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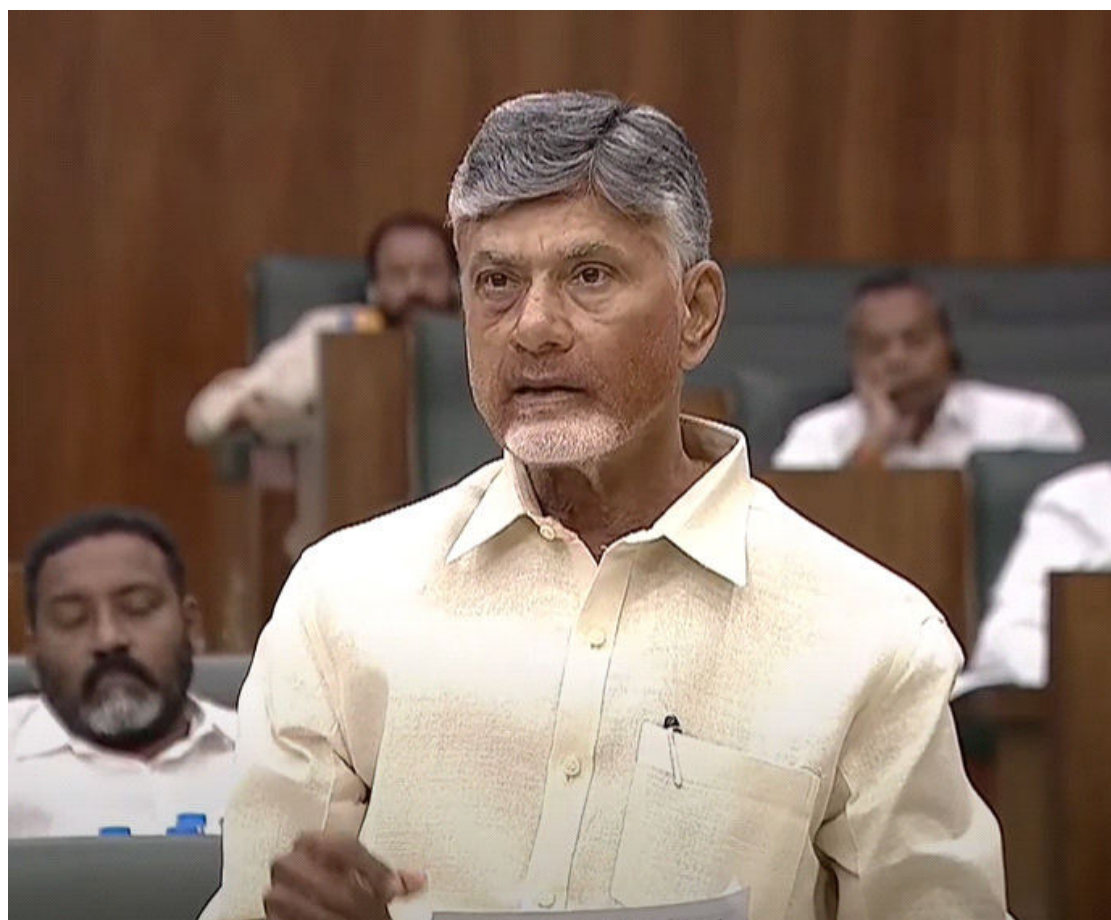


YCP Members Walk Out as Minister Exposes Hard Facts

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a heated discussion in the Legislative Council on the progress of medical college construction in Andhra Pradesh, Minister Satyakumar Yadav launched a scathing critique of former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's administration. Yadav accused Jagan of displaying bias in the allocation of funds for medical colleges, alleging that only Pulivendula College received adequate funding while other institutions were left underfunded, halting their development.

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Built a Palace Shamelessly... But Couldn't Enter It?



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: CM Chandrababu Naidu stated that the mistakes, debts, sins, and crimes of the previous government have become a curse for the state. He accused the former administration of robbing the state like never before through inefficient governance, anti-development decisions, exploitation of public wealth, tax evasion, and schemes designed for scams. These remarks were made during his budget speech.

He emphasized that fulfilling people's hopes requires time and effort, and miracles can-

not happen overnight. He said that progress is being made step by step, and the state, which was on a ventilator, is now recovering with the support of the Central Government.

"They Built a Palace but Couldn't Enter It!"

Chandrababu criticized the previous government for building a palace on Rushikonda at a cost of ₹430 crores. He expressed shock at the extravagance, questioning if palaces should be built with government funds.

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Dwarampudi From Headlines to Hide-and-Seek Champion

TPN, Avinash: In recent days, authorities in Andhra Pradesh have intensified their crackdown on abusive social media users, particularly targeting those involved in sharing morphed content and making derogatory remarks about women and children. Unsurprisingly, YSR Congress's social media teams have borne the brunt, with the party claiming that over 60 of their activists have been arrested so far.

As the heat turns toward politicians, demands have been growing from TDP and Janasena supporters to take action against figures like Kodali Nani, Vallabhaneni Vamsi, and Roja, who have long been accused of incendiary and

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AP Govt Partners with IIT Madras to Drive Technological Innovation

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a move aimed at leveraging advanced technology and transforming Andhra Pradesh into a hub of innovation, the state government has signed eight key agreements with IIT Madras. The agreements, formalized in the presence of IT, Electronics, and Education Minister Nara Lokesh, seek to make Amaravati an international city and extend the benefits of cutting-edge research and technology to the people of the state.

The collaboration was finalized after a series of productive discussions with IIT Madras representatives, with Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu also participating in initial talks. Minister Lokesh emphasized the state's commitment to partnering with renowned institutions for the holistic development of Andhra Pradesh.

Present at the event were Ministers Ponguru Narayana, Mandipalli Ramprasadar Reddy, BC Janardhan Reddy, Chief Minister's Secretary Pradyumna, and top officials including Kritika Shukla, Vijayaraj, and Yuvaraj. The IIT Madras delegation included Director Professor Vijnathan Kamakoti, Dean of Planning Ramanujam Sarathi, MJ Shankar Raman (CEO, IIT-M Pravartak Technologies Foundation), and other notable representatives.

Key agreements include:

- IITM-APCRDA Agreement:** Technical consultancy to establish a deep-tech research, design, innovation, and incubation park in Amaravati.
- IITM-AP Maritime Board Agreement:** Collaboration on marine research and coastal energy technologies.

- IITM-AP Skill Development Agreement:** Enhancing skill programs through platforms like Swayam Plus.
- IITM-AP Education Department Agreement:** Technical training for students and teachers through IITM Pravartak Vidya Shakti.
- IITM-Investment & Infrastructure Agreement:** Development of Kuppam and Puttaparthi airports as logistics hubs.
- IITM-IT Department Agreement:** Developing Visakhapatnam as an international internet gateway.
- IITM-RTGS Department Agreement:** Improving AI and data science infrastructure.
- IITM-Sports Department Agreement:** Establishing a smart, tech-enabled sports city in Amaravati.

This partnership reflects a critical step in the state's quest for technological leadership and innovative development.

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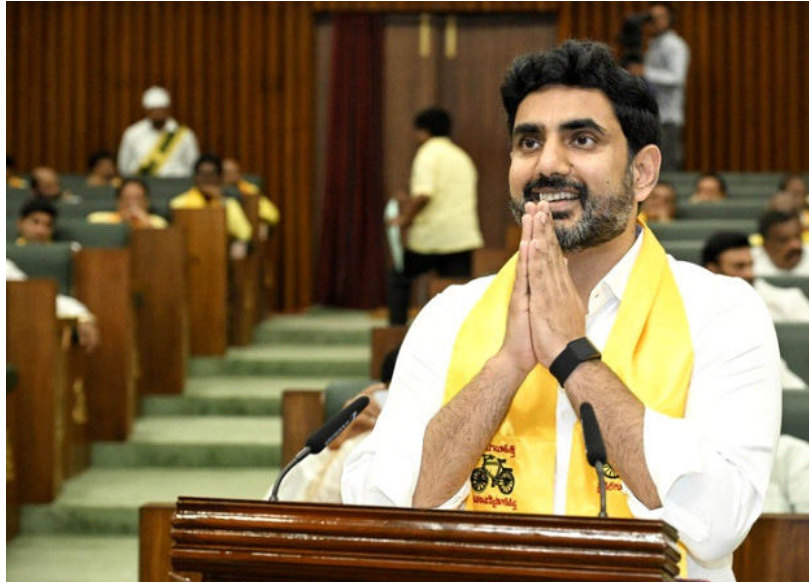
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Will make Govt Colleges Compete with Private Institutions - Minister Lokesh

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Nara Lokesh highlighted the significant reforms introduced in intermediate education under the coalition government to counter private institutions like Narayana. Speaking in the Legislative Assembly, he mentioned that government colleges are being developed to provide quality education comparable to private institutions. Lokesh criticized the previous government for failing to provide textbooks and adequate staff, which led to declining student enrollment. Since the coalition government came to power, there has been an increase of 15,000 admissions in government junior colleges, which he attributed to improved infrastructure and educational initiatives.



na, who recently provided valuable insights at a workshop aimed at enhancing the system. Additionally, Lokesh emphasized discussions with education authorities to address infrastructure, faculty, and materials in schools and colleges. A ranking mechanism for government schools is being introduced, and results will be reviewed regularly to keep parents informed. A statewide Mega Parent-Teach-

er Meeting (PTM) is planned for December, where MLAs will be involved in gathering feedback to improve schools.

Addressing specific issues, Lokesh assured that temporary arrangements for Tagarapuvulasa Degree College, which is currently operating in a KGBV School, would soon be replaced with a permanent solution. He also announced that construction of Simhachalam school

buildings would be completed within six months. Lokesh emphasized that there are 169 government degree colleges in 175 constituencies across the state, but 49 constituencies still lack one. Enrollment challenges were also highlighted, with Lokesh noting that while Bhimili boasts a 73 percent admission rate, Tagarapuvulasa lags at 36 percent. Overall, admissions in government degree colleges across AP remain below 50 percent.

The minister attributed the decline in admissions to issues such as inadequate faculty, poor infrastructure, and unsuitable teaching mediums. He acknowledged the growing demand for ITI programs and announced plans to make degree colleges more industry-focused, preparing students to meet workforce requirements. Lokesh reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening education in public institutions and ensuring they become strong competitors to private entities.

Efficient Implementation of Deepam-2 Scheme - Minister Nadendla Manohar



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Minister Nadendla Manohar highlighted the successful implementation of the Deepam-2 scheme, which provides three free gas cylinders per year to eligible families. Speaking in response to a query posed by MLCs Mrs. Varudu Kalyani and Mrs. S. Mangamma during the Legislative Council session on Friday, Manohar underscored the achievements of the initiative, launched by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan as part of the "Super Six" promises on October 31, 2024, as a Diwali gift.

ing the government's commitment to providing relief to the people. The state has allocated Rs.2,684 crores to fund the Deepam-2 scheme, with Rs.894 crores already handed over to petroleum companies for its first installment.

The scheme, which aims to benefit 1.55 crore gas cardholders in Andhra Pradesh, involves linking gas connection data with rice card databases for seamless implementation. Eligible families can book their first free cylinder between October 29, 2024, and March 31, 2025. Beneficiaries must initially pay for the cylinder, after which the full amount will be refunded within 48 hours of delivery.

Minister Manohar also refuted claims from opposition parties, labeling their efforts as attempts to spread misinformation and create doubt among the public. He assured that the scheme is being executed transparently and efficiently, with provisions for quick resolution of any issues through a toll-free number 1967.

Beneficiaries can avail themselves of three free cylinders annually, with bookings allowed once every four months. The government has emphasized transparency and swift service delivery, with bookings in urban areas fulfilled within 24 hours and rural areas within 48 hours.

Minister Manohar stated that within the last 15 days, 35,77,566 people booked their free gas cylinders, and 25,64,951 deliveries were completed. A total of Rs.141.17 crores has been deposited into the accounts of the beneficiaries, demonstrat-

Ex-Chairman of AP Fiber Net Gautham Reddy, Conspired to Murder the Landowner



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a shocking development, it has been discovered that Poonur Gautham Reddy, the former chairman of AP Fiber Net, not only occupied land using forged documents in Vijayawada but also conspired to kill the rightful owner who was fighting a legal battle. The sensational case revolves around the illegal land acquisition in Vijayawada's Satyanarayanapuram. Police have confirmed that Gautham Reddy orchestrated the recent attack on the owner, Ganduri Umamaheswara Shastri.

apprehend the remaining suspects. Several police officials joined the commissioner in the press conference on Thursday.

The victim, Umamaheswara Shastri, had been persistently seeking justice through the police, courts, and media to reclaim his seized land. Gautham Reddy allegedly conspired to cripple Shastri physically so that he could no longer fight the case. To execute this plan, Gautham Reddy engaged Prithviraj, a lawyer known for settlements, along with his associate Anil. The duo hired laborers, including Gaddam Vinod, Taluri Ganesh, Devalla Vamsi, and Uppattolla Ashokumar, for the task, providing them with ₹80,000 for expenses.

The accused attempted to attack Shastri twice—once on the night of the 31st of last month and again on the afternoon of the 6th of this month. On the 6th, four accused assaulted Shastri, beating him indiscriminately. The victim filed a complaint via phone, prompting police to intervene and arrest the attackers. During the investigation, the accused revealed that Anil had paid them ₹80,000. Further inquiries exposed the full conspiracy masterminded by Gautham Reddy.

It has been revealed that Gautham Reddy planned the attack and struck a ₹25 lakh supari deal. Police Commissioner SV Rajasekhara Babu disclosed the details during a media briefing, explaining that four accused have been detained so far, and special teams have been deployed to

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He also accused the former government of constructing lavish residences for their family members without hesitation, pointing out that seven blocks were built on Rushikonda.

He alleged that the environment was destroyed in the process, and despite objections from the NGT, High Court, and Supreme Court, the government misled the courts with false information. "They spent money to build a palace, but they couldn't even enter it," he said.

He further criticized the previous administration for allocating ₹400 crores to their own newspaper, Sakshi, and mandating its purchase through volunteers using public funds.

"Are Those Who Post Obscene Content Human or Cattle?"

