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Arrogance or Newly Found Leadership?

Ex-Undi MLA Mantena Ramaraju Sparks Outrage in Bhimavaram

TPN, Bhimavaram: Former Undi MLA Mantena Ramaraju, whose ticket sacrifice to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) paved the way for his appointment as the Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC), is facing serious public backlash in Bhimavaram. Locals claim his meteoric rise in political stature has led to an uncharacteristic display of arrogance, tarnishing the humility he was once known for.

The controversy erupted in the SLV & STR Arcade Apartments in Chinnamiram village, Bhimavaram, where Ramaraju resides near the complex. Residents allege that Ramaraju ordered the demolition of a temple wall within the apartment premises, claiming his luxury vehicle could not take a free turn. Shocked by this brazen act, residents staged a protest against Ramaraju's actions.

What stunned the protesters further was Ramaraju's sarcastic response when confronted: "Yes, I said to break it a little," he reportedly remarked.



Residents warn that if Ramaraju continues to overstep boundaries, they will escalate the issue to current Undi MLA and Deputy Speaker Raghu Rama Krishna Raju, who enjoys significant public support.

Residents expressed dismay, stating that Ramaraju, who was once humble during his YCP tenure, has now

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CM Chandrababu Praises Minister Nadendla Manohar in Assembly

- Commends effective implementation of the Deepam Scheme
- Ration and free gas distribution based on Aadhaar card
- Announces provision of three free gas cylinders per year

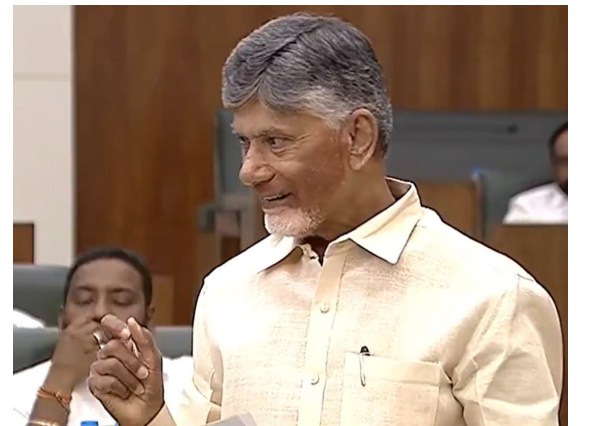
TPN, Amaravati: AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu praised Minister for Food and Civil Supplies Nadendla Manohar for the efficient implementation of the Deepam Scheme-2 during the Legislative Assembly meetings held on Wednesday.



Addressing the Assembly, Chandrababu highlighted the welfare schemes being executed under his government. He recalled that the TDP was the first party to implement the Deepam Scheme, even in Maharashtra, after securing support from Union Minister Ram Naik and then Prime Minister Vajpayee.

He reaffirmed the government's election promise to provide three free gas cylinders per year, stating that the plan is being actively pursued. The Chief Minister clarified that gas cylinders are being distributed free of cost to eligible households that book gas using their ration card and Aadhaar card.

Chandrababu also responded to critics who questioned the feasibility of the scheme. "This is not about handing out cash but providing gas directly to households. Those raising doubts should understand the facts before making criticisms," he remarked.



The CM emphasized the importance of factual awareness and urged detractors to avoid baseless accusations regarding the welfare initiatives being implemented by the government.



US Visa Center in AP Could Rushikonda Palace Find a Purpose?

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They Might use Third Degree Against Me

Ram Gopal Varma's Bail Plea in High Court

- Varma shared morphed photos of Chandrababu, Pawan, and Lokesh
- Skipped police investigation on Thursday
- Alleged the case was filed against him with political malice



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There Are Differences in Our Family... You Have a Family Too, Don't You?

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: "There are differences in our family... You have a family too, don't you? Why are you playing politics in the name of mother and sister?" questioned former Chief Minister and YCP leader Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Speaking at a press conference at the YCP central office in Tadepalli, Jagan criticized the alleged false propaganda against his sister Sharmila by TDP leader Balakrishna. He accused the opposition of maligning his family through ITDP social media campaigns.



Directing his ire at Chandrababu Naidu, Jagan asked, "Did Chandrababu ever show his parents to the public?" He claimed Chandrababu lacks the moral right to speak about humanitarian values. Jagan questioned whether Chandrababu stayed with his parents after becoming a politician, provided them with meals, or honored them appropriately after their death. "Chandrababu will stoop to any level for politics, tell any lie, and commit any fraud," Jagan alleged.

Jagan alleged that obscene posts targeting him, his mother, and his sister were being circulated, constituting a violation of personal dignity. He accused TDP of creating fake IDs, including one under the name "Ravinder Reddy," to spread defamatory content.

