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In his first visit after making allegations about the previous YSRCP government's mismanagement, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the Vakulamatha centralised kitchen at Tirumala on Saturday. Naidu had earlier accused the former government, led by Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, of compromising the sanctity of the Sri Venkateswara temple by allegedly using substandard ingredients laced with animal fats in the preparation of the temple's famous laddus, a claim that Jagan's camp firmly denied. Later, Chandrababu Naidu held review with TTD officials at Padmavati Guest House. Tirupati Laddu Case: CM Welcomes SC Decision, Jagan Reddy Says Chandrababu Naidu 'Spreading Fake News' Naidu arrived at Tirumala Hills on Friday staying overnight to take part in the temple rituals. As part of the nine-day annual Brahmotsavam festivities, he offered "Pattu Vastralu" (silk robes) to Lord Venkateswara Swamy on behalf of the state government, a tradition upheld by every chief minister during the festival. Naidu was accompanied by his wife, Bhuvaneshwari, and was warmly welcomed by the temple authorities upon his arrival. The couple participated in the rituals, receiving vedic blessings and temple prasadam from the priests. Following the ceremonies, Naidu also released the official 2025 Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) calendar and diary, a yearly tradition. Addressing the gathering, Naidu emphasised the importance of preserving the sacredness of the temple during Brahmotsavam. "I urge everyone visiting the temple to uphold the sanctity of the rituals. The temple is a place of spiritual significance for millions, and we must all contribute to supporting TTD's activities," he said, as per a report on PTI.

## Pune court issues summons to Rahul Gandhi in defamation case filed by Savarkar's grandnephew

Pune (Maharashtra) [India], : A Pune court issued summons to Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi and asked him to appear before the court on October 23 in a criminal defamation case filed by the grandnephew of the late Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. According to Sangram Kolhatkar, an advocate representing Satyaki Savarkar, the complaint alleges that the Congress leader made objectionable remarks about the Hindutva ideologue during a visit to the UK last year. Following the statements made by Rahul Gandhi, in April 2023, Satyaki Savarkar, the grandson of one of Vinayak Savarkar's brothers, filed a complaint with a Pune magistrate regarding alleged defamatory comments made by Rahul Gandhi. These remarks were reportedly made during a gathering in London on March 5, 2023. According to the complaint, Gandhi intentionally made false and damaging accusations against Savarkar to tarnish his reputation, causing mental distress to him and his family. The court earlier this year instructed the Pune police to investigate the defamation complaint under Section 202, CrPC. Earlier on Thursday, Savarkar's grandson, as well as Bharatiya Janata Party leaders, came down..

# 'China building infrastructure at LAC but India has Israel-like capabilities to...': IAF Chief

New Delhi: Indian Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh on Friday said India possesses capabilities similar to Israel to strike enemies, referring to India's Balakot airstrikes in 2019. He was referring to Israel's recent campaign against the armed militant group Hezbollah in Lebanon, where senior commanders and the group's leader Hassan Nasrallah were assassinated. Air Chief Marshal AP Singh asserted the importance of air power to protect national security interests from adversaries. He said India has capabilities similar to Israel to target enemies, citing Balakot as an example while emphasising that the Indian Air Force requires more to establish itself as a dominant power. The officer said India is working on the Kusha System, an Extended Range Air Defence System (ERADS), similar to Israel's Iron Dome. "We need technology like the Iron Dome. We don't have all the technology but we are working on procuring them. We will receive more weapons to protect all vital installations and we have to set priorities," he added. Singh also spoke about problems in supply chains but said India was taking care of it very well.



## 'China rapidly developing infrastructure along LAC'

Speaking about the situation with Chinese troops in eastern Ladakh, the Air Chief Marshal said China was rapidly developing infrastructure along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and India was also upgrading its infrastructure in Ladakh. He said India has 83 Light Combat Aircraft (LCAs) and is looking to acquire 97 Mark 1 and Mark 2 aircrafts soon. The Indian Air Force also has a long-range weapon in the pipeline. Singh asserted that the Air Force spent Rs 56,000 crore for the procurement of Mark II LCAs, radars, missiles and other weapons. It is also in the process of introducing a medium-range surface-to-air missile (MRSAM) and the Akash missile system. He also laid a particular emphasis on self-reliance (Atmanirbharta) and 'Make in India' initiative for preparing a robust Indian air defence and respond to foreign adversaries. The Air Force Marshal fur-