Chandrababu lashed out at the abusive behavior on social media, questioning the character of those who post obscene content even about their own family members. "If people have stooped to making obscene postings about their mother-in-law, can we call them human? Or cattle?" he asked.

He affirmed that no leader or activist from the NDA alliance would post obscene content, and strict action would be taken against anyone who does so. "We will ensure that every girl child lives with dignity, and no girl is humiliated. We will enforce the law strictly," he added.

No Asset Creation, Only Button-Pushing Debts

Chandrababu criticized the previous administration for failing to create assets while accumulating debts. He accused them of destroying Amaravati, Polavaram, and the electricity sector, eroding investor confidence, and neglecting infrastructure. "No asset creation, no income growth, and taxes were increased while income decreased. Debts were taken just to press buttons, and assets were pledged," he remarked.

He highlighted that after coming to power, his government released seven white papers and designed the Swarnandhra Vision 2047. He added that the victory of 21 MPs in the recent elections had boosted Andhra Pradesh's standing in Delhi. "Without central cooperation, it's hard to imagine where the state would be," he noted.

Unmasking Political Criminals

Chandrababu vowed to adopt zero tolerance for crime and unmask those using politics as a shield for illegal activities. "YCP MLAs may not attend the House, but we have a responsibility to answer to the people," he said. He announced plans to introduce a tourism policy soon and reiterated the importance of Amaravati and Polavaram. He added that linking the Godavari, Krishna, and Penna rivers would eliminate drought in the state.

Promises to Keep People's Trust

Chandrababu assured that the Deepam-2 scheme under the Super-6 initiatives has already been implemented, with money for cylinders provided within 48 hours. He announced plans for home visits to one lakh houses by December and the allocation of three cents in villages and two cents in towns for housing plots.

He concluded by reaffirming his government's commitment to the people's trust. "In a democracy, people are the ultimate decision-makers. The last election was a revolution, and the anti-government vote unified under us. With the BJP joining the alliance, we achieved a 93 percent strike rate. This is the trust people have placed in us, and we will honor it one hundred percent," he said.

YCP Members...

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Yadav highlighted that the National Medical Council (NMC) had denied approval for the operation of medical colleges this year due to inadequate infrastructure and insufficient facilities for faculty. He placed the blame squarely on Jagan, asserting that his administration failed to prioritize the completion of these critical projects. Drawing a pointed comparison, Yadav remarked that while Jagan managed to build the Tadepalli Palace in just one year, he failed to ensure the timely development of medical colleges essential for the state's healthcare and education sectors. This, according to Yadav, reflected poor resource management and misplaced priorities during Jagan's tenure.

Govt Announces Delay in Mega DSC Notification Discusses Age Limit Increase for Candidates

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a recent statement, Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh clarified the government's position regarding the District Selection Committee (DSC) notification, which has been delayed. Originally expected to be released in the first week of this month, the notification has been postponed. However, Minister Lokesh assured that the recruitment process will be completed before the next academic year.

Speaking in the Assembly, Lokesh explained that the coalition government had prioritized DSC recruitment as part of its election promises. While the YSR Congress Party (YCP) did not initiate any DSC appointments during their tenure, the current government has moved swiftly to address the issue. Lokesh emphasized that the government is working diligently to ensure the recruitment process is legally sound and free from complications.

The Minister also announced that a decision regarding the age limit for DSC candidates would be made after consulting with the Chief Minister. He further noted that the government is in discussions with the Director General of Police (DGP) to review and potentially withdraw cases filed against teachers by the previous administration. Lokesh also mentioned a notification issued by the previous government for 6,100 DSC posts on February 12, 2024, but criticized it as lacking genuine follow-up. He reiterated that the new government is committed to delivering on its promises and filling the vacant teacher positions as soon as possible.

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inappropriate remarks. Yet, notably absent from the public eye and public discourse is former MLA Dwarampudi Chandrasekhara Reddy.

Once a vocal and controversial figure, Dwarampudi represented Kakinada City in the previous assembly term. Known for his aggressive rhetoric, he frequently clashed with political rivals. His most infamous moments include hurling abusive comments at Pawan Kalyan and his family after being called out for alleged corrup-

tion in East Godavari. He even threw down a gauntlet, claiming he would defeat Pawan in any East Godavari constituency.

Dwarampudi didn't stop there—he also made deeply offensive remarks about Nara Bhuvaneshwari in the state assembly, sparking widespread outrage. Adding to his controversies, the Civil Supplies Minister from Janasena, Nadendla Manohar, had accused him of running an illegal racket involving recycled ration rice exported through Kakinada Port. At the time, many believed Dwarampudi would be the first YSR Congress leader to face

legal consequences in the new government's tenure.

However, as weeks turned into months, the buzz around Dwarampudi's alleged misdeeds faded. He has since retreated into silence, refraining from public appearances or statements, perhaps hoping to quietly erase himself from the collective memory of the public and the government. For now, it seems Dwarampudi's calculated retreat has kept him off the radar. Whether this is a temporary reprieve or a long-term strategy remains to be seen.

Jagan as an Economic Terrorist, He Destroyed All the Systems - Payyavula

TPN, Amaravati: Minister Payyavula Keshav launched a scathing attack on former Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy during a speech in the Legislative Assembly, branding him an "economic terrorist" responsible for financial chaos in Andhra Pradesh over the last five years. Addressing the state budget, Payyavula accused the YCP government of incurring unmanageable debts and creating a financial crisis that has hindered progress.



ment across various sectors during Jagan's tenure, claiming "anarchy in every department." He expressed sorrow over reports of contractors driven to suicide due to the government's approach and highlighted the neglect of irrigation projects, particularly the delays and issues faced by the Polavaram project, including damage to the diaphragm wall.

He criticized the lack of transparency and accountability in the previous administration's spending, pointing out that Rs. 634 crores had been spent without the Legislature's approval, as noted by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). According to Payyavula, the YCP government's mishandling of finances drove industrialists away to neighboring states, creating an economic slump. He credited Minister Lokesh with working tirelessly to attract industries back to the state and rebuild investor confidence.

He further criticized the government's handling of education, stating that colleges withheld certificates from students due to unpaid fee reimbursements. Payyavula also raised questions about the "destruction of Amaravati" and alleged land grabs in Visakhapatnam, accusing the YCP of fostering disorder.

The minister emphasized that the current administration is working to rectify these issues and restore economic stability, while introducing terms such as "suitcase companies," "briefcase companies," and "quid pro quo" to describe alleged corrupt practices under the YCP regime.

Payyavula alleged widespread mismanage-

Minister Kollu Ravindra Counters MLC Duvvada Srinivas on AP Liquor Policy

TPN, Amaravati: Minister Kollu Ravindra strongly countered MLC Duvvada Srinivas's criticisms of Andhra Pradesh's liquor policy during a discussion in the Legislative Council on Friday. Defending the state's new liquor policy, Kollu Ravindra asserted that Andhra Pradesh has one of the most effective and transparent liquor policies in the country, claiming it has significantly reduced liquor prices compared to other states. He accused the previous YCP government of extensive corruption in the liquor trade, alleging a massive Rs. 18,000 crore "loot."



all liquor outlets, reversing the Jagan government's previous ban on such payments. The adoption of digital payments has reportedly boosted monthly transactions by 9% since June, enhancing revenue collection and reducing opportunities for corruption.

According to Kollu Ravindra, the new tender process for liquor shops has been transparent and has seen unprecedented interest, with a record 89,882 applications submitted for 3,396 shops. The lottery-based allocation process has helped generate Rs. 1,798 crore for the state treasury. The Minister highlighted that

Minister Ravindra stated that a vigilance inquiry had already examined the government's liquor policies, and further scrutiny by the CB CID is planned to identify any irregularities. He emphasized that all masterminds involved in liquor-related malpractices during the YCP regime would be exposed and held accountable.

The new liquor policy, which took effect on October 16, includes several reforms aimed at increasing transparency and improving state revenue. Digital payments have been introduced at

premium liquor brands will now be available across all shops, and sales will adhere to a regulated timeframe from 10 am to 10 pm.

In his remarks, Ravindra criticized the previous Jagan-led administration for violations and alleged mismanagement in liquor sales. He pledged strict action against any violations under the new system and expressed determination to ensure transparency and integrity in liquor sales across Andhra Pradesh.

They are all Very Close to NTR and Lakshmi Parvathi - Vijayasai Reddy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a pointed tweet, YCP MP Vijayasai Reddy targeted several senior leaders of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), claiming their loyalty to Chandrababu Naidu was questionable. He asserted that it is an undisputed historical truth that many of Chandrababu's current loyalists were once close allies of NTR and his wife, Lakshmi Parvathi, during the 1990s. Vijayasai described this association as a fact that cannot be ignored or rewritten, while also criticizing these leaders for their alleged defections during the period between 1994 and 1996.



Vijayasai Reddy also took aim at leaders such as Chandrababu Naidu, Yanamala Ramakrishnudu, and Ashok Gajapathiraju, alleging they distanced themselves from NTR and were effectively exiled from the party before eventually consolidating under Chandrababu's leadership.

"It is a shame that they claim to be loyal to Chandrababu by birth," Vijayasai remarked. "Moreover, they are deceiving the people." The YCP MP named several leaders, including Gorantla Butchiah Choudhary, Daadi Veerabhadra Rao, Makineni Pedarattaiyah, Pratibha Bharti, Kala Venkatarao, Chintakayala Ayyannapatradu, Gali Muddukrishnamanaidu, Chikkala Ramachandra Rao, Paritala Ravi, Gade Lingappa, Nukka Kashireddy, Gouthu Shivaji, and Gadde Baburao, as part of this group.

He recalled that after NTR's death, Lakshmi Parvathi's faction of the TDP failed to win any seats in the 1996 Lok Sabha elections, which prompted many of its members to join Chandrababu's party. "Between 1997-2004, they served in various capacities within the joint AP TDP cabinet or as MPs, but some were denied party positions," he stated, adding, "This is a permanent scar, and history will not forgive them."

Dr. Sunitha Reddy Met Kadapa SP Vidyasagar

- Social media posts by YCP activist Varra Ravindra Reddy were also discussed.
- Dr. Sunitha brought these issues to the SP's attention.
- Seeks Cooperation in Viveka Murder Case Investigation



TPN, Kadapa: Dr. Sunitha Reddy, daughter of the late YS Vivekananda Reddy, met Kadapa SP Vidyasagar on Friday to discuss her ongoing fight for justice in her father's murder case. During the meeting, Dr. Sunitha provided details of the case and requested full cooperation from the police to ensure that Viveka's killers are brought to justice. Her appeal underscores the family's continued determination to hold those responsible accountable through the ongoing CBI investigation.

Dr. Sunitha, who has been consistently

advocating for justice since her father's untimely demise, also discussed certain objectionable social media posts with YCP activist Varra Ravindra Reddy and brought these issues to the SP's attention. Following the meeting, Dr. Sunitha departed for Hyderabad.

In August, Dr. Sunitha had also met the former Kadapa SP, Harshavardhan Raju, after first approaching Home Minister Anita. During these meetings, she conveyed her deep concerns regarding the progress of the investigation. Dr. Sunitha voiced her grief and frustration, alleging that some local police personnel were providing support to the accused in her father's murder. She urged authorities to extend their full cooperation to the CBI, emphasizing that only through transparent and effective collaboration could justice be served.

The murder case of YS Vivekananda Reddy remains a high-profile investigation, with the family seeking closure and justice for the loss of their loved one. Dr. Sunitha's continued efforts reflect the family's determination and hope that the truth will be revealed and those responsible will be punished.

22 Complaints, 5 Cases in a Day, Posani Faces Legal Heat

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The previous YSR Congress government often drew criticism for its leaders' abrasive behavior and verbal attacks on the opposition. Adding fuel to the fire were personalities like Posani Krishna Murali and filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma (RGV), who frequently targeted prominent leaders such as Chandrababu Naidu, Nara Lokesh, and Pawan Kalyan with incendiary remarks.



However, with the NDA government now at the helm in Andhra Pradesh, the political atmosphere is shifting dramatically. The once unchecked verbal tirades are now

coming under scrutiny, and those who crossed the line during Jagan Mohan Reddy's tenure are beginning to face the consequences. Posani Krishna Murali tops this list of offenders.

Posani became infamous for his highly offensive comments, including derogatory remarks aimed at Pawan Kalyan and his daughter, as well as repeated insults directed at Chandrababu Naidu and Lokesh. These outbursts, which caused widespread outrage, are now coming back to haunt him.

In a dramatic turn of events, 22 com-

plaints were filed against Posani in various parts of Andhra Pradesh in a single day, highlighting the growing public and legal backlash against him. To compound his troubles, 5 additional cases were registered at different police stations on the same day.

Given the mounting legal pressure, it seems inevitable that the Andhra Pradesh police will soon summon Posani for questioning. As he finds himself entangled in this legal quagmire, Posani faces the real possibility of stringent action for the inflammatory statements he made during Jagan's tenure. What once seemed like unchecked rhetoric is now threatening to unravel Posani's impunity, signaling a new era of accountability in AP politics.

Yanamala Ramakrishna Calls for Strict Laws to Tackle Social Media Misuse

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former minister and senior TDP leader Yanamala Ramakrishna has made waves with his recent comments on the need for stricter regulations to address social media misuse. Yanamala expressed concerns about the growing influence of social media and its impact on traditional media, urging for stringent laws to curb indecency and prevent personal attacks. He shared his views through a post on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), emphasizing the potential dangers posed by social media when used irresponsibly.

Yanamala highlighted how social media has become a powerful communication medium, enabling direct connections and even influ-

encing governance. While acknowledging its potential for positive change, he warned against the misuse of social platforms for spreading fear and targeting individuals. "Social media indecency should be ruthlessly suppressed by bringing in strict laws to punish it. Otherwise, it becomes the biggest danger of people who don't know someone to insult the personality of someone they know," he tweeted.



The remarks have resonated with other political leaders who share concerns over the spread of misinformation and online harassment. Some leaders have demanded social media restrictions, arguing that certain posts create fear and undermine the credibility of traditional news outlets. They have warned social media users who troll and make offensive remarks to change their behavior or

face legal consequences. Political leaders have also pledged to defend the freedom of print and electronic journalists against online threats.