When media representatives brought up Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's comment that Chandrababu could be the Chief Minister for another ten years, Jagan responded, "Who becomes CM depends on the good deeds they do. People will bless those who work for their welfare."



Pawan's Interesting Comments on "Next CM"

TPN, Amaravati: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan made intriguing remarks during the Assembly discussions on the 150-day performance of the coalition government. He expressed his commitment to working according to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's vision and fulfilling the CM's aspirations for the state. Pawan's comments, where he wished Chandrababu continued leadership for another ten years, have sparked a fresh political debate.



During the AP Assembly sessions, CM Chandrababu Naidu highlighted the progress made by the coalition government over its 150 days in power. Following this, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan shared his perspectives. He criticized the previous YCP regime, citing losses in various areas, weakened panchayats, neglected infrastructure, and rampant issues with sand and alcohol management. He also noted the public outcry over large-scale demolitions during the YCP's tenure.

Pawan analyzed that the alliance gained public support due to dissatisfaction with the YCP's governance style. He praised Chandrababu for instilling confidence in the state's future and expressed optimism about Andhra Pradesh evolving into a trillion-dollar economy. He highlighted the current government's achievements, including timely payment of government employee salaries and strengthening of panchayats, contrasting it with the YCP government's failures.

If You Set Up a Belt Shop, You Will Get Belt Treatment: CM

TPN, Amaravati: AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu emphasized the need for transparency in liquor sales, stating that sales should only occur through authorized wine shops. Issuing a stern warning, he said, "If anyone sets up belt shops, they will get belt treatment." He urged local MLAs to ensure the absence of such shops in their constituencies and warned that anyone committing crimes in the state would face punishment. Additionally, he cautioned that anyone posting derogatory content against girls and women on social media would face immediate consequences. These remarks were made during his speech in the Assembly.

Chandrababu stated that the public has supported him for four decades, repeatedly electing him as Chief Minister. Reflecting on the challenges he faced under the previous YCP government, he mentioned being subjected to severe hardships, including imprisonment. Despite these setbacks, he affirmed his commitment to working for the people, both in power and out of it.

He criticized the YCP regime, saying it left the state in a "ventilator state" and expressed gratitude to the people for giving him a decisive victory during a crucial period. He acknowledged the support of the central government in helping the state recover.



NDA's U-Turn on Volunteers: A New Weapon for YCP?

TPN, Amaravati: Approximately 2.67 lakh volunteers were appointed in Andhra Pradesh during the previous YCP government. Despite some criticisms of the volunteer system, it is undeniable that they served as a crucial bridge between the government and beneficiaries of welfare schemes in rural and urban areas, with one volunteer assigned for every 50 households. However, they became a source of contention for the opposition, often being labeled as YCP activists allegedly working in favor of the party during elections. Despite promises, the YCP government failed to fulfill its commitment to increase their salaries to ₹10,000 or ensure continuity of their services.

A recent statement by Minister Dola Bala Veeranjanyaswamy has added fuel to the controversy. He clarified that his government had made efforts to fulfill promises made to the volunteers during the elections but questioned how salaries could be given to volunteers who are no longer in service. He explained that the volunteer system ceased to exist after August 2023, as the volunteers were asked to resign before the elections. Currently, there are no volunteers in the state.

The minister further elaborated that the previous government had extended the tenure of the volunteers until August 2023 but did not continue it beyond September. He added that if permission had been granted, their salaries would have been increased. Despite this, he expressed confidence in the volunteer system while answering questions during the Legislative Council's question-and-answer session.

Allegations have also surfaced that the YCP government sidelined the volunteers after August 2023, allegedly forcing them to resign during the elections. The minister's response raises questions about the NDA government's stance on the issue.

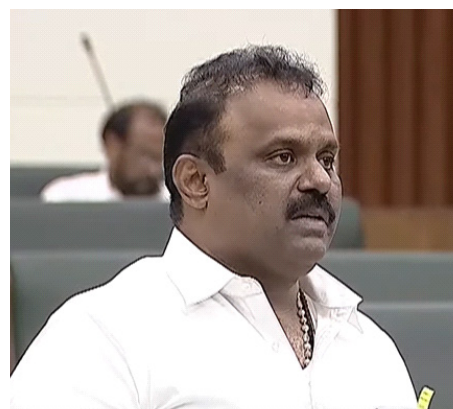
The NDA coalition, during its campaign, had promised to double the salaries of volunteers and continue their services. However, the recent developments suggest a backtrack on this promise, reminiscent of Jagan's earlier reversal on Amaravati as the state capital. The government has clarified that it is now fully utilizing secretariat employees for pension distribution, effectively sidelining the volunteer system.