ther asserted that India was ready to take on any intrusion in the country with radars activated 24/7 and all aircraft on alert. He said India is beefing up on new advanced landing grounds and airfields like Nyoma in southern Ladakh. Speaking on aerial offensive and defensive systems, AP Singh said India is currently buying counter-drone systems and modern technology to fight with. The delivery of Tejas aircraft has been delayed but if 24 aircraft are produced every year then the Air Force won't have any problems. India is also awaiting Russia's S400 surface-to-air missile systems, the delivery of which has been delayed by the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Russia has already delivered three units of the long-range missile systems to India under a \$5.5 billion deal. Singh said Russia has promised to deliver two more systems by next year. Air Chief Marshal Singh assumed charge as the new chief of the Indian Air Force on Monday. An accomplished fighter pilot with more than 5,000 hours of flying experience, the senior officer will be succeeding incumbent Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari who retired from service after helming the force for three years.

# Pawan Kalyan Faces Police Complaint in Tamil Nadu

A police complaint has been filed against Pawan Kalyan, the chief of the Janasena Party and Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. The complaint was lodged by an advocate named Vanchinathan, who accused Kalyan of making inappropriate comments regarding Tamil Nadu's Deputy Chief Minister Udayanidhi Stalin and minorities. Vanchinathan claimed that Kalyan's remarks incited sectarianism, particularly during a recent Varahi Sabha event held in Tirupati on October 3, where Kalyan criticized Stalin without directly naming him. During the Varahi Sabha, Pawan Kalyan made a controversial statement comparing Sanatana Dharma to a virus. He asserted that those who claim they will eradicate such beliefs are misguided. His comments were

interpreted as a direct reference to Udayanidhi Stalin, who had previously called for the eradication of Sanatana Dharma, likening it to diseases such as malaria and dengue. This exchange has intensified political tensions between leaders from Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, particularly as elections approach. Udayanidhi Stalin responded cryptically to Kalyan's remarks, stating, "Wait and see," suggesting that there may be more to come in this escalating political feud. The DMK spokesperson defended their party's stance, emphasizing that they do not target specific religions but rather speak against caste-based injustices. This ongoing conflict has drawn national attention, with implications for both regional politics and broader societal issues. The incident highlights the



increasingly charged political atmosphere in India, especially surrounding discussions of religious identity and communal harmony. As the situation unfolds, it remains to be seen how both leaders will navigate this controversy and what impact it may have on their respective parties ahead of the upcoming elections.

# PM Modi releases 18th instalment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi: Rs 20,000 cr distributed to farmers

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 18th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme in Washim, Maharashtra, on October 5, 2024. This significant event provided direct financial benefits to over 9.4 crore farmers nationwide, totaling more than Rs 20,000 crore through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), without any involvement of middlemen. The occasion was attended by prominent dignitaries, including the Governor of Maharashtra, C.P. Radhakrishnan; Minister of Agriculture, Government of India, Shivraj Singh Chouhan; Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh; Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Eknath Shinde; Deputy Chief Ministers Ajit Pawar and Devendra Fadnavis; and Minister of Soil & Water Conservation, Sanjay Rathod, who also served as the Guardian Minister for Washim and Yavatmal districts. Around 2.5 crore farmers joined the event, including



those at 732 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), over 1 lakh Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies, and 5 lakh Common Service Centres across the country through a webcast. Special events were also organized in various States and Union Territories, celebrating the day of the release as PM-KISAN Utsav Divas. The event marked a significant milestone in the government's ongoing efforts to support farmers and enhance their livelihoods through direct financial assistance. Launched on 24th February 2019, the PM-KISAN scheme provides Rs 6,000 annually to land-

holding farmers in three equal instalments. The Prime Minister will release the 18th instalment of PM-KISAN on 5th October. With the 18th instalment release, the total disbursement under the scheme will exceed Rs 3.45 lakh crore, supporting more than 11 crore farmers nationwide and further reaffirming the government's commitment to rural development and agricultural prosperity. In Maharashtra, about Rs 32,000 crores have been transferred to around 1.20 crore farmers in 17 instalments of the scheme, which is second highest among all the States in India. In the 18th instalment, around 91.51 lakh farmers will receive the benefits of over ₹1,900 crore. Alongside the PM-KISAN instalment distribution, the Prime Minister will also release the additional benefit of around ₹2,000 crore to the farmers of the Maharashtra under the 5th instalment of the Namo Shetkari Mahasamman Nidhi Yojana, to further support their efforts.