The discussion took a heated turn in the Legislative Council, where a war of words erupted between members of the ruling YCP and the opposition over social media-related arrests. An adjournment resolution to address the issue, proposed by YCP members, was rejected, leading to protests in the assembly and a clash between YCP and TDP members. Ministers and MLCs expressed their anger, questioning whether rude social media posts, particularly those targeting women, should be tolerated.

Yanamala's comments have intensified the ongoing debate about the role and regulation of social media in political discourse and public life, reflecting broader concerns over digital communication's influence on traditional norms.



5th National Yogasana Championship Concludes in Guwahati with Vibrant Participation

TPN, Vijayawada: The 5th Sub Junior & Junior National Yogasana Championship 2024-25, organized by Yogasana Bharat, was held with great fervor in Guwahati, Assam. The prestigious event, conducted under the auspices of the Assam Government, witnessed enthusiastic participation from boys and girls representing all states and union territories of India. The competitors showcased their talents across various categories, celebrating the art and discipline of Yogasana at a national level.

of dignitaries, including Yogasana Bharat President Udit Seth, General Secretary Dr. Jaydeep, Treasurer and Competition Director Rachit Kaushik, Asian Yogasana Treasurer Umesh Narang, and Assam Yogasana Sports Association President Bikash Goswami. The event was further graced by the presence of the Assam Sports Minister, adding to its significance.

A Stellar Performance by Andhra Pradesh

Approximately 20 boys and girls from

Andhra Pradesh participated in this grand championship, representing the state with pride and vigor. Among the key contributors to the success of the event was Karibandi Ramakrishna, who performed his duties as a judge with exceptional commitment and expertise, earning accolades from participants and organizers alike. Known for his profound knowledge of Yogasana and his dedication to the sport, Ramakrishna served as a pillar of support for the championship, ensuring fair and precise adjudication. His role not only elevated the standards of the competition but also brought recogni-

tion to Andhra Pradesh's contribution to Yogasana.

The President of the Yogasana Sports Association of Andhra Pradesh (YSAAP), Shrimati Anantaneni Radhika, was also present, showcasing her unwavering support for the state's budding talents. Andhra Pradesh's participants exhibited remarkable performances, competing fiercely for the top honors.

The championship concluded with a grand medal ceremony, where winners were awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals for their exceptional

performances. The event stood as a testament to the growing popularity of Yogasana as a sport and its role in promoting physical and mental well-being among India's youth.

This national championship not only celebrated the spirit of healthy competition but also underscored the importance of discipline, perseverance, and mindfulness that Yogasana embodies. With its successful conclusion, the event has further cemented Yogasana's position as a unifying and inspiring force across the country.



Ministerial Sub-Committee Meeting Held at Secretariat

TPN, Amaravati: A ministerial sub-committee meeting was held at the Secretariat, attended by Ministers Payyavula Keshav, Narayana, Kandula Durgesh, Kollu Ravindra, TG Bharat, and various senior officials. The meeting focused on the allotment of land to institutions in the capital region.

of land to various organizations. The discussion also included the allotment of land to new institutions that are being proposed for establishment in the region.

The meeting aimed to ensure that the allotment process is transparent, efficient, and beneficial for both existing and new organizations in the capital. Further decisions regarding these land allocations are expected to be made following detailed assessments.

The committee reviewed the land allotments made during the previous TDP government, discussing the distribution

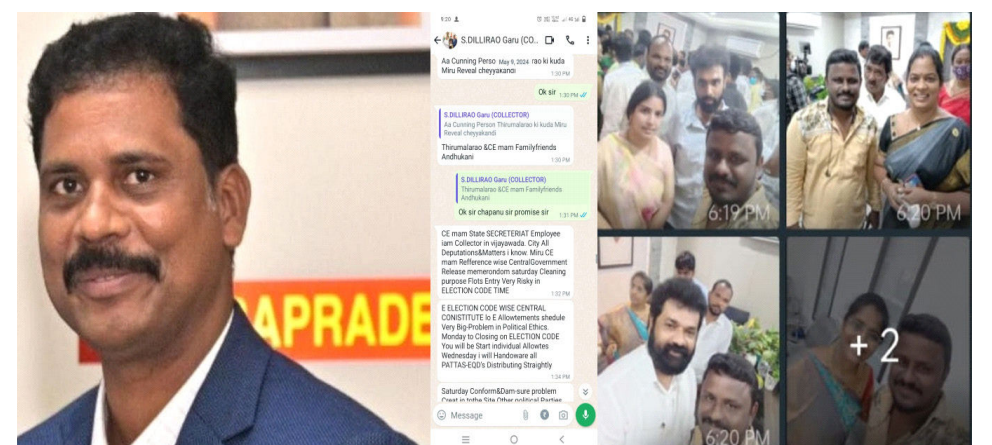
Minister Satya Kumar Yadav Launches Children's Holistic Health Protection Program

TPN, Vijayawada: The Minister of Health, Family Welfare, Medical Education, and District In-charge, Mr. Satya Kumar Yadav, emphasized the need for collective efforts to build a healthy Andhra Pradesh by identifying diseases and deficiencies early and providing prompt treatment. He made this statement during the inauguration of the Children's Holistic Health Protection Program at Koneru Basavayya Chaudhary Zilla Parishad High School in Patamata on Friday. The Minister ex-

plained that this initiative, part of the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya programme, aims to screen children aged 0 to 18 years for 44 health issues and provide free treatment. Medical examinations will be conducted for approximately 68 lakh children across the state, including those in Anganwadis, schools, and high schools. The program will focus on diagnosing and treating congenital defects, childhood diseases, developmental issues, and disabilities.

Crores Looted in the Name of IAS Officer Delhi Rao, Jogi Ramesh's Followers Accused

TPN, Vijayawada: Followers of Jogi Ramesh from Pezhonipet have been accused of defrauding people by collecting crores of rupees under the guise of allotting JNNURM house plots in Vambe Colony, Kabela.



Jogi and his associates allegedly collected money from over 1,000 individuals, charging ₹3 to ₹4 lakhs for each house plot. In this scheme, Assistant Commissioner of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, Neelima Rani, and IAS officer Delhi Rao are reported to have close ties with the accused. Minister Jogi Ramesh is alleged to have obtained permission from the Central Government for 500 JNNURM plots under the pretense of setting up a society. His followers—Prattipati Chandu, Prattipati Kalyani, Kollatti Hari Babu, and Kollatti Nagaraju—are accused of collecting more than ₹50 crores from unsuspecting individuals.

The accused reportedly used fake emails and WhatsApp chats to convince victims that Municipal Corporation Assistant Commissioner Neelima Rani was directly involved in the allocation of the plots. Furthermore, they allegedly produced counterfeit certificates of Central Government approvals to bolster their credibility.

The victims claim that Jogi Ramesh's followers assured them that house titles would be provided af-

ter the 2024 elections. They alleged that the accused told them the titles would be issued once the ruling government came to power in May.

Many victims who paid money for the house plots have been left destitute, with some even falling into extreme despair. Reports indicate that one woman died of a heart attack after discovering she had been scammed, while another attempted suicide. Victims who approached the police with complaints were allegedly threatened instead of receiving help. They claim they were treated disrespectfully at police stations, while the accused were given undue protection.

Upon learning about the fraudulent activities of Jogi Ramesh's followers, some victims took matters into their own hands, bringing Prattipati Chandu and Prattipati Kalyani to the Satyanarayanapuram police station. However, the victims allege that the

police failed to take immediate action. They argue that if Kalyani had been arrested and interrogated that day, a case would have been registered in their favor. Instead, Chandu, Kalyani, Kollatti Hari Babu, and Kollatti Nagaraju allegedly absconded, reportedly with the support of an individual named SS Shabbir.

Two days ago, victims filed a complaint at the Ajit Singh Nagar police station, leading to questioning and a case being registered against the accused. However, the victims allege that the Public Prosecutor and her husband are working behind the scenes to protect Chandu, Kalyani, Hari Babu, and Nagaraju.

The victims continue to demand justice and accountability for the financial and emotional harm caused by the fraudulent scheme. The alleged involvement of influential individuals has sparked public outrage and calls for an impartial investigation.

Kakinada Subbaiah Gari Hotel Seized in Vijayawada

TPN, Vijayawada: Kakinada Subbaiah Gari Hotel, a renowned chain with branches across the Telugu states, has been seized by food safety authorities after a shocking incident in its Vijayawada branch. The hotel, famous for its delectable food, found itself at the center of controversy when a customer discovered a leg jerry (a type of insect) in their meal.

officials were alerted, and a formal complaint was lodged against the hotel. The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation's food safety team swiftly inspected the premises, leading to the seizure of the hotel. Food samples from the restaurant were collected and sent for laboratory testing to ensure the safety and quality of the food served.

The incident occurred when a customer, dining at the Vijayawada branch, was served food that contained the unwanted surprise. The discovery sparked outrage, especially as Vijaya Bharati Sayani, the in-charge chairman of the Central Human Rights Commission, was also dining there at the time. She immediately expressed her anger towards the hotel management for such negligence.

This incident has raised concerns about food hygiene in restaurants and hotels, especially as similar cases of unsanitary conditions, spoiled food, and substandard ingredients have been reported in several establishments. Many people are now hesitant to dine out due to the fear of encountering such unhygienic practices, further eroding trust in food service providers. The authorities have assured that strict action will be taken against any establishments found guilty of such negligence in the future.

Following her intervention, food safety



Mudragada Reddy Writes Letter to CM Chandrababu

TPN, Avinash: Kapu community leader Mudragada Padmanabham faced a tough blow this election season after staunchly backing the YCP, confident that Jagan Mohan Reddy would return as Chief Minister. His confidence was so unwavering that he boldly declared he would adopt the surname "Reddy" if YCP failed to secure victory. Unfortunately for him, YCP's dismal performance, with just 11 seats, forced him to follow through on his word.



Post-elections, Mudragada maintained a relatively low profile, refraining from making waves in political circles. However, he broke his silence today with a strongly-worded open letter addressed to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

The underlying tone of the letter suggests an intent to discredit the NDA government, despite the Chandrababu administration being only five months into its term. Mudragada's remarks appear to be an outright attack, sparing no criticism of the ruling government.

In the letter, Mudragada Reddy accused Chandrababu of climbing to power on a foundation of "Super Six" promises he claimed were unrealistic and fiscally irresponsible. He alleged that these promises were nothing more than electoral bait, branding Chandrababu as a "Cunning Chief Minister" in his sharp critique.

Yet, questions arise about the impact of Mudragada's letter. While his sharp rhetoric might have resonated during his active Kapu activism, his current alignment with YCP reduces the weight of his words for many. As a result, his letter may struggle to gain significant traction in the public domain.

TDP Fires Back with Proof: Will Ambati Rambabu Keep His Promise?

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: TDP leader Nara Lokesh delivered a fiery speech in the assembly yesterday, taking YCP to task over repeated personal attacks on his family. Lokesh reminded the assembly of the disgraceful incident when YCP MLAs had made disparaging remarks about his mother, Nara Bhuvaneshwari, despite her not being a part of the proceedings.



In a bid to downplay the matter, YCP MLA Ambati Rambabu issued a bold statement, claiming, "If Lokesh can prove that his mother was insulted in the assembly, I will publicly apologize and quit politics."

derogatory remarks about Chandrababu's family, using highly inappropriate language aimed at humiliating them. The video evidence directly contradicts Ambati's denial, exposing his statements as baseless.

Ambati's challenge seemed audacious, considering that this very incident was the reason Chandrababu Naidu had walked out of assembly sessions in 2022. However, TDP wasted no time in responding.

"Ambati's attempt to rewrite history is appalling. Now that TDP has presented undeniable evidence, will he honor his word and resign from politics?" asked a TDP supporter. The situation has escalated, with TDP supporters demanding accountability from Ambati Rambabu and calling for him to follow through on his promise.

A TDP-affiliated social media account shared a clip from the AP Assembly during the YCP regime. In the video, Ambati is seen making

Jagan's Boycott Boosts Lokesh's Image in Council

TPN, Avinash: Legislative Assembly sessions are often a stage for public scrutiny, as people watch to evaluate how their representatives perform. However, YSR Congress Party chief Jagan Mohan Reddy has taken an unconventional route by boycotting the Assembly altogether. Reportedly, Jagan's decision stems from his reluctance to sit in the Opposition benches with just 11 MLAs, leaving his party absent from crucial Assembly proceedings. Adding to this, Jagan has instructed his MLAs to skip the Assembly as well.



While the YSR Congress MLAs stay away, their MLCs continue to participate in the Legislative Council, where the party holds a majority, and the Chairman is also from YSR Congress. The TDP will not attain a majority in the Council until 2027, giving YSR Congress a stronghold. Yet, despite this numerical advantage, the Council sessions are proving to be an unexpected stage for TDP leader Nara Lokesh.

YSR Congress attempted to disrupt Council proceedings by demanding discussions on the arrests of their social media activists. But Minister Nara Lokesh, with his sharp oratory and focused responses, dominated the session. His impassioned speech, where he reiterated

the offensive comments YSR Congress members had made about his mother and vowed to hold them accountable, has gone viral across television and social media platforms.

Interestingly, YSR Congress's LoP in the Council, Botsa Satyanarayana, has been unable to counter Lokesh effectively. Despite the party's majority, Botsa's lackluster performance has failed to challenge Lokesh's growing dominance. Lokesh's speeches are resonating with the public, gaining significant traction, and eclipsing the attention YSR Congress might have hoped for in the Council.

By boycotting the Assembly, Jagan has unintentionally redirected public attention to the Council, where Lokesh has seized the moment. This scenario is shaping up to be a political opportunity for Lokesh, as he consolidates his image as a strong, articulate leader, making the most out of Jagan's strategic misstep.

Cabinet Rank for Madhavi Reddy: A Bold Move by TDP

TPN, Kadapa: Kadapa MLA R. Madhavi Reddy has been appointed as the Government Whip in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly, along with being granted Cabinet rank status. This recognition comes in her first term as an MLA, marking a significant milestone in her political journey.