Surplus Electricity Mismanagement Under YCP Over ₹20,000 Crore Burden on AP Residents

TPN, Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Power Minister Gottipati Ravikumar, addressing the Legislative Council on Wednesday, highlighted the devastating impact of alleged mismanagement by the previous YCP government on the state's power sector. He stated that AP, which was a surplus electricity state until 2019, was burdened with losses amounting to ₹20,000 crore due to destructive policies during the YCP regime.

Ravikumar accused the YCP government of halting 7,000-8,000 MW of solar and wind power generation, citing favoritism towards private entities. He alleged that thousands of crores were looted under the guise of power purchases by YCP leaders' followers.

The minister pointed out that the YCP government increased electricity charges nine times in five years, severely burdening residents. He added that while Andhra Pradesh boasts significant power generation capacity through projects like VTPS, Krishnapatnam, and Polavaram, YCP's policies deterred investors, damaging the sector's potential.



"Decision Soon on Granting Rights to Service Reward Lands"

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Revenue Minister Angani Satyaprasad announced that a decision will soon be taken to grant ownership rights to service reward lands in Andhra Pradesh. These lands were historically allotted to individuals as a reward for professional services, but the beneficiaries currently have no rights over the lands beyond cultivation. The government is considering granting them full ownership rights.

The minister stated that the proposal will be discussed in the upcoming cabinet meeting, where a positive decision is expected. He estimated that there are approximately 1.5 lakh acres of service reward lands across the state.

Addressing concerns about houses built on prohibited lands listed under 22A in cities and towns, the minister advised MLAs to bring such cases to his attention. He assured that the extent and severity of the issue will be examined thoroughly, and appropriate decisions will be made.



Minister Kollu Ravindra's Statement on New Liquor Policy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Kollu Ravindra made a statement regarding the new liquor policy in the AP Assembly. He criticized the decision to increase liquor prices by 70%, stating that it has left the poor financially strained. He also mentioned that employees of the Excise Department have been separated and the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) has been formed. Ravindra claimed that as a result of the price hike, consumers have turned to illicit liquor.

Ravindra condemned the policies of the previous Chief Minister, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, calling them a blow to the system. He recalled how Jagan had promised alcohol prohibition during campaign meetings, only to later announce that it would be phased out. Initially, some liquor shops were reduced, and others were opened under the name of APTDC and bars.

Ravindra emphasized that the 70% increase in liquor prices has caused significant financial strain on the poor. He added that the SEB's formation, along with the rising prices, has led people to resort to illicit substances such as ganja and "natusara" (a local drug).

The Minister expressed frustration that liquor sales are taking place without the brand's value being disclosed.



Minister Narayana Criticizes Ycp Govt Mishandling of TIDCO Housing Project

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Ponguru Narayana has criticized the previous government's handling of the TIDCO housing project, accusing them of mistreating beneficiaries due to factional politics against the TDP. Addressing the Legislative Assembly, Minister Narayana emphasized the ongoing efforts to resolve issues faced by TIDCO beneficiaries and highlighted the discrepancies in the previous administration's approach to housing construction.

Minister Narayana pointed out that the previous government had taken loans totaling ₹5,546.48 crores for the TIDCO housing project, with ₹195.81 crores sourced from the planning department's LRS funds. After TDP assumed power in 2014, the government sought approval for the construction of 7,14,480 houses, of which 3,13,832 were completed during the TDP's tenure. However, he said that 2,38,360 houses were canceled, and only 2,61,660 houses were taken up for construction.

The Minister highlighted that under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, the TDP government prioritized high-quality and technologically advanced housing, using shear wall technology—a first in the country.

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During today's assembly session, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan emphasized the importance of public servants acting responsibly and serving the people. In stark contrast, Ramaraju's actions in Bhimavaram appear to defy this principle, leaving locals frustrated.

The incident has sparked discussions about the responsibilities of public representatives and whether political sacrifices justify arrogance. Mantena Ramaraju's behavior serves as a reminder that leadership is a privilege that demands humility and accountability, not a license for self-serving actions.

They Might use...

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Film director Ram Gopal Varma is facing legal trouble after sharing morphed photos of Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, and Nara Lokesh on social media during the release of his movie *Vyuham* before the last elections. A police case was registered against him in this regard, and he was served a notice to appear for investigation.

However, Varma skipped the police inquiry scheduled for Thursday, citing his busy shooting schedule. He requested four more days to attend the investigation and conveyed this to Ongole Rural CI Srikanth Babu. Meanwhile, Varma filed a petition in the Andhra Pradesh High Court seeking protection from arrest and dismissal of the case registered against him. The High Court accepted his petition for review and directed him to attend the police investigation. In response, Varma also filed a bail petition in the High Court, alleging that the case against him was politically motivated.

