', 'Gundejaari Gallanthaiyinde', 'A Aa' and 'Bheeshma' connected well with the audience. Fans also believe that Nithin looks more natural in such light-hearted characters than in mass roles. That is why it seems that Nithin will return to his old form with a film with a director like Ram Abbaraju. However, before this new project, Nithiin is going to test his luck with the film 'Alias Rukmini'. Directed by Muralikanth, this film is presented by Natural Star Nani. The film, which has already completed shooting, will hit the theaters on December 4. Regardless of the result of 'Alias Rukmini', Nithiin is in the process of setting the line-up of his next films in advance.



On the other hand, Ram Abbaraju is currently busy completing the film 'Family Pack' starring Sri Vishnu. Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, this movie will hit the theaters for Sankranthi 2027. Nithin's project will be launched as soon as the release of that movie is completed. It is reported that regular shooting is planned to start from February next year. At present, an official announcement is yet to be made on this crazy combination. It seems that Nithin has trusted his strength at a time when the market has become a bit dull due to consecutive failures. Now, it remains to be seen in what range this step that Nithin is taking with Ram Abbaraju will work out at the box office.

Malvika Raaj Celebrates 25 Years of 'K3G', Reunites With Poo's Memories

Actress Malvika Raaj, who played young Poo in the 2001 film 'Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham', has revisited memories of the iconic character as she celebrated 25 years of the film. Taking to Instagram, Malvika shared her experience of stepping into the recreated Raichand House, saying it felt surreal to return to the world of the film as a guest. "Poo's homecoming, 25 years in the making! If someone had told the little girl who played Poo in Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham that one day she'd get to walk into the Raichand House as a guest, I don't think she would have believed it," she wrote.

Reflecting on the character's lasting popularity, Malvika said Poo had lived a life of her own, from her iconic outfits to her unforgettable dialogues. She added that the visit, facilitated by Airbnb India, was more than just a stay and gave her an opportunity to celebrate a character that wold always remain a part of her. "Walking into the Raichand House was surreal. It was more than just a stay; it was a chance to celebrate a character that will always be a part of me," she said. Malvika also invited fans of the film to experience the recreated Raichand House, adding that Poo would surely approve. She also shared pictures from her visit, posing with filmmaker Karan Johar and striking different poses inside the Raichand House. In one of the photographs, Malvika was seen holding a balloon with the words "Good Looks" written on it.

Malvika alo shared a video of herself getting ready and captioned it as, "25 years of "Good looks, good looks and good looks!" Growing up happened, but a little Poo will always be a part of me. Here's to 25 years of K3G and a character that will forever be PHAT P.S. The Raichand house recreated by @airbnbindia is taking me on the sweetest trip down memory lane. So much nostalgia, so many beautiful memories #25yearsofk3g #nostalgia #malvikaraaj." 'Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham', directed by Karan Johar, featured Amitabh Bachchan, Jaya Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan, Kajol, Hrithik Roshan and Kareena Kapoor Khan in key roles. The family drama remains one of Hindi cinema's most memorable films, with its characters, dialogues and music continuing to resonate with audiences.



Diljit Dosanjh Questions Double Standards Over Song Restrictions

Singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh has questioned the restrictions imposed on his songs during his concert at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium. He alleged "double standards" towards Indian artists while comparing the criticism with the reception given to international performers such as Coldplay. Before taking the stage, Diljit told the audience how special it was for him to perform at the venue, which he referred to as the world's largest stadium. He also expressed gratitude to his fans for making his long-cherished dream come true.

"We should be proud that we are at the Narendra Modi Stadium, the world's largest stadium. We have performed at Wembley too, but performing at this place was something I had always wished for. You people have fulfilled that dream. Thank you so much. I love you," he said. The singer also brought up Coldplay's performance at the stadium last year, saying it had inspired him to perform at the venue. Drawing a comparison, he questioned why his songs attracted objections when the British band's tracks did not face similar criticism. "Last year, when the entire band came here and Coldplay performed, I decided that day that I wanted to perform here. But let me tell you something. When Coldplay sings, 'I'm feeling drunk and high', nobody has a problem. I like that song. When Coldplay comes here and sings it, nobody has an issue. But when Diljit does it, there is a problem. Why these double standards?" he asked. The 'Udta Punjab' actor further questioned why Indian artists were subjected to restrictions while international performers were seemingly treated differently.



"If an artist from abroad comes and sings, nobody has a problem. But people have a problem with Diljit. They tell me that I have come from abroad. I was born here. I wasn't born in Honolulu. I travel across the world, and all the musicians behind me are Indians who were born here. Give them a big round of applause. These are the same people who travel with me across the world," he said.

Diljit added that he had no objection to restrictions being imposed on him but questioned why he was being singled out. "Why should these double standards apply only to me? I don't understand. If you want to impose restrictions, impose them on me. I have no problem with the people who impose these restrictions. I am enjoying myself. I send them love too," he said. The singer also warned those provoking him that he would respond, adding that such exchanges could make him trend on social media.

"If you provoke me, I will respond. If you get on my nerves, I will trend, brother. So don't provoke me. I will perform, pay my taxes, leave and continue spreading Punjabi music and Indian music across the world. Please don't provoke me," he said.

Diljit's remarks came after Dr Pandit Rao Dharennavar, an associate professor of sociology at PGGC-46, Chandigarh, raised objections to the singer performing four of his songs at the Ahmedabad concert. Dharennavar has reportedly urged the singer not to include four specific tracks in his performance, claiming that their lyrics encourage alcohol consumption, drug use and gun culture.

Kailash Kher Reveals Father's Final Moments Inspired 'Piya Ghar Aavenge'

Singer Kailash Kher has opened up about the emotional story behind his popular song 'Piya Ghar Aavenge.' He revealed that it was inspired by his father's final moments in 2008. In an interaction wit, the singer recalled how his father passed away peacefully, describing the experience as one in which he appeared to be leaving the world in a state of bliss. Kailash said the moment of his father's soul moving towards the Supreme inspired him to create the song, which reflects the spiritual journey of a soul towards God. "My mother was alive, she died later. Father died earlier, father died in 2008, mother died in 2012. So, it is like this. But when father was going, when he was on his death bed, when he was dying, when he was going to heaven, when he was leaving the body, then the state of meeting God with the soul, on that I made this song, that how father is going in bliss," he told . Recalling his father's final moments, the singer said that unlike the usual perception of a person experiencing pain or distress while dying, his father appeared peaceful. "Because a dying man is never less in bliss. A dying man is either in pain or shouts, shouts, then he is calm. And father went in bliss, like singing, then I wrote this song," he added. Kailash also clarified the inspiration behind the song in view of claims circulating on social media, explaining that it was his father's peaceful departure that led him to write it. 'Piya Ghar Aavenge' remains among the singer's popular devotional compositions, known for its spiritual theme and soulful rendition. 'Piya Ghar Aavenge' is a 2009 Indian fusion song by Kailash Kher, Paresh Kamath and Naresh Kamath. The track was released on June 11, 2009, as part of the album 'Chaandan Mein', also known as 'Kailasa Chaandan Mein'



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