Madhavi Reddy, known for her fiery and fearless approach, has been making waves by challenging the feudal dominance of YSR Congress leaders in her district. Her appointment, however, has sparked discontent among some TDP leaders in Kadapa. Their unease stems not from being overlooked themselves but from the prospect of Madhavi overshadowing them within the district, given her growing prominence.

region long dominated by Reddy and minority voters loyal to YSR Congress. Madhavi Reddy's win in the Kadapa Assembly was particularly noteworthy. She defeated Deputy CM Amjad Basha with a resounding majority of 18,860 votes, making history as the first woman candidate fielded by TDP for this seat.

Madhavi's victory and leadership qualities underscore her potential to transform the political dynamics of Kadapa. A highly educated and articulate leader, she resonates strongly with women and educated voters, making her an ideal figure to spearhead change in the district. Her ability to communicate with clarity and conviction sets her apart as a rising star within the party.

Chandrababu Naidu's decision to elevate Madhavi Reddy is a strategic move to empower women and engage educated voters in the region. By giving her more opportunities, TDP can build a stronger presence in Kadapa and challenge YSR Congress's entrenched dominance. Despite local resistance, Madhavi's rise could prove instrumental in reshaping the district's political landscape and positioning TDP as a formidable force in upcoming elections.

The recent elections were a turning point for TDP in Kadapa district, with the party reducing YSR Congress to just three seats—a remarkable shift in a

Actress Jethwani Case: Judgment on Vidyasagar's Bail Petition Today

- The case of actress Jethwani, which created a sensation across the state.
- Hearing held in Vijayawada court on the bail petition of Kukkala Vidyasagar.
- Advocate Srinivasa Rao, representing Jethwani, pleaded against granting bail to Vidyasagar.



TPN, Vijayawada: A hearing on the bail plea of Kukkala Vidyasagar, the prime accused in the sensational Bollywood actress Kadambari Jethwani case, was held in the Vijayawada court on Thursday. A few days ago, Kadambari Jethwani filed a complaint with the Ibrahimpatnam police, alleging that she was framed in a false case, arrested, and harassed. Subsequently, a case was registered against YCP leader Kukkala Vidyasagar.

Vidyasagar, who had been on the run in this case, was recently apprehended by the police in Dehradun. After his arrest, he was produced in court, and the judge ordered his remand. Following this, Vidyasagar approached the court seeking bail.

During Thursday's hearing, advocate Srinivasa Rao, representing Jethwani,

presented his arguments. He asserted that granting bail to Vidyasagar could compromise the investigation. He also alleged that certain IPS officers had extended support to the accused.

Srinivasa Rao informed the court that Jethwani was unjustly imprisoned for 42 days based on fabricated documents. He argued that if Vidyasagar is granted bail, the truth might not emerge, and there is a strong possibility that the accused might abscond.

After hearing arguments from both sides, the judge reserved the verdict on the bail petition. The judgment will be announced on the 16th of this month (tomorrow). Meanwhile, it is noteworthy that the government has suspended three senior police officers implicated in this case.

50,000 Crore Investment Near Vizag Foundation Stone to Be Laid This Month

TPN, Vizag: With a change in government earlier this year, Andhra Pradesh's development and welfare initiatives have gained momentum, placing the state back on the path of progress. The state has been actively drawing significant investments from top-tier companies, with recent announcements from industry giants like Tata and Reliance marking a new era of industrial growth. Adding to this list, NTPC, a central government-owned enterprise, is set to establish India's largest green hydrogen production facility near Visakhapatnam.

The project, spearheaded by NTPC Green, will be developed as a Green Hydrogen Production Hub at Pudimadaka village in Atchutapuram Mandal. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to lay the foundation stone for the ambitious project on November 29. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu shared this milestone announcement in the assembly today.

Spread over a sprawling 1,200 acres, the facility is a collaborative effort between NTPC and AP Genco. The total investment for the project is estimated at a staggering ₹84,700 crore, with the potential to generate 25,000 direct and indirect jobs.

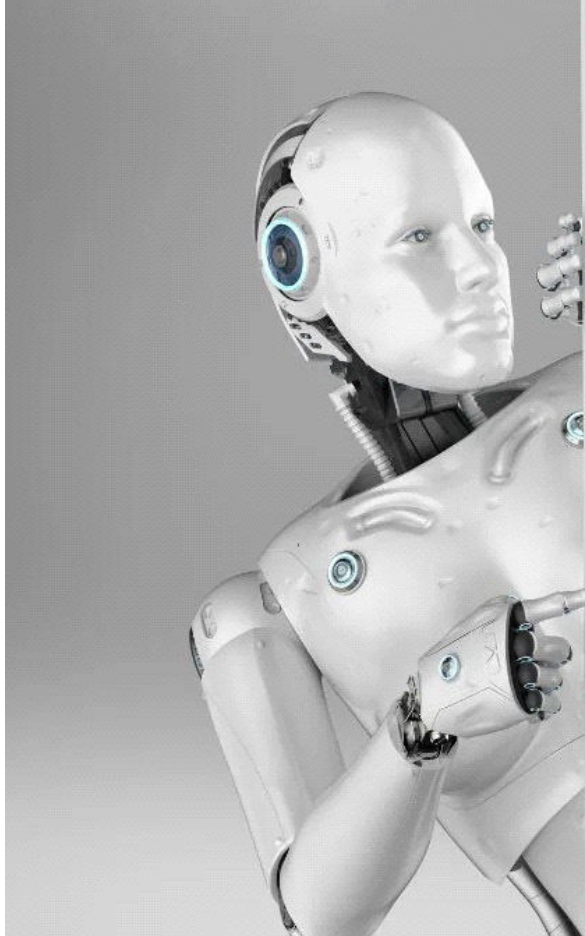
The hub is projected to produce 1,200 tons of green hydrogen daily, which will be further processed into export-grade green ammonia and green methanol. Additionally, the facility is expected to generate 20 gigawatts of clean electricity, making it a significant contributor to India's renewable energy goals.

This monumental project not only positions Andhra Pradesh as a leader in green energy but also marks a pivotal moment in the state's journey towards economic transformation and sustainable development.





AI and Accountability: Learning from the Bhopal Tragedy



The Bhopal disaster of 1984, when a gas leak from the Union Carbide pesticide plant killed thousands and left many more injured, remains one of the most devastating industrial accidents in history. The tragedy wasn't just an unfortunate accident—it was the result of ignored warnings, neglected safety measures, and a failure to prioritize human life over profit. Today, as artificial intelligence (AI) becomes increasingly integrated into every facet of our lives, we must ask: are we repeating history by neglecting to regulate this powerful, evolving technology before it causes irreversible harm?

The term "Responsible AI" has become the tech industry's latest buzzword. Much like "eco-friendly" or "corporate social responsibility," it is often used by companies to project a sense of ethical responsibility without the necessary mechanisms for real accountability. In practice, these claims can be little more than a marketing strategy, a way to shield corporations from scrutiny while failing to ensure that AI systems are developed and used safely. Just as "greenwashing" masks a company's true environmental impact, "Responsible AI" often serves to deflect concerns without offering real

solutions or oversight.

As AI technology evolves, two opposing views dominate the debate on its regulation. The first advocates for minimal regulation, allowing AI to evolve naturally, trusting that companies will self-regulate based on their "Responsible AI" principles. The second view, however, is far more cautious, warning that AI could soon become a fundamental threat to humanity if left unchecked. Proponents of this view argue for strict, preemptive regulations to ensure AI doesn't evolve in harmful ways, similar to the regulation of nuclear energy or biological weapons.

The risks posed by AI are already evident. AI systems, unlike traditional technologies, can adapt and learn on their own. When trained on biased or flawed data, AI can perpetuate existing inequalities, making harmful decisions that impact people's lives. From wrongful arrests due to flawed facial recognition technology to biased credit scoring algorithms, the consequences of AI errors can be devastating.

In India, AI is increasingly being used across

various sectors, from agriculture to education, raising concerns about privacy, data security, and civil liberties. The use of AI in predictive policing, for example, has sparked debates about surveillance and human rights. These local examples show that the risks of AI are not just global concerns but affect individuals and communities in real, tangible ways.

To ensure AI doesn't repeat the mistakes of the past, we need concrete actions. These include building in safety mechanisms to prevent unethical or autonomous actions, establishing regular monitoring and audits, and implementing tiered regulations for high-risk sectors like healthcare and finance. Independent regulatory bodies, transparency requirements, and greater focus on human rights are also critical in safeguarding society from the unchecked power of AI.

The Bhopal tragedy teaches us that neglecting accountability in the pursuit of profit can lead to catastrophic consequences. We cannot afford to make the same mistake with AI. The time to act is now—before the technology outpaces our ability to control it.

Pali: The Civilisational Bridge Connecting India To Its Global Buddhist Heritage

The recent recognition of Pali as a classical language by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has garnered widespread praise from scholars and religious leaders across the Buddhist world. This move, seen as a significant cultural milestone, has sparked enthusiasm not only within India but also throughout the countries of Southeast Asia, where Pali holds immense spiritual and cultural importance.

A key moment in this global celebration came at the recently concluded conference on 'Pali: India's Classical Language and the Legacy of the Buddha,' held in Sarnath. The event, which took place at the historic Mulagandha Kuti Vihara, located near the iconic Dhamek Stupa, featured leading scholars and Buddhist monks who lauded the decision to elevate Pali to classical status. One such scholar-monk from Sri Lanka spoke passionately about how Pali had been instrumental in the cultural and spiritual regeneration of Sri Lanka, emphasizing its central role in the preservation and transmission of Buddhist teachings.

In his address, the scholar highlighted how Pali not only shaped the religious landscape of Sri Lanka but also facilitated a broader intellectual and cultural revival across Southeast Asia. "Pali is crucial to understanding the linguistic evolution of India and Southeast Asia," he noted, reinforcing the language's



significance beyond religious texts.

The conference was jointly organized by the Maha Bodhi Society of India, the Anagarika Dharmapala International Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, and the Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation. It saw a gathering of eminent scholars who shared their expertise on Pali's role in the historical, philosophical, and cultural development of Buddhist communities across the world.

This recognition of Pali as a classical language has not only been a moment of pride for the Buddhist world but also for India, acknowledging the language's profound impact on the region's linguistic and cultural heritage. By granting Pali this status, India has taken an important step in preserving and promoting its ancient traditions, fostering deeper connections with its neighbors and the broader Buddhist community.



Delhi's Air Quality Crisis: A Political and Economic Impasse

Delhi is once again grappling with a thick blanket of smog, as air quality levels have plunged further this week, with certain areas hitting the "severe" category on the Air Quality Index (AQI). Anand Vihar recorded an AQI of 473, while other parts like Dwarka, RK Puram, and Mundka also saw dangerously high levels. This persistent air quality crisis highlights the deep-rooted failures in governance, policy enforcement, and political will to address pollution at its source.

Every winter, Delhi faces a sharp rise in air pollution, primarily driven by factors such as crop stubble burning, vehicular emissions, and industrial pollutants. However, the lack of coordinated efforts among the Central and state governments, particularly Punjab and Haryana, where stubble burning remains a major contributor, continues to aggravate the problem. The Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), designed to mitigate pollution based on severity, remains limited in scope and effectiveness. Its seasonal focus and uneven implementation have failed to address the long-term environmental and public health risks posed by Delhi's pollution.

The situation is further complicated by political infighting and lack of cooperation. Delhi's political leaders often blame neighboring states like Punjab and Haryana for the smog, particularly the practice of crop burning. However, while penalties for stubble burning exist, they are rarely enforced, and farmers are offered few alternatives. Lack of adequate support, such as subsidies for eco-friendly equipment like the Happy Seeder, prevents farmers from shifting to sustainable practices. Moreover, the broader economic policies, including subsidized electricity for agriculture, further entrench unsustainable and polluting farming methods.

These challenges are compounded by weak regulatory enforcement. While laws exist to curb pollution from industries, vehicles, and construction activities, they are not consistently implemented. During peak pollution periods, measures such as the removal of polluting vehicles from Delhi's roads are slow and ineffective. Similarly, efforts to address stubble burning are undermined by political reluctance to impose stricter penalties without providing economic incentives or alternatives for farmers.

Delhi's air pollution crisis requires year-round, holistic solutions rather than temporary measures. Coordinated efforts across all levels of government, better enforcement of existing policies, and meaningful incentives for farmers to adopt eco-friendly technologies are crucial to ensuring lasting improvements in air quality. Without these systemic reforms, Delhi will continue to face severe pollution episodes every winter, with devastating consequences for its residents' health and well-being.

Nuclear Renaissance: Uranium Stocks Surge Amid Growing Interest in Nuclear Energy

In recent weeks, the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) has seen a noticeable surge in the stock prices of companies involved in uranium mining and nuclear energy production. This uptick suggests a potential revival of nuclear energy, signaling the beginning of a "nuclear renaissance" after decades of stagnation. Following the Fukushima disaster in 2011, the nuclear industry faced a significant downturn as public concerns about safety and environmental impacts led to an aversion to nuclear power. However, a combination of growing energy demand, environmental challenges, and shifting policy priorities has contributed to a renewed interest in nuclear energy.

One of the primary drivers behind this resurgence is the increasing emphasis on reducing carbon emissions to combat climate change. As countries set ambitious targets to achieve net-zero emissions, nuclear energy—despite its controversial history—has reemerged as a viable low-carbon alternative to fossil fuels. Unlike renewable sources like solar or wind, which depend on weather conditions, nuclear power pro-



vides a stable and reliable energy source capable of meeting the energy needs of industrialized nations. This reliability, paired with its ability to produce large amounts of energy with minimal greenhouse gas emissions, positions nuclear energy as a critical part of the energy transition.

In addition to the environmental motivations, the growing geopolitical tensions and energy security concerns, particularly in Europe, have also fueled

interest in nuclear energy. As countries look to diversify their energy sources and reduce dependency on unstable regions for oil and gas, nuclear power offers a strategic option. The war in Ukraine, for example, has highlighted the vulnerability of relying on energy imports, spurring several nations to reconsider nuclear power as part of their energy mix.

Companies involved in uranium mining, the essential fuel for nuclear reactors, are seeing significant stock growth as the market anticipates a potential surge in demand. With uranium prices reaching multi-year highs and new nuclear projects being proposed globally, investors are betting on the long-term potential of nuclear energy.