US Visa Center in AP

TPN, Vizag: After inspecting the extravagant ₹450-crore Rushikonda Palace in Vizag, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu criticized it as a "criminal waste" of public funds. The palatial structure, adorned with ultra-luxurious features like ₹36-lakh bathtubs and ₹16-lakh auto-wash commodes, remains unused, leaving the government puzzled about how to repurpose it.

Amid this, discussions have emerged suggesting the palace could serve as a US Visa Application Center, potentially giving the opulent building a meaningful purpose.

US Consul General Rebekah Drame recently disclosed that the US is considering establishing a Visa Application Center in Andhra Pradesh, either in Vizag or Vijayawada, due to the high number of Telugu students heading to the US—comprising nearly 52% of all Indian students in American universities.

The revelation sparked debates among netizens about the ideal location for the proposed center. Advocates for Rushikonda argued that its strategic location could cater to youth from North Andhra, the twin Godavari districts, and even parts of Odisha. With visa centers in Chennai and Bengaluru already serving coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema, and Hyderabad covering Telangana, Rushikonda could bridge a gap in accessibility.

Others proposed Amaravati as a more logical choice, given its central location within the state. However, the debate reflects a larger issue—the ongoing brain drain from Andhra Pradesh fueled by unemployment.

As the TDP-led government takes charge, addressing the root causes of this exodus, such as creating local opportunities and reducing dependence on foreign shores, could help transform Andhra Pradesh into a hub of opportunity rather than just a gateway to overseas ambitions.



“No Question of Leaving Jagan” - Anil Kumar Yadav

- I Will Not join any other party
- I'll Participate actively in politics soon
- I am also ready to face such challenges

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former Minister Anil Kumar Yadav has strongly refuted rumors of him leaving the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), calling the reports baseless and an attempt to tarnish his image. Addressing the speculation, Anil accused certain media channels of spreading misinformation solely to boost their ratings.

He reaffirmed his loyalty to Former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and the YSRCP, stating, “There is no question of leaving Jagan. I will not join any other party and will soon participate actively in politics.”

Anil Kumar Yadav also alleged that some leaders from the Nellore district are conspiring against him. He claimed they are trying to implicate him in false cases to send him to jail. Without directly naming anyone, he pointed fingers at TDP leader Nara Lokesh, alleging his involvement in these efforts. “Many great people have gone to jail before. I am also ready to face such challenges if it comes to that,” he said.

Expressing unwavering confidence in his



party's future, Anil stated that the YSRCP would once again secure power in the upcoming elections.

The former minister's comments come amidst a wave of speculation about defections from the YSRCP, as several party leaders have already switched sides in recent months. However, Anil's statements firmly dismiss any possibility of him following suit, highlighting his commitment to the party's leadership and his determination to remain active in public life despite challenges.

Anil Kumar Yadav's remarks underscore the internal tensions within the political landscape, even as he projects confidence in YSRCP's strength and electoral prospects.

“Kadapa Steel Plant a Coconut Shelling Project?” - YS Sharmila

TPN, Kadapa: APCC Chief Y.S. Sharmila has strongly criticized both the current and previous governments for the stalled Kadapa Steel Plant project, describing it as a “coconut shelling venture” rather than a genuine industrial initiative. In her scathing remarks, Sharmila accused successive chief ministers of focusing on ceremonial rituals like breaking coconuts (Tenkaya) while failing to make any real progress on the project.



As part of her protest, Sharmila took a symbolic stand in front of the Kadapa Collectorate, pounding coconuts to highlight the lack of development and frustration surrounding the steel plant. She called out Chandrababu Naidu for using the issue as a political tool during the 2019 elections, and criticized former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for delivering grand speeches without following through with tangible actions.

Sharmila further alleged that Jagan had handed the project over to another organization, thereby

betraying the trust of the people of Jammalamadugu. “After Jagan's tenure, it has become clear what kind of relationship exists between Sajjan Jindal and Jagan Mohan Reddy,” she said, implying a deeper connection between the two that she believes has undermined the project.

Her comments reflect growing disillusionment with the stalled steel plant and the political maneuvering surrounding it, with Sharmila continuing to demand accountability from both the current and former leadership for their failure to bring the much-anticipated industrial project to fruition.

It Is Shameful to say That There Is No Volunteer System: Botsa

- Minister Bala Veeranjanyaswamy states the volunteer system is no longer operational
- Can the alliance government revive the volunteer system?
- Ramasubba Reddy accuses the government of betraying the volunteers

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The issue of volunteers sparked heated debate in the AP Legislative Council. The YCP raised concerns over the volunteer system during the question-and-answer session this morning. Minister Dola Bala Veeranjanyaswamy stated that the volunteer system is no longer operational in the state. He explained that the system expired in August 2023 and that the previous YCP government did not issue a government order to extend the program. He questioned how salaries could be paid to volunteers when the system itself no longer exists.