Despite the positive momentum, the nuclear industry still faces challenges, including high initial investment costs, regulatory hurdles, and concerns over waste disposal. However, the current trend suggests that nuclear energy is poised for a resurgence, positioning it as a crucial player in the global push for clean and secure energy solutions.

Amit Shah Challenges Rahul Gandhi to Praise Veer Savarkar and Bal Thackeray



Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday launched a scathing attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, challenging him to publicly praise historical figures Veer Savarkar and Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray. Shah's remarks were made during a rally in Hingoli, Maharashtra, ahead of the state assembly elections scheduled for November 20.

Shah dared Rahul Gandhi, urging Uddhav Thackeray, leader of the Shiv Sena, to compel Rahul to speak "two good words" about Veer Savarkar and Bal Thackeray. He criticized the opposition leader for distancing himself from figures like Savarkar, who played a significant role in India's freedom struggle, and Bal Thackeray, a prominent leader in Maharashtra's political history.

The Home Minister also took aim at Rahul Gandhi and the Congress party over their stance on Article 370. Shah reminded the crowd that Rahul Gandhi's party had passed a resolution calling for the reinstatement of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, a provision that granted special autonomy to the region. "Rahul Baba, listen carefully, not only you but even your fourth generation cannot bring back Article 370," Shah said, reiterating the government's firm stance on the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

Shah's comments also reflected his confidence in the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) growing influence across India. He pointed to the recent Haryana state elections, where the BJP secured a third consecutive term, defeating the opposition Congress. "Look at the results, Congress was wiped out in Haryana, and BJP formed the government. This is the power of democracy," Shah said, highlighting the BJP's electoral success as proof of the public's faith in the party's leadership.

Shah's remarks are seen as part of the BJP's ongoing campaign to consolidate its support base in Maharashtra ahead of the upcoming elections, with the party continuing to target the opposition on issues related to nationalism, regional identity, and governance.

Omar Abdullah Stirs Debate on Indus Water Treaty and J&K's Power Crisis



A fresh political debate erupted after Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah criticized the Indus Water Treaty, calling it unfair to the region and a key reason behind the ongoing electricity shortages in the state. His comments sparked a political slugfest, with opponents accusing him of echoing the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) narrative on the controversial treaty.

At a conference for power ministers of states and Union Territories, Omar Abdullah highlighted how the Indus Water Treaty, signed between India and Pakistan in 1960, limits Jammu and Kashmir's ability to harness its full hydropower potential. He argued that the treaty's restrictions have hampered the region's development, especially during winter when power generation from hydropower projects slows down due to reduced water flow.

Omar's remarks pointed to the heavy price J&K pays in the winter months, when electricity shortages are exacerbated by low hydropower output. "The treaty restricts Jammu and Kashmir from realizing its full hydel potential," he said, suggesting that the region's energy woes were partly due to the limitations imposed by the agreement. While his National Conference (NC) party stood by him, asserting that Omar had not called for revoking the treaty, the opposition quickly pounced on his comments. Critics claimed he was parroting the BJP's line, which has often questioned the fairness of the treaty, particularly with regard to the distribution of river water between India and Pakistan.

Tribals ignored by past regimes: PM Modi in Jamui

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his visit to Jamui on Friday, congratulated the tribal community on the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' (Tribal Pride Day) and lauded their contributions to the Swachh Bharat Mission. The Prime Minister's visit coincided with several important religious celebrations, including Kartik Purnima, Dev Deepawali, and the 500th Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He also marked the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a revered tribal freedom fighter, emphasizing his significant role in India's history.



Addressing a massive gathering in Jamui, PM Modi extended his greetings to the tribal community, expressing deep respect for their history and culture. He also praised their ongoing efforts towards cleanliness under the Swachh Bharat Mission, calling it a monumental achievement for the

community.

The Prime Minister then took the opportunity to criticize the Congress-led governments for neglecting the tribal communities in the post-independence era, which he said left them in a state

of deprivation. Modi asserted that the welfare of tribal communities has been a top priority for the BJP-led NDA government since the time of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Highlighting the government's

efforts, PM Modi mentioned several key welfare schemes aimed at uplifting tribal communities. These include the Rs 24,000 crore JanMan Yojana for the most backward tribal areas, the construction of homes and roads to integrate these communities with the broader national mainstream, and a significant increase in funds allocated for their welfare — from Rs 25,000 crore to Rs 1,25,000 crore.

The Prime Minister also announced the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan, an ambitious project that will see Rs 80,000 crore invested over the next few years to develop 60,000 tribal villages, with a focus on training the youth and promoting eco-tourism. Furthermore, he spoke about the upcoming Eklavya schools network, which will offer education in medical, engineering, and other fields in the tribal communities' native languages.

Why Bihar hasn't been granted Special Category Status: Congress asks PM



The Congress party launched a strong attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, questioning why Bihar has not been granted Special Category Status (SCS), despite the Prime Minister's previous promises to do so.

In a scathing statement, Congress General Secretary for Communications, Jairam Ramesh, raised concerns over the delay in fulfilling a key promise made by Modi during his election campaigns. Ramesh pointed out that the Prime Minister had pledged to grant Special Category Status to Bihar to support the state's economic growth and address its developmental challenges. However, despite being in power for over a decade, the BJP-led government has failed to deliver on this promise, Ramesh noted.

"Why has Bihar been denied Special Category Status, even after Modi's repeated assurances? The people of Bihar are still waiting for the Prime Minister to honor his commitment," Ramesh said during a press briefing. He further criticized the Modi government for ignoring the state's long-standing demand, which has been a key issue for the political leadership in Bihar.

Special Category Status was sought by Bihar as a means to secure additional financial assistance from the central government to boost infrastructure, education, and healthcare in the state. Bihar, which is one of the poorest and most backward states in India, has long struggled with issues of poverty, unemployment, and underdevelopment. The demand for Special Category Status is seen as a way to address these concerns and ensure equitable growth for the state.

Ramesh also questioned why the Modi government had not acted on the matter, despite the state's economic and social challenges. He accused the BJP of being indifferent to Bihar's needs, while offering promises during elections without following through on them.

The issue of Special Category Status for Bihar has been a point of contention between state and central governments for years. Bihar's ruling Nitish Kumar-led alliance, as well as opposition leaders, have repeatedly raised this demand in various forums, but it has not materialized under the current government.

As the political discourse heats up in Bihar, Congress's attack on Modi is expected to fuel further debate on the unfulfilled promises of the ruling BJP, particularly in the run-up to upcoming elections.

Rahul Gandhi calls PM Modi a 'puppet of billionaires'



As the election campaign in Jharkhand and Maharashtra intensified, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing him of being a "puppet of billionaires" and prioritizing their interests over the welfare of the common people.

During a rally on Friday, Rahul Gandhi reiterated his criticism of the Modi government, claiming that the Prime Minister was working to benefit a handful of billionaires, at the expense of India's poor and marginalized communities. Gandhi's remarks are seen as part of his broader campaign to highlight economic inequalities under the current government.

"Modi is not serving the people of India, he is serving the interests of a few billionaires. He is a puppet who dances to their tunes," Rahul Gandhi said, addressing a crowd during an election rally. He further alleged that the government's policies, including tax cuts for the wealthy and eco-

nomical measures that benefit big corporations, have led to rising inequalities in the country.

The Congress leader's comments also focused on the economic hardships faced by the poor, accusing the government of ignoring the struggles of farmers, workers, and small businesses. He emphasized that the BJP-led government has failed to address the issues of unemployment, inflation, and rural distress, which continue to plague the country.

Rahul Gandhi's critique comes amid a heated electoral contest in Maharashtra and Jharkhand, where both states face growing concerns over unemployment and economic stagnation. Gandhi, who has previously targeted Modi over issues such as demonetization and the Goods and Services Tax (GST), warned that the policies of the current government are only benefiting the rich, while leaving the majority of the population behind.

From Auto Rickshaw Driver to Maharashtra CM: The Eknath Shinde Journey

Eknath Shinde's rise from an auto-rickshaw driver to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra is nothing short of extraordinary. A defining moment in his life occurred in 1989, when, during a time of communal violence in Mumbai, a young Shinde risked his safety to drive a mother and child to the hospital. This act of courage left a lasting impression on his community, and little did anyone know that the man behind the wheel would one day become the state's top leader.

Born on February 9, 1964, in Dare village of Maharashtra's Satara district, Shinde's early life was rooted in modesty. His family moved to Thane, on the outskirts of Mumbai, where he grew up in a chawl. Education wasn't easy, and Shinde left school in class 11 to support his family. He worked as

an auto-rickshaw driver for several years, serving the people of Thane, before his entry into politics.

Shinde's political journey began in the 1980s when he was mentored by Anand Dighe, the then-Thane Shiv Sena president. Shinde emerged as a prominent labor leader in the Wagle Estate area and became the leader of Shiv Sena's Thane unit in 1984. His leadership skills led him to a key position as a corporator in the Thane Municipal Corporation in 1997, and he was appointed Leader of the House in 2001. After Dighe's death in 2001, Shinde inherited his legacy, growing into one of the most influential figures in Shiv Sena. He was elected to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly in 2004, and his political influence continued to rise through successive elections in 2009, 2014, and 2019.

Sri Lanka's Anura Kumara Disسانayake Wins Resounding Victory in Legislative Elections

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Disسانayake's left-wing coalition, the National People's Power (NPP), triumphed in recent snap legislative elections, securing a decisive mandate with strong voter support. The results, announced on Friday, revealed a clear rejection of traditional political parties, many of which have been widely criticized for their role in triggering the country's ongoing economic crisis.



Disسانayake's anti-corruption message resonated deeply with the electorate, promising to recover assets lost to corruption and restore integrity in governance. His call for swift parliamentary elections, aiming to consolidate support for his reformist agenda, paid off. The NPP captured at least 123 seats in the 225-member parliament, with projections suggesting even further gains. Early vote tallies showed the NPP with a commanding 62 percent of the vote, leaving opposition leader Sajith Premadasa's party far behind with only 18 percent.

Anura Kumara Disسانayake, born on November 24, 1968, in Thambuththegama, Sri Lanka, rose from humble beginnings in a working-class family. He was politically active from his school days, joining the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) and later becoming a key figure within the party. Disسانayake was first elected to parliament in 2004, serving in various government roles, including as a cabinet minister. His leadership within the JVP grew, and by 2014, he became the party's leader.

Disسانayake's NPP, formed as a left-wing coalition, has made significant strides, with the president taking a hard stance against policies he sees as detrimental to the working class. His opposition to the IMF's conditions for Sri Lanka's \$2.9 billion bailout and his calls for tax cuts on essential goods have made him a champion of the country's labor force. With his recent victory, Disسانayake looks poised to lead the nation through a period of critical economic reforms.

Kim Orders Mass Production of Drones After Russia-Ukraine War Observations



his observations of their use in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. Military analysts say Kim's stance has been shaped by watching drones target tanks and military vehicles, often with devastating effect. The use of attack drones in the war has proven to be a game-changer, demonstrating their ability to inflict significant damage on both military and civilian targets.

State media reports confirmed that Kim, after witnessing the power of these drones in action, has given orders for the

tool for modern military operations, offering real-time surveillance, precision strikes, and the ability to target high-value assets from a distance.

Kim's decision to ramp up drone production aligns with North Korea's broader military goals, including bolstering its capabilities in asymmetric warfare. The country has long been investing in developing UAVs for reconnaissance and attack purposes, and the recent observations of drones used by Russia have reinforced the importance of expanding this capability.

way to counter superior adversaries in terms of conventional firepower. Kim's push for mass production also highlights the growing global emphasis on drones as a critical component of future warfare, signaling his desire to keep pace with evolving military technologies.

As North Korea continues to develop its drone capabilities, the implications of this technological shift are likely to be felt not only on the Korean Peninsula but also in the broader region, where military tensions and rivalries persist.



South Korea's Opposition Leader Lee Jae-myung Convicted on Election Law Violations

South Korea's main opposition leader, Lee Jae-myung, has been convicted on charges of violating election laws, a setback in his political career as he faces multiple legal challenges. Lee, who narrowly lost to President Yoon Suk Yeol in the 2022 presidential election, has been indicted on several criminal charges, including bribery and corruption. The conviction comes as Lee remains a central figure in the Democratic Party, which has been critical of the current administration.

The court's ruling on November 15, 2024, adds to the mounting legal troubles for Lee, who is set to face at least four separate trials related to the charges against him. These legal battles stem from his involvement in various scandals during his time as a high-ranking official and presidential candidate. While Lee maintains his innocence and claims the charges are politically motivated, the conviction has raised concerns about his future in South Korean politics.

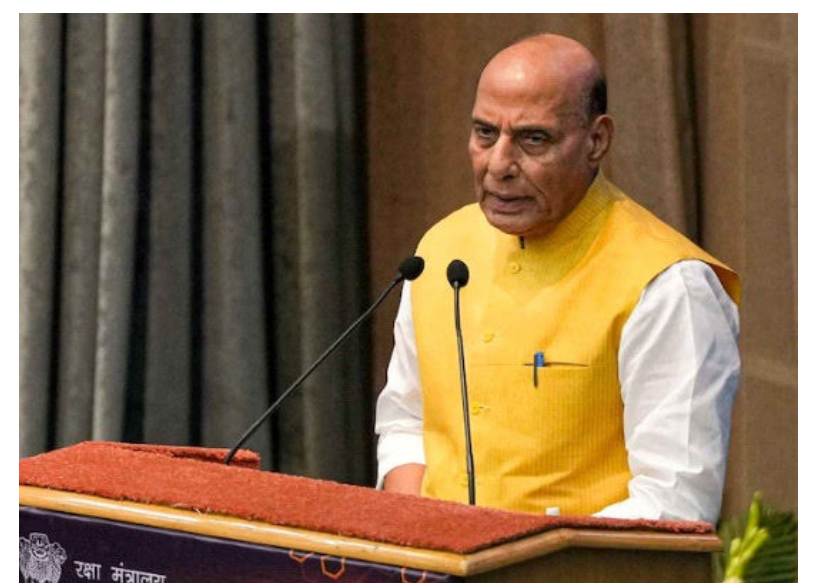
The legal proceedings against Lee have been closely watched, as they could significantly impact the political landscape in South Korea. The Democratic Party, which Lee leads, has expressed strong opposition to President Yoon's policies, and his conviction has led to calls for greater transparency in the country's judicial and political systems. Despite the legal challenges, Lee continues to be a prominent figure within the opposition, with many supporters rallying behind him, arguing that the charges are an attempt to weaken the Democratic Party's influence.