In response, YCP leader and opposition leader in the council, Botsa Satyanarayana, criticized the situation. He reminded the assembly that the salary of volunteers was promised to be increased to ₹10,000 during the elections. He questioned whether the current alliance government could revive the volunteer system and fulfill its promises.



YCP MLA Ramasubba Reddy added that YCP's concerns about the fate of the volunteers have been vindicated. He alleged that the Chandrababu government had deceived the volunteers and accused it of plotting to abolish the system. He argued that the minister's response has confirmed the YCP's suspicions, exposing what he called a deliberate conspiracy to dismantle the volunteer system.

Is There a Volunteer System, But Here Was no Volunteers – Minister Dola

Volunteers are resigned in Aug 2023

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Dola Balaveeranjanyaswamy has declared that the volunteer system in Andhra Pradesh is no longer operational, stating that it ceased to exist from August 2023. Speaking during the Legislative Council's question-and-answer session, he clarified that the previous YSRCP government failed to renew the system, leading to its eventual dissolution.

“The volunteer system is not viable anymore. The previous government allowed it to continue only until August 2023 but did not take steps to extend it beyond that. How can we pay salaries to volunteers who no longer exist?” the minister questioned. He added that many volunteers had already resigned before the elections, effectively ending the system.

Balaveeranjanyaswamy also noted that his government had shown willingness to implement the prom-



ises made to volunteers during the election campaign, including a potential salary increase. However, with no active volunteers in the state, these promises could not be fulfilled. He reiterated that if the system had been operational, his government would have continued supporting it.

While addressing members' questions, the minister expressed confidence in the value of the volunteer system but emphasized that its discontinuation was a direct result of the previous administration's lack of action to sustain it.

The minister's remarks have brought the spotlight back on the now-defunct volunteer system, which played a crucial role in grassroots governance in Andhra Pradesh. The issue has become a point of contention, reflecting broader challenges in sustaining governance initiatives during political transitions.

Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy Letter to Home Minister Regarding PV Ramesh's Allegations

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In response to the letter from MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy to the Home Minister, it is crucial to address the issues raised regarding the skill development case and the alleged loss of files. The letter from Sridhar Reddy highlights serious concerns raised by retired IAS officer PV Ramesh, who has called for an immediate and thorough investigation into the matter, claiming that the files related to the skill development case were deliberately lost and that senior officials in the previous government were involved in the misconduct.

MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy has emphasized that PV Ramesh's statements, particularly in a debate with ABN Executive Editor Venkatakrishna and reported in Andhra Jyoti, suggest a deeper conspiracy that compromised the integrity of the investigation into the skill development case. Ramesh's comments, alleging that the files related to the case were lost from the CMO, CID, and Skill Development Department simultaneously, raise serious questions about the involvement of high-ranking officials in the previous administration.

Sridhar Reddy has called for an investigation into these



claims, stating that the case against former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu was politically motivated and that the loss of critical documents cannot be dismissed without scrutiny. He strongly asserted that the statement made by PV Ramesh is not an attack on any individual but on the systems and processes that allowed such irregularities to occur.

The TDP and its supporters have demanded a full-scale investigation into the skill development case, with the belief that the truth behind the alleged corruption will eventually come to light. It is also noteworthy that Ramesh's claim that his statements were fabricated adds another layer of complexity to the situation, further fueling the call for accountability and transparency in this matter.

Given the gravity of these allegations, it is imperative that the Home Minister, Vangalapudi Anitha, ensures a swift and impartial inquiry to uncover the facts and hold those responsible accountable. The public and political leaders alike are eagerly awaiting a resolution to this issue, as it has become a significant point of contention within the ongoing political discourse in Andhra Pradesh.

Clash in Jammalamadugu Not With Adani, But With YCP - MLA Adinarayana Reddy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: BJP MLA and Government Whip Adinarayana Reddy clarified that the recent clash in Jammalamadugu was not with the Adani organization but with YCP leaders. Speaking on the issue, he alleged that YCP leaders are engaging in illegal activities under the guise of Adani. He criticized their actions, claiming that they are misusing the association with the Adani group to further their own interests.

Adinarayana Reddy stated that the Adani company has shown interest in setting up major industries in the region, including a solar energy facility and a large cement factory. However, he alleged that some YCP leaders, acting as subcontractors for the proposed Adani projects, are exploiting the situation. “My followers stopped the shopkeepers set up by YCP leaders claiming to rep-



resent Adani industries, which are not even operational yet,” he said.

Reddy added that while he supports industrial development in collaboration with the Adani group, unwarranted interference by YCP leaders will not be tolerated. He accused the ruling party of instigating conflicts under the pretext of Adani's arrival. “The fight happened because YCP leaders provoked others in the name of Adani,” he explained.

He reiterated his support for industrial growth in Jammalamadugu but called for transparent and lawful practices, free from political exploitation. The incident has highlighted the increasing tensions between the BJP and YCP in the region, with industrial development becoming a focal point of contention.

Outsourcing Employees Gratitude to Dy CM Pawan Kalyan for Resolving Salary Delay



TPN, Mangalagiri: On Wednesday, Janasena Camp Office at Mangalagiri Outsourcing employees from the Medical and Health and Family Welfare Department expressed their gratitude to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan for resolving their long-standing salary issues. These employees, who had been working under the outsourcing system through OPCAS, had not received their salaries for the past 23 months, causing severe financial strain on their families. Many of them had resorted to taking loans to meet their daily needs.

The employees visited the camp office in Mangalagiri to personally thank Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan for his intervention. They shared that the issue, which had remained unresolved for over two years, was addressed within just four weeks of bringing it to the Deputy CM's attention.

Speaking at the camp office, the employees expressed their relief and joy after receiving the government orders for the release of their pending salaries. They appreciated Mr. Pawan Kalyan for his quick action in speaking with senior officials and ensuring that their grievances were resolved promptly.

The employees emphasized that their families had been under immense pressure due to the delayed payments, and they were thankful for the Deputy CM's timely intervention, which has brought much-needed relief.

The Deputy CM's commitment to addressing the issues of outsourcing employees and ensuring their welfare continues to be a priority, as demonstrated by the swift resolution of this matter.

Minister Durgesh Congratulates Vijayakumar as Chairman of Mala Welfare Committee

TPN, Vijayawada: State Minister for Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography, Kandula Durgesh, extended his heartfelt congratulations to Peddapudi Vijayakumar on his appointment as the Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Mala Welfare Co-operative Finance Committee. The Minister expressed his confidence that Vijayakumar will lead the committee with dedication and work tirelessly for the welfare of the Dalit community.



In his message, Minister Kandula Durgesh urged the newly appointed Chairman to focus on justice and equitable development for the Dalit race. He emphasized the importance of working towards the financial empowerment of the Mala community, encouraging Vijayakumar to lead the committee with a sense of commitment and responsibility.

The Minister also called for efforts to strengthen the community's financial self-reliance and ensure that Dalits receive the benefits of

various welfare schemes meant for their upliftment. Kandula Durgesh expressed his belief that under Vijayakumar's leadership, the committee will make significant strides in improving the economic conditions of Dalits in the state.

Minister Kandula Durgesh's remarks reflect the government's ongoing efforts to uplift marginalized communities and ensure their participation in the state's development. He assured full support to the new Chairman in fulfilling his responsibilities and advancing the goals of the Mala Welfare Co-operative Finance Committee.

Child Safety - Everyone's Responsibility: A Call to Protect and Empower Children



TPN, Vijayawada: By Dr. Sravanti Roy Assistant Commissioner of Police and In-charge, ACP Mahila Police Station, Vijayawada, NTR District. On Wednesday Vijayawada witnessed a powerful awareness program marking the celebration of Children's Rights Week and World Children's Day at Mary Stella College. The event was organized under the joint management of government departments, NGOs, and child rights organizations including the Forum for Child Rights, Samyukta Foundation, the Police Department - AHTU, the Department of Women and Child Welfare, District Child Protection Unit, Birds Charity, and Krupa Foundation.

During the event, ACP Dr. Sravanti Roy emphasized that the responsibility to protect and

support children in danger lies with every member of society. She stressed the importance of education in empowering children, especially girls, to overcome social inequalities. She highlighted the need to eradicate child marriage, child abuse, and child labor, urging students to remain vigilant, particularly regarding teenage love and the risks of exploitation. She also encouraged parents to take advantage of government schemes aimed at educating and empowering every girl child.

Sister Jacinta Quarters, Principal of Mary Stella College, inspired students to dream big and work hard to achieve their aspirations. The event also featured insights from Inspector Vasavi, who advised students to stay cautious of cyber frauds and avoid interactions with

strangers online. She reminded them to report any issues to trusted adults or to call child helplines (1098), police (100/112), or the women's helpline (181).

Forum for Child Rights District Coordinator, Arava Ramesh, emphasized that the development of a country begins with the development of its children, and it is the duty of all adults to ensure every child's education and well-being.

The program concluded with a pledge for child rights and performances of Chaitanya songs by Kote Prakash and Arava Ramesh, inspiring the audience. Over 600 students participated in the event, reinforcing the commitment to protect and promote children's rights.