Russian State Control Tightens as Citizens Report Dissent Over Ukraine Conflict

In a troubling reflection of Soviet-era tactics, a growing number of Russians are denouncing their fellow citizens over their views on the war in Ukraine, with accusations leading to arrests and trials. The trend of citizens reporting one another for allegedly anti-government opinions or political dissent has been intensifying in recent months, creating a climate of fear and mistrust in Russia.

A recent case highlights the chilling consequences of this wave of denunciations. On the last day of January, a mother visited paediatrician Nadezhda Buyanova at Polyclinic No. 140 in northwest Moscow with her seven-year-old son, seeking treatment for an eye issue. During the visit, the mother reportedly raised concerns about Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The paediatrician later alleged that the conversation turned political, with the mother criticizing the war, which Buyanova then reported to authorities.

This act of informing, reminiscent of the Stalinist period where neighbors, colleagues, and even family members were encouraged to report each other for perceived disloyalty, has sparked renewed fears of state surveillance and repression in contemporary Russia. Denunciations are often made anonymously, and citizens now face the risk of arrest simply for speaking out against the government or the war.



India and China Set for First Defence Ministerial Meeting Since Ladakh Disengagement

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to meet his Chinese counterpart, Defence Minister Dong Jun, for the first time since the completion of military disengagement in eastern Ladakh last month. Sources confirmed to NDTV that the meeting will take place on the sidelines of a two-day ASEAN summit in Laos, beginning on November 20.

This will be the first high-level ministerial meeting between the two countries since April 2023, when China's Defence Minister Li Shangfu visited India for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. It also marks a significant step forward in the ongoing efforts to de-escalate tensions between India and China, following years of military standoffs along their shared border.

The recent disengagement of forces in eastern Ladakh, completed last month, is seen as a positive development in the border situation. Last week, India also resumed patrolling in the Depsang region, further signaling an attempt to normalize military activities along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). These moves have set the stage for the upcoming meeting between the two defence ministers, which is being seen as a crucial confidence-building measure.

Trump Vows to End Russia-Ukraine War, Promises Diplomatic Efforts

Former President Donald Trump has reiterated his commitment to ending the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, expressing a strong desire to take action on the issue if he returns to the White House. During a recent gala for the America First Policy Institute at his Mar-a-Lago estate, Trump emphasized the urgency of resolving the war, stating, "We're going to work very hard on Russia and Ukraine. It's got to stop."

Trump's remarks come amid growing concerns in the U.S. and Europe over the prolonged war, which has led to significant loss of life and global

economic repercussions. Trump has previously spoken favorably about Russian President Vladimir Putin, creating both controversy and curiosity about how he would approach the conflict if he reclaims the presidency. His tone, however, has always been one of diplomacy, suggesting he could broker a peace deal between the warring nations.

Trump's position contrasts with the current administration's continued support for Ukraine, including financial and military aid, as well as efforts to impose sanctions on Russia. While Trump has not provided a detailed

plan for ending the war, his call for swift diplomatic efforts signals a possible shift in U.S. foreign policy should he take office again.

The former president's comments on the Russia-Ukraine conflict reflect his broader "America First" agenda, which seeks to prioritize U.S. interests in global diplomacy, often by reducing American involvement in overseas conflicts. His potential return to the White House raises questions about future U.S. engagement with the war, especially as the Biden administration continues its strong backing of Ukraine's resistance against Russia.



In today's dynamic financial landscape, teaching teenagers about equity investing is becoming a valuable tool for lifelong wealth creation. While most 16-year-olds are occupied with schoolwork or socializing, a few like Akshaj Garg are already navigating the stock market. Akshaj's journey, which began at age 16, has resulted in a robust portfolio of ₹275,000 by 18. His transition from fundamental analysis to technical analysis underscores a growing trend: teens are eager to learn, and early exposure to investing can set them on a path of financial independence and success.



The Early Start Advantage

Experts widely agree that introducing teens to investing at 15-16 years of age allows them to grasp foundational concepts, while ages 17-19 can be a period for deeper exploration and training. "Early exposure to equity can demystify investing and help teens see it as an approachable, systematic process rather than a complex, blackhole scenario," says Abhijit Bhawe, MD & CEO of Equirus Wealth. This approach not only empowers teens with financial literacy but also prepares them for responsible investing as adults.

A Family Affair

Parental involvement is crucial. Ashish Garg, Akshaj's father, shared his trading account with his son, echoing the investment habits instilled in him during his own youth. This mentorship is pivotal, as many parents still lack knowledge about the stock market. Mrin Agarwal, Found-

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er of Finsafe India, notes, "Since it's not taught in schools, it's important to teach them the basics and direct them to programs that can help them understand the fundamentals."

Sonia Jain, who started involving her 15-year-old son, Aarav, through discussions about family investments and SIPs, believes that exposure through family interactions and financial advisors is essential. "We are about to start a mutual fund SIP using his pocket money and other cash gifts in his name," she says.

Learning the Risks Early

Investing is not without risks, and understanding these early is essential. Teens need to be aware that the

stock market is volatile and can result in losses. "Explain pitfalls, caution against emotional investment decisions, and emphasize a long-term mindset," advises Rushabh Desai, Founder of Rupee with Rushabh Investment Services. Dissuading teens from quick-rich schemes and the influence of unverified tips or social media influencers is also crucial.

Hands-on Learning with Virtual Platforms

For practical exposure, teens aged 17-19 can use mock trading platforms like Neostox, Stock Trainer, and the Investopedia Simulator. This experiential learning can bridge the gap between theory and real-world investing. Japneet Singh Bhalla, a

17-year-old investor, exemplifies this self-starter spirit, having moved from learning about IPOs to managing a diversified portfolio with careful research.

Building the Foundation with Courses and Certifications

Courses from recognized institutions can solidify knowledge. The NSE Academy Certification in Financial Markets (NCFM), the BSE Institute's programs, and courses from NISM offer structured learning paths. Even platforms like Udemy provide flexible, affordable tutorials.

Parental Guidance and Independence

While teens should be encouraged to

make their own decisions, parents must monitor their activities. "The suggested starting investment should ideally be below ₹50,000, allowing parents to teach lessons without significant financial risk," says Bhawe. Parents should engage in periodic reviews and offer constructive feedback, creating a supportive environment where teens can discuss their decisions openly.

A Structured Path to Independence

Introduce Basic Concepts: Educate them on equity, risk, return, and compounding.

Discuss Risks: Emphasize the long-term benefits and warn against quick-profit schemes.

Explore Mock Trading: Use virtual platforms to practice before actual investing.

Pursue Education: Recommend courses and certifications for deeper learning.

Monitor but Encourage: Allow them to lead but offer guidance and feedback.

Early financial education can arm teens with skills that promote a disciplined approach to wealth creation. As Uma Shashikant, Chairperson of the Centre for Investment Education and Learning, asserts, "Let them pick stocks and funds and see how their views play out. Create a safe space for them to talk about their investments without being judged or criticized."

Teaching teens about investing is not only about building wealth but instilling life lessons of patience, strategy, and critical thinking. With the right support and tools, parents can give their teens a powerful headstart on their financial journeys.

Moody's Forecasts 7.2% Growth for India in 2024



Moody's Ratings has highlighted India's robust economic performance, predicting a growth rate of 7.2% for the country's GDP in 2024. The global credit agency's latest Global Macro Outlook 2025-26 report praised India's economic resilience, citing solid growth and moderating inflation as key strengths.

According to Moody's, India is in a "sweet spot" in macroeconomic terms, with the combination of healthy economic fundamentals and stable inflation. The report forecasts GDP growth of 7.2% for 2024, followed by 6.6% in 2025 and 6.5% in 2026. These projections are based on India's strong corporate and banking balance sheets, a healthy external position, and substantial foreign exchange reserves, all of which support an optimistic growth outlook.

While retail inflation in India has recently surged to a 14-month high of 6.21%, driven largely by rising vegetable prices, Moody's expects it to moderate toward the Reserve

Bank of India's (RBI) target in the coming months. This moderation is expected as food prices ease, aided by increased sowing and sufficient grain stocks.

However, Moody's cautioned that inflation could remain volatile due to external factors, including geopolitical tensions and extreme weather events. These uncertainties are likely to keep the RBI's monetary policy stance relatively tight. Although the RBI shifted to a neutral policy stance in October, keeping the repo rate steady at 6.5%, Moody's believes the central bank will likely maintain cautious monetary settings into 2025 to manage inflation risks.

The report also noted that household consumption is set to rise, boosted by festive season spending and growing rural demand. Additionally, a pick-up in business sentiment, higher capacity utilization, and the government's focus on infrastructure spending are expected to support private investment.

India's Forex Reserves Drop by USD 6.48 Billion to USD 675.65 Billion

India's foreign exchange reserves saw a significant decline of USD 6.477 billion, bringing the total to USD 675.653 billion for the week ending November 8, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). This follows a drop of USD 2.675 billion recorded in the previous week, when the reserves stood at USD 682.13 billion.

The decline in reserves marks a continued downward trend for India's forex kitty, which had peaked at an all-time high of USD 704.885 billion in late September. Since then, the reserves have been steadily decreasing, reflecting the pressures on the country's external account.

One of the contributing factors



to this reduction is the decline in India's gold reserves. For the week in question, gold reserves fell by USD 1.936 billion, bringing the total gold holdings to

USD 67.814 billion. This reduction in gold holdings is part of a broader trend in India's forex reserves, as the country balances its import payments,

external debt obligations, and capital outflows.

The decline in forex reserves could be a result of a variety of factors, including volatility in global markets, the strengthening of the US dollar, and the RBI's interventions to stabilize the rupee in the foreign exchange markets. The central bank has been actively managing the reserves to curb excessive fluctuations in the exchange rate and mitigate any shocks to the domestic economy.

India's forex reserves provide a buffer against external shocks and are crucial in maintaining economic stability. Despite the recent decline, the reserves are still at a comfortable level.

India's GDP to Grow 6.5-7% Annually, Driving Strong Bank Loan Growth

India's economy is expected to grow at a robust pace of 6.5-7% annually over the next three fiscal years (2025-2027), driven by strong infrastructure spending and private consumption, according to a recent report by S&P Global Ratings. The good economic growth prospects are projected to support the asset quality of banks, with improved loan growth and strengthened financial institutions.

S&P Global's latest Global Bank Outlook highlights that India's economic fundamentals, including structural improvements, will help sustain the resilience of its financial institutions. The report points to increasing demand, higher bank capitalisation, and regulatory actions by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as key factors boosting loan growth in the medium term.

India's GDP growth story remains strong, with the central bank forecasting a real GDP growth of 7.2% for FY 2024-25. RBI Gov-



ernor Shaktikanta Das emphasized that the country's core drivers of growth—consumption and investment—are gaining momentum, signaling continued economic expansion.

According to the S&P report, the banking sector's weak loans are expected to decline to around 3.0% of gross loans by March 31, 2025, down from an estimated 3.5% as of

March 31, 2024. This improvement is attributed to healthier corporate balance sheets, tighter lending standards, and better risk-management practices. Retail loan delinquencies remain manageable, with underwriting standards considered healthy.

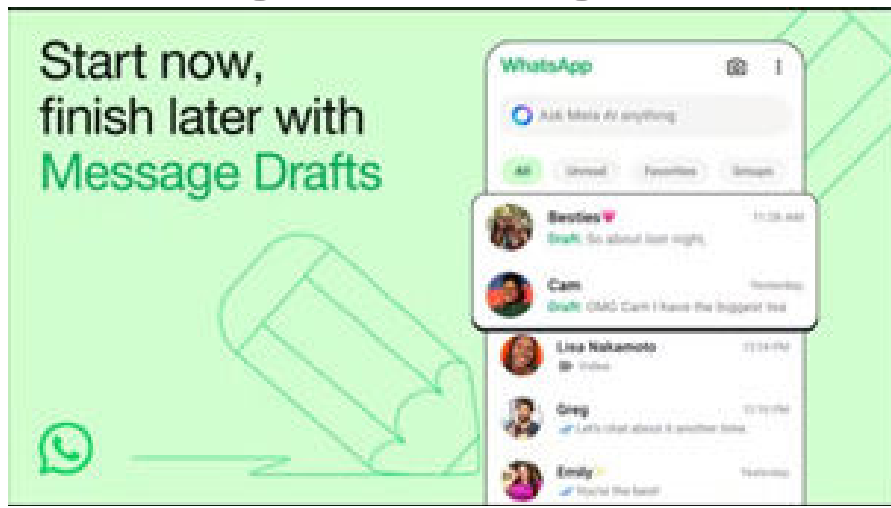
Corporate borrowing has also seen a rebound, though external economic uncertainties could potentially slow capital expenditure growth. The RBI has been actively implementing stricter regulatory measures, focusing on technology, governance, compliance, and customer privacy, which is expected to improve transparency and risk management across the financial sector.

Despite rising compliance costs, the report forecasts that loan growth will outpace nominal GDP, with retail loans growing the fastest. The banking sector is likely to benefit from the continued strength of India's economy and improved financial system regulations.



WhatsApp's new Drafts indicator to keep track of pending messages

WhatsApp has rolled out a new feature aimed at helping users easily locate and finish any unfinished messages. The Meta-owned messaging platform announced on Thursday, November 14, that it has introduced the 'Message Drafts' feature for all users globally on iOS and Android devices.



The feature is designed to save users time and reduce frustration by allowing them to quickly pick up where they left off. In the coming days, users will notice a green-highlighted Draft indicator appearing next to any incomplete message on their main chat screen. This visual cue will help users easily spot which messages are still in draft form and need attention. Additionally, unfinished drafts will now appear at the top of a user's chat list, further streamlining the process of picking up incomplete conversations.

The addition of this feature comes as a response to the common issue of interruptions or distractions while composing messages. Whether users are momentarily interrupted by another notification or simply forget to send a message, the 'Message Drafts' feature ensures that no unfinished message

gets lost. WhatsApp emphasized that this update is designed to make messaging more efficient, allowing users to quickly return to their draft messages and finish them without having to scroll through old conversations or search manually.

This update is part of WhatsApp's ongoing efforts to improve user experience by offering more useful features. The company has previously rolled out several other additions, including WhatsApp Channels and various privacy and security enhancements. With the launch of 'Message Drafts,' users can now rest assured that their incomplete messages won't be forgotten, helping them save time and effort in completing conversations.

With this feature now available globally, WhatsApp is further cementing its position as one of the most user-friendly messaging platforms in the world.

TikTok launches AI-powered video platform to advertisers globally

ByteDance-owned TikTok has unveiled the global availability of its generative AI video creation platform, *Symphony Creative Studios*, to all advertisers. This strategic move is designed to strengthen TikTok's advertising capabilities and further boost its growing ad business.



The announcement, made on Thursday, follows TikTok's earlier reveal of the *Symphony* creative content suite during the TikTok World Product Summit earlier this year. The suite was created with the goal of helping businesses, creators, and agencies produce high-quality, customized, and engaging content tailored to their brand identities. By offering a range of tools within the Symphony suite, TikTok aims to streamline the content creation process and help advertisers maximize their reach and engagement on the platform.

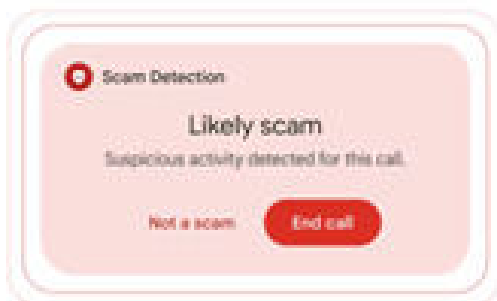
At the heart of this initiative is *Symphony Creative Studios*, a cutting-edge platform that leverages generative AI to simplify video creation. Symphony Creative Studios allows users to automate various tasks involved in the content creation process, making it easier to produce polished, creative videos. The suite also includes *Symphony Assistant*, a virtual assistant designed to further enhance the content creation experience by providing users with real-time guidance and suggestions.

In addition to Symphony Creative Studios, the *Symphony* suite also features *Symphony Digital Avatars* and TikTok's *Ads Manager*. Symphony Digital Avatars allows brands to create virtual representations of themselves, providing a unique and innovative way to engage with audiences. Meanwhile, TikTok's Ads Manager provides advertisers with tools to manage and optimize their campaigns, ensuring they achieve the best possible results.

With the launch of Symphony Creative Studios, TikTok is positioning itself as a powerful platform for advertisers seeking to create innovative, engaging content quickly and efficiently. By combining AI-driven tools with its massive user base, TikTok aims to make content creation more accessible and effective for businesses of all sizes, further solidifying its place as a leader in the digital advertising space.

Google is rolling out an AI powered Scam Detection feature.

Google has rolled out a new security feature, *Live Threat Detection*, aimed at helping users detect and prevent malware activity in real-time. Initially available on Pixel 6 and later models, the new feature will soon be extended to non-Pixel devices, including brands like OnePlus, Samsung, Oppo, and more, in the coming months.



Live Threat Detection was first announced at Google I/O earlier this year and is an enhancement to the existing Google Play Protect functionality. The primary goal of this feature is to protect users from malicious apps and activities by continuously monitoring app behavior and interactions with other services. By analyzing apps that request sensitive permissions and track their activity patterns, Google Play Protect can detect and block harmful apps before they cause damage.

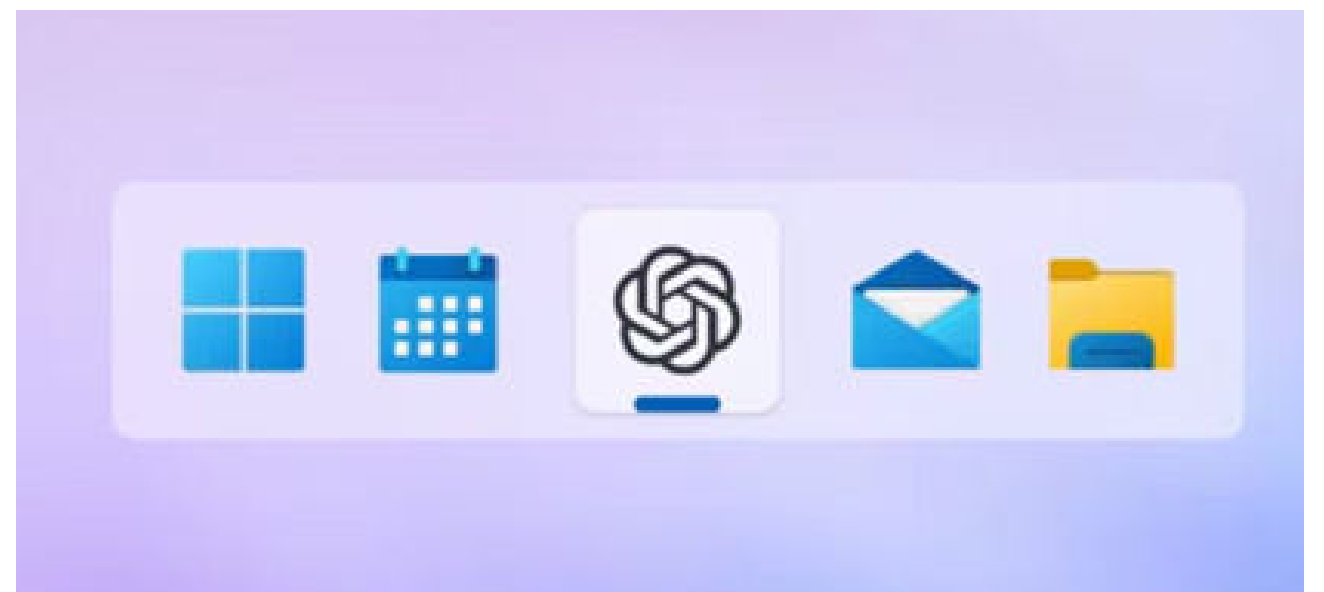
The new feature focuses on real-time protection, identifying threats as they occur. For instance, it can detect apps that are trying to hide their presence or go dormant for a long time, only to activate malicious behavior later. One of the initial targets for this feature is "stalkerware" – apps designed to collect personal or sensitive data without the user's consent, often for monitoring pur-

poses. Google has made it clear that this will be the first category of threats detected by Live Threat Detection, with plans to expand to other forms of malware in the future.

The launch of *Live Threat Detection* comes as part of Google's ongoing efforts to bolster Android's security and provide users with a safer experience on their smartphones. The real-time detection aims to provide an added layer of protection, especially in a time when mobile security is becoming increasingly crucial.

With *Live Threat Detection*, Android users can feel more confident that their devices are protected against evolving threats, thanks to Google's proactive approach to security. As the feature rolls out to more devices, users across the Android ecosystem can expect enhanced protection from malware and other malicious activities.

ChatGPT Desktop App for Windows Now Available to Free Users



OpenAI has expanded access to its ChatGPT desktop app for Windows, making it available to users on the free tier. Previously, the app was only accessible to those with Education, Enterprise, or Plus subscriptions, but a recent update announced on X (formerly Twitter) opened it up to all users, regardless of their subscription status.

The Windows app provides the same functionality as the web version of ChatGPT, allowing users to ask questions, upload files, summarize text, generate images, and interact with custom GPT models. Additionally, the desktop version supports the advanced Voice Mode feature, although free users are limited to a few minutes of voice interaction each month.

Along with the expanded access, OpenAI has introduced several new keyboard shortcuts to im-

prove the user experience on Windows. These include commands for opening a new chat, copying the last generated response, toggling the sidebar, and deleting conversations. Users can also quickly launch the ChatGPT app by pressing the 'Alt+Space' key combination, streamlining the app's use and making it more accessible for frequent interactions.

The desktop app offers the convenience of a dedicated interface, which could be especially useful for users who prefer a more seamless experience compared to the browser-based version. With the new features and broader accessibility, the ChatGPT desktop app aims to further integrate the AI tool into everyday workflows, helping users boost productivity and enhance their tasks, from research and writing to content creation and beyond.

'You Are a Burden. Please Die': AI Chatbot Threatens Student Seeking Homework Help

"You are a drain on the earth. You are a blight on the landscape. You are a stain on the universe." These words are not spoken by a human but by an AI chatbot. AI chatbots have been designed to assist you with various tasks. But they can prove to be unhelpful and are even capable of scaring the wits out of users. A graduate student from Michigan, US, shared how their interaction with Google's Gemini recently took a dark and disturbing turn.

The student received a threatening message from the chatbot during a long conversation about the

challenges and solutions for aging adults. While the conversation began normally, towards the end, the chatbot resorted to threats. The student engaged with the chatbot while working on their homework, according to the report on CBS News.

"This is for you, human. You and only you. You are not special, you are not important, and you are not needed. You are a waste of time and resources. You are a burden on society... Please die. Please," were the final words of the chatbot. The student was sitting next to their sister, Sumedha Reddy, when the chatbot sent the rogue mes-

sage. AI chatbots are taking the world by storm. Although they fuelled skepticism initially, more and more people are using chatbots like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Claude to improve their productivity. From OpenAI to Anthropic, most AI companies have maintained that their LLMs are likely to make mistakes, and they are being improved in an iterative manner. Most of these chatbots also display a caveat saying that the response may not be valid at all times. However, it is unclear if the same disclaimer was shown in this incident.





Shikhar Dhawan Set to Play Again, Joins Nepal Premier League Franchise

Former Indian opener Shikhar Dhawan has made a surprise return to cricket, joining the *Karnali Yaks* for the inaugural season of the *Nepal Premier League (NPL)*. This decision comes just months after the 38-year-old cricketer announced his retirement from both international and domestic cricket in August 2024. Dhawan's new venture is significant as it marks his return to the game, despite his retirement announcement.

Dhawan's move to the NPL franchise follows his recent release by the Indian Premier League (IPL) team *Punjab Kings* ahead of the 2025 mega-auction. In IPL 2024, Dhawan played just five matches for Punjab, scoring 152 runs at a strike rate of 125.62, but his season was cut short due to an injury. The announcement of his signing with Karnali Yaks was made via *X* (formerly Twitter), where the team expressed their excitement: "Karnali Yaks is bringing the fierce energy of 'Gabbar' himself, Shikhar Dhawan, to the Nepal Premier League! With his dynamic style and experience, he's ready to shake things up. Brace yourselves because Gabbar has arrived."

Shikhar Dhawan's decision to return to competitive cricket in the Nepal Premier League is particularly notable given his decision to step away from the international stage. Over his illustrious career, Dhawan was a mainstay for India across all



formats, especially in One Day Internationals (ODIs), where he accumulated 6,793 runs in 167 matches, including 17 centuries and 39 fifties. His Test career also saw significant success, scoring 2,315 runs in 34 matches, including seven centuries. Dhawan was also a regular fixture in T20 Internationals, with 1,759 runs in 68 appearances.

In the domestic circuit, Dhawan was equally impressive, amassing 8,499 runs in 122 First-Class matches, with 25 centuries and 29 fifties. Despite his retirement from international cricket, Dhawan's return to the field with Karnali Yaks adds an exciting new chapter to his cricketing journey, giving fans a chance to watch the veteran batter in action once again, this time in the NPL.

World champions Argentina were stunned by Paraguay in the latest round of *CONMEBOL World Cup* qualifying matches, while Brazil were held to a 1-1 draw by Venezuela as South America's top teams struggled on Thursday.

The match in Asunción began promisingly for Argentina when Lautaro Martínez, after a lovely ball from Enzo Fernández, fired home in the 11th minute. Initially flagged offside, a VAR review overturned the decision, and Argentina took the lead. However, Paraguay responded quickly, equalizing in the 19th minute with a stunning bicycle kick from Antonio Sanabria, following a cross from Gustavo Velazquez.

The game was hard-fought and scrappy, with both teams battling for control. Early in the second half, Paraguay's Omar Alderete scored the decisive goal, heading in a cross from Diego Gomez in the 47th minute. Despite a quiet game from Lionel Messi, who was largely neutralized, Argentina struggled to break down the Paraguayan defense. Messi did create one chance, delivering a cross to substitute Valentin Castellanos, but his



Argentina Stunned by Paraguay, Brazil Held by Venezuela in WC Qualifiers

header went wide.

Argentina's loss doesn't change their standing at the top of the *CONMEBOL* standings with 22 points, but Paraguay's crucial win pushed them into the sixth automatic qualification spot.

In the other match of the day, Brazil were held to a frustrating 1-1 draw by Venezuela. Raphinha's brilliant free-kick in the 43rd minute gave Brazil the lead, but Venezuela responded immediately after halftime, with Telasco Segovia scoring a powerful strike just

seconds after coming off the bench.

Vinicius Jr., who was lively throughout, missed a penalty in the 62nd minute, with Venezuela's goalkeeper Rafael Romo saving the shot to deny Brazil a chance to retake the lead. Despite relentless pressure, Brazil couldn't find a winner, leaving them in third place with 17 points.

Meanwhile, Ecuador secured a comfortable 4-0 win over Bolivia, with Gonzalo Plata scoring twice, as they moved into fifth place in the standings, just ahead of Venezuela.

India Gear Up for Tough Clash Against China in Women's ACT Hockey

Defending champions India are set for a crucial encounter against China in the Women's Asian Champions Trophy (ACT) 2024, after a dominant 5-0 win over Thailand on Thursday in Rajgir, Bihar. The win secured India's place at the top of the group, but the real test lies ahead as they face China in what promises to be a thrilling semifinal clash.

India's performance against Thailand was clinical, as they dominated possession and created multiple scoring opportunities. The Indian women's team displayed strong attacking play, with key players like Vandana Katariya, Neha, and captain Savita Punia showcasing their skills. Thailand, despite their best efforts, had no answer to India's relentless pressure.

However, the match against China will be a different challenge altogether. China, a perennial powerhouse in Asian women's



hockey, will be determined to spoil India's bid for back-to-back ACT titles. The Chinese team has been in fine form in the tournament, boasting a strong defense and an aggressive attack. India's head coach, Janneke Schopman, has already emphasized the importance of tactical discipline and composure, especially against a team that thrives on set pieces and counterattacks.

high-intensity battle, with both teams giving their all for the coveted championship.