State MSO, LMO & Operators Congratulations to APSFL Chairman GV Reddy



TPN, Vijayawada: In a recent meeting, the State MSO, LMO, and Operators extended their warm congratulations to GV Reddy on his appointment as the Chairman of Andhra Pradesh State FiberNet Limited (APSFL). The meeting also provided an opportunity for the operators to present a petition highlighting their concerns and challenges, emphasizing the importance of strengthening public trust in APSFL.

Since taking charge, Chairman GV Reddy has been engaged in discussions to address the critical issues raised by the operators. During the meeting, Reddy assured the group that he

would work diligently to resolve the key problems they face and improve the operations of APSFL.

Reddy emphasized that the goal is to establish APSFL as the top network provider in the state, following the visionary leadership of Honorable Nara Chandrababu Naidu, whose leadership has been pivotal in the growth and development of APSFL. The Chairman's proactive approach and commitment to finding solutions have instilled confidence among the operators, with a shared vision of expanding APSFL's reach and ensuring better service delivery across Andhra Pradesh.

Spiritual Leader Srimad Sri Shaila Jagadguru Visted Durgamma Temple In Vijayawada



haya Sivacharya Maha Swamiji visited the Sri Durgamalleswara Swamivarla Devasthanam in Vijayawada yesterday. The temple's Executive Officer (EO), K.S. Rama Rao, extended a warm welcome to the revered spiritual leader.

Following the welcome, EO K.S. Rama Rao escorted Swamiji for the darshan of Ammavari. Swamiji then performed the traditional pujas at the temple, offering blessings to the devo-

tees. As a mark of respect, the temple's Vedic scholars performed the Vedhavasti ceremony for Swamiji, a ritual to honor learned spiritual leaders. To express their gratitude, the temple EO and Vedic scholars presented fruits, flowers, and a picture to Swamiji, further acknowledging his contribution to spiritual teachings and the community.

Devineni Uma Criticizes YCP Government's Mismanagement and Corruption

TPN, Vijayawada: In a sharp critique of the ruling YCP government, TDP State General Secretary and former Minister, Devineni Umamaheswara Devineni Uma, accused Chief Minister Jagannathan Reddy of making "waffle lectures" while failing to address the real issues plaguing Andhra Pradesh. Speaking at a media conference in Gollapudi, he slammed the government's inability to answer pressing questions in the legislative assembly, accusing them of a lack of accountability.

Devineni Uma claimed that the YCP's five-year rule had brought

significant destruction to the state's economy and governance, especially in the power and irrigation sectors. He emphasized the lack of progress on key projects like the Polavaram Irrigation Project, which he said was stalled under the current regime, despite the groundwork laid by former CM Chandrababu Naidu.

"The YCP government has failed to deliver on their promises, with unresolved debts amounting to thousands of crores. Meanwhile, Jagannathan Reddy's administration has turned a blind eye to corruption, and even as industrialists were intimidated, the peo-

ple of the state are bearing the brunt," he stated.

Devineni Uma also criticized the government's failure to take action on critical issues, such as the alleged cross-promotion on social media targeting political figures and failure to act against party member Varra Ravindra Reddy. He challenged CM Jagannathan Reddy to appear in the legislative assembly and answer to the charges laid against him, accusing the government of spreading falsehoods to mislead the public.

Devineni Uma expressed confidence that the NDA coalition



government would bring about significant reforms in the state, including resuming stalled projects and ensuring progress in sectors like irrigation and infrastructure. He ended by warning Jagannathan Reddy about the consequences of his "fake words" and empty promises.

MLA Galla Madhavi Promises to Develop NTR Stadium in Guntur West



TPN, Guntur: MLA Galla Madhavi has committed to improving and developing the NTR Stadium in Guntur West Constituency. During a visit to the stadium in Brindavan Gardens, Guntur, accompanied by Municipal Commissioner Puli Srinivasulu, the MLA addressed several concerns raised by the Walkers Association.

The walkers reported issues such as the track becoming a swamp during the rainy season, causing difficulties for elderly women. They also highlighted inadequate lighting on the tennis court, the need for more table tennis tables, and outdated gym equipment. Addi-

tionally, concerns were raised about the improper management of the swimming pool, with a request for modernization.

In response to these concerns, MLA Madhavi assured the walkers that she would collaborate with Commissioner Puli Srinivasulu to address the issues and work towards the development of the stadium. The meeting also saw participation from local corporators Vemulapalli Sriram Prasad, Kommineni Koteswara Rao, Damacharla Srinivasa Rao, Muthineni Rajesh, Narendra, Vajja Ramakrishna, and Lalwazeer, who supported the initiative.