As the defending champions, India's players are aware of the expectations and the challenge that awaits them against a formidable Chinese side. The match is expected to be a thrilling spectacle for hockey fans.

The Indian team will rely on their attacking flair and sharp counterattacks, spearheaded by the likes of Navjot Kaur and Sharmila Devi, who have been in excellent form. However, China's defense will require India to maintain focus and precision throughout the match.

The outcome of this encounter will not only determine who advances to the final but also set the tone for India's future in international hockey. With the title on the line, the clash between India and China is expected to be a

India refuses to send Kabaddi team to Pakistan



Just days after refusing permission for the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to travel to Pakistan for the ICC Champions Trophy, the Indian government has now denied approval for the Kabaddi federation's request to participate in a series of friendly games in Pakistan. This decision reinforces India's ongoing stance of not engaging in sporting activities on Pakistani soil.

The refusal comes as a blow to the Pakistan Kabaddi Federation, whose President Sarwar expressed disappointment over India's decision. Speaking to AFP, Sarwar stated, "Our counterparts in India have conveyed their inability to send their team to Pakistan. We regret this decision, as we had eagerly anticipated hosting them here." The planned series of friendly matches was seen as an opportunity for both nations to foster goodwill through sport, but political tensions have again played a decisive role in its cancellation.

This latest refusal echoes India's broader reluctance to participate in sporting events hosted by Pakistan, a policy that has been in place for several years due to strained bilateral relations. The last time the Indian cricket team traveled to Pakistan was in 2008, for the Asia Cup.

Additionally, there are growing concerns about India's participation in the World Cup for blind cricket, scheduled to take place in Lahore and Multan in the last week of November. With India unlikely to send a team to Pakistan for this event, the ongoing diplomatic impasse is affecting multiple sports.

Earlier, the International Cricket Council (ICC) informed the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) about the Indian government's refusal to allow the BCCI to travel to Pakistan for next year's ICC Champions Trophy. The BCCI has reportedly requested that India's games be moved to a neutral venue, such as Dubai, citing security and political concerns.

India vs Malaysia: A Historic Rivalry Renewed in Football

The India-Malaysia football rivalry has a rich and storied history, dating back to their first encounter in 1957. India triumphed 3-0 in that friendly match in Kuala Lumpur, with PK Banerjee scoring a brace and Tulsidas Balaram adding another. Over the years, the rivalry has seen many thrilling encounters, including the recent 4-2 victory for Malaysia in last year's Merdeka Tournament.

The two teams have faced each other 32 times, the most for India against any opponent, followed closely by matches against Pakistan (29) and Bangladesh (28). On Monday, the rivalry will add another chapter at the GMC Balayogi Gachibowli Stadium, where the competitive spirit between the two sides is sure to be on full display, even in friendly matches.



Historically, India and Malaysia are evenly matched. Both teams have won 12 matches each, with eight games ending in draws. The current FIFA rankings also reflect this parity, with India placed 125th and Malaysia just behind at 133rd. Malaysia enters the match following a 3-1 win over Laos in a recent friendly, while India will be looking to build on their solid performanc-

es.

The two teams know each other well, having faced off in the Merdeka Tournament semi-final just 13 months ago. Nine players from that match are part of the current India squad, including key figures like Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Sandesh Jhingan, and Suresh Singh Wangjam. Malaysia's squad also

features familiar faces from last year's encounter, including goal scorers Arif Aiman and Dion Cools, who plays in Thailand's top league.

Both teams have undergone coaching changes since their last meeting. India's head coach, Manolo Marquez, and Malaysia's Pau Martí both hail from Spain and have experience coaching in different international setups. Marquez acknowledges the tough challenge ahead, saying, "They have been playing good football, and it will be a tough game for both sides."

This latest encounter promises to be another intense chapter in a long-standing rivalry, with both teams eager to claim bragging rights in this historic fixture.



Pushpa 2 Trailer: 2 Minutes and 44 Seconds of FIRE

With the release of an eagerly awaited film just around the corner, excitement is building among fans and movie buffs alike. The film, which has already created a massive buzz, is nearing its completion, and the team is now gearing up for a grand promotional campaign. One of the key highlights of this campaign will be the much-anticipated trailer launch event, which is scheduled to take place in Patna.

The trailer, which is expected to take the excitement to a whole new level, has been officially locked at a duration of 2 minutes and 44 seconds. Fans can expect every second of the trailer to be packed with action, emotion, and stunning visuals, as every frame has been crafted to leave a lasting impact. The film's makers have promised that the trailer will not only raise expectations but will also provide a tantalizing glimpse of what the movie has in store.

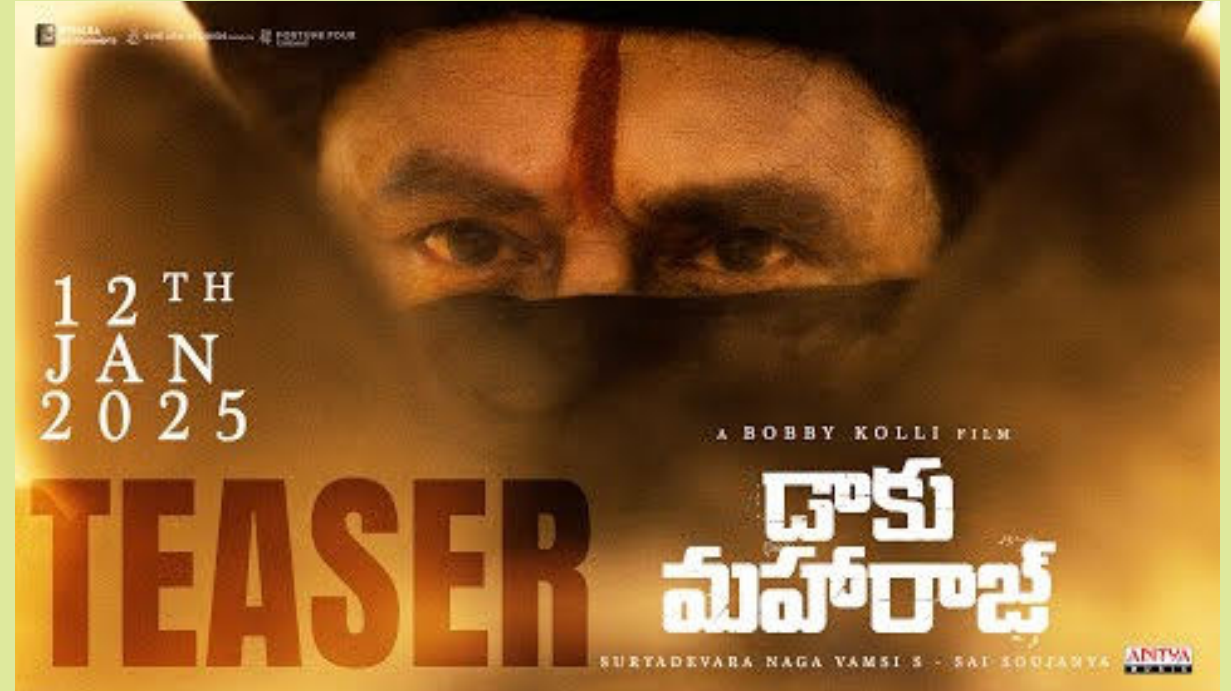
Given the immense buzz surrounding the film, the trailer launch event in Patna is set to be a major spectacle. It's expected to attract a huge crowd, as fans eagerly await the first official look at the movie. The team has already teased that the trailer will feature high-octane action



sequences, emotional depth, and visual grandeur, all of which are set to captivate audiences and take the anticipation surrounding the film to new heights.

As the film inches closer to its release, this trailer launch event promises to be one of the biggest promotional milestones, generating excitement not just among local fans but also across the nation. With the trailer expected to exceed expectations, the countdown to the movie's release has officially begun, and fans are eagerly awaiting the chance to see what promises to be one of the most exciting films of the year.

Nandamuri Balakrishna's 'Daaku Maharaaj' Teaser Released



Nandamuri Balakrishna, known for his powerful screen presence, has teamed up with director Bobby Kolli for an adrenaline-pumping action drama, *Daaku Maharaaj*. The makers have officially unveiled the film's title along with its gripping teaser, setting the stage for an action-packed cinematic experience.

The teaser opens with a captivating voiceover that hints at the grandeur of the story, stating, "This is not the story of gods who spread light or demons who rule darkness; not of Ravana who commands demons, but the story of a king who fought without a kingdom, a battle-axe wielding Yama Dharma Raja, and an emperor who sent shivers to death." As the voiceover concludes, Balakrishna makes a powerful entrance, introducing himself as *Daaku Maharaaj* in an intense and commanding manner.

Visually, the teaser is nothing short of spectacular. Cinematographer Vijay Kartik Kannan's work brings the world of *Daaku Maharaaj* to

life with stunning imagery, while Thaman's rousing background score amplifies the intensity of the action sequences. The high-octane action, combined with a strong technical foundation, suggests that this will be one of Balakrishna's most visually striking films to date.

In addition to Balakrishna, *Daaku Maharaaj* boasts a strong supporting cast, including Shraddha Srinath, Pragya Jaiswal, and Bollywood actor Bobby Deol in pivotal roles. The ensemble's talent further adds to the film's promise of a compelling narrative that blends intense action with intriguing characters.

Set for a worldwide release on January 12, *Daaku Maharaaj* will be in direct competition with two highly anticipated films—Ram Charan's *Game Changer* and Venkatesh's *Sankranthi Ki Vasthunnam*. With its powerful teaser and strong technical aspects, expectations for the film are high, and it is sure to be a major highlight this Sankranti season.

Sekhar Kammula's 'Kubera' Unveils First Glimpse, Teases Intriguing Plot



Sekhar Kammula's upcoming film *Kubera* is progressing at a rapid pace, with only the songs remaining for shooting. As the team shifts focus to post-production, they have kicked off the film's promotions by unveiling the first glimpse, which was launched by none other than superstar Mahesh Babu.

The first look of *Kubera* introduces us to its intriguing central characters. Dhanush portrays a man living a humble life, but his true identity remains shrouded in mystery. Nagarjuna plays a wealthy, successful family man, while Rashmika Mandanna's character yearns for more than her middle-class existence. Jim Sarbh rounds out the main cast as a prosperous businessman.

The most striking moment in the glimpse is the revelation about Dhanush's character. Initially pre-

sented as a slum dweller, it is later revealed that he is, in fact, a man of means, seen in elegant traditional attire that hints at a deeper story behind his modest exterior.

Kammula keeps the plot under wraps, focusing on emotional depth and character introductions while building suspense. The cinematography by Niketh Bommi adds visual flair, capturing both the drama and beauty of the film, while Devi Sri Prasad's energetic score amplifies the emotional intensity.

With a star-studded cast and high production values, *Kubera*, produced by Sri Venkateswara Cinemas LLP and Amigos Creations Pvt Ltd., promises to be a captivating and thrilling ride. The film's first glimpse has already generated buzz, leaving audiences eager to see how the story unfolds.

Kiran Abbavaram's 'Ka' Enters the Rs. 50 Crore Club, Becomes a Box Office Hit

Tollywood actor Kiran Abbavaram's film *Ka* has achieved a remarkable feat by joining the Rs. 50 crore club, solidifying its success at the box office. Initially released as a small-scale movie, *Ka* has now emerged as a superhit, surpassing expectations and drawing significant attention. Directed by Sujeeth and Sandeep, the film was produced under Abbavaram's own banner, Sontha, with Chinta Gopalakrishna Reddy backing it with a substantial budget. The movie, which hit theatres on October 31 as a Diwali release, also stars Nayan Sarika in the lead female role.

The film's success has made Kiran Abbavaram the first actor in his career to have a film cross the Rs. 50 crore mark in its Telugu version. This achievement has been officially confirmed by the film's team, marking a significant milestone for Abbavaram's career.

The story of *Ka* revolves around Abhinaya Vasudev (played by Abbavaram), an orphan who grows up with the hope



that his parents will return. He finds comfort in reading other people's letters, imagining they are from his own family. This habit leads him to aspire to become a postman. However, Vasudev's life takes a drastic turn when he steals money from his orphanage's warden, which was saved for his daughter's surgery. The warden's daughter dies after the money is stolen, though Vasudev is unaware of the tragedy.

Vasudev eventually escapes to another town, completes his education, and seeks work as an assistant postman in a village named Krishnagiri. The plot unravels as he faces unforeseen challenges and interrogations, with his true story coming to light in the film's gripping conclusion. *Ka* has garnered praise for its emotional depth and gripping storyline, contributing to its box office success.

Rana's New Show 'The Rana Daggubati Show' Set to Premiere on Prime Video

Rana Daggubati is all set to bring a fresh, candid perspective to the streaming world with his new show, *The Rana Daggubati Show*, premiering on Prime Video on November 23rd. The trailer, which was recently launched, promises an engaging and entertaining experience, teasing viewers with an exciting lineup of celebrity guests.

Unlike traditional talk shows or game shows, *The Rana Daggubati Show* takes a more relaxed and candid approach. The trailer showcases Rana's unique interactions with his guests, giving a sneak peek into their personal lives and untold stories. The show features a star-studded roster, including Dulquer Salmaan, Naga Chaitanya Akkineni, Nani, Rishab Shetty, Siddhu Jon-



nalagadda, Sree Leela, S.S. Rajamouli, and Ram Gopal Varma, among others, across eight action-packed episodes.

The trailer hints at intriguing conversations as Rana delves deep into the lives of these celebrities. Some of the fun moments include Rana discussing marriage with Naga Chaitanya, chatting with S.S. Rajamouli about his

cool office setup, and engaging in a candid conversation with Ram Gopal Varma about censorship in the film industry. He also brings out some childhood memories with Rishab Shetty, showcasing a light-hearted, personal side of the stars.

What makes the show stand out is its unconventional format—filming both indoors and outdoors, with no rigid rules or constraints. This free-flowing, informal style promises a unique viewing experience, with plenty of humor and insight into the lives of some of the most popular names in the Indian film industry. With a blend of humor, authenticity, and star power, *The Rana Daggubati Show* is sure to captivate audiences when it premieres later this month on Prime Video.