High Court Bench in Kurnool: Key Decisions of AP Cabinet

- Cabinet approves new policies for sports and tourism
- Proposal to grant industry status to tourism projects approved
- Approval for the new sports policy



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, convened this evening and made several important decisions. Among the key resolutions was the establishment of a High Court bench in Kurnool. The Cabinet also approved new policies aimed at promoting

sports and tourism.

During the meeting, the proposal to grant industry status to tourism projects was discussed and approved. Additionally, the Cabinet gave its nod to the Judicial Preview Abolition Bill and proposed to repeal the AP Infra Transparency Act, 2019.

The new sports policy for 2024-25 was also formally approved.

The Cabinet approved an amendment bill under the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, revising the no-confidence period for the chairpersons of local bodies from four years to

two years. Furthermore, a resolution was passed to rename the Anti-Narcotics Task Force established by the government. It will now be called Eagle. These measures reflect the government's ongoing efforts to enhance governance, promote tourism, and support sports development in the state.

Kakinada District Collector Shanmohan Expresses Emotion on Children's Rights Day

TPN, Kakinada: Kakinada District Collector Shanmohan Sagili became emotional during the celebrations of International Children's Rights Day at the Ambedkar Bhawan Stadium. As the chief guest of the event, he reflected on the importance of childhood and the special rights granted to children under the Constitution.

While speaking at the event, Collector Shanmohan emphasized that childhood is a vital and beautiful stage of life, deserving of protection. He acknowledged the implementation of strict laws like the FOxO Act to safeguard children, but expressed deep regret over the ongoing incidents of sexual abuse and violations of children's rights.



Overcome with emotion, Collector Shanmohan shed tears as he spoke about the inhumane incidents affecting both boys and girls, stressing the collective responsibility of teachers, parents, and society to prevent such atrocities. In his address, he vowed to take strict action against anyone found violating the rights of children, promising that violators would face consequences under the POCSO Act.

The Collector also announced a six-month child protection movement for Kakinada, aiming to make the district safer for children. He explained the importance of educating children about good and bad touches, children's rights, and the POCSO Act. He urged children to seek help by calling the helplines 1098 and 112 or reporting incidents via WhatsApp (7331126044).

KTR Appeals to TTD Chairman BR Naidu Regarding Tirumala Darshan

- BR Naidu meets KTR courteously
- Request to consider letters from Telangana public representatives
- KTR seeks support for Telangana temples

TPN, Hyderabad: BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) appealed to TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu to consider the letters submitted by MPs, MLAs, and MLCs from the Telangana region, requesting darshan arrangements for Telangana devotees visiting Tirumala Srivari temple.

B.R. Naidu paid a courtesy visit to KTR at his residence in Nandi-

nagar, Hyderabad, today. During the meeting, he presented Srivari Tirtha Prasadam to KTR and received a shawl from KTR as a token of respect.

On this occasion, KTR requested Naidu to act upon the letters he had sent regarding darshan for Telangana devotees. He also sought cooperation in expediting the construction of TTD temples

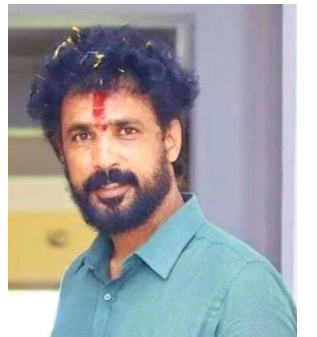
in Karimnagar and Siricilla, for which foundation stones have already been laid. Additionally, KTR highlighted the presence of many prominent temples across Telangana and urged TTD to extend support for their development.

In response, B.R. Naidu positively acknowledged KTR's requests and assured cooperation.



Dasari Raju Elected as Director of State Yadav Corporation

TPN, Ichhapuram: The government has officially appointed Dasari Raju, Janasena constituency in-charge of Ichhapuram town, as the director of the State Yadav Corporation. The announcement was made on Tuesday, and the news has been met with joy by constituency alliance leaders.



Expressing his gratitude for the appointment, Dasari Raju thanked Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and MLA Ashok Babu for their support. The leadership expressed confidence in Raju's ability to serve the community effectively in this new role, and the appointment marks a significant step for the development of the Yadav community in the state. This appointment is seen as a positive development by local leaders, who have expressed their hopes for Raju to bring positive changes and progress to the corporation.

AP HC Rebukes Guntur Mayor for Offensive Comments

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh High Court has expressed its strong disapproval of comments made by Guntur Mayor Kavati Manohar Naidu against alliance leaders, including Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan and Minister Nara Lokesh. The court questioned whether such vulgar language was appropriate for someone holding a responsible position, such as the first citizen of the city.

The remarks, which were deemed inappropriate and offensive, led to a complaint being filed by TDP State Executive Secretary Kanaparathi

Srinivasa Rao at the Arandalpet police station. The police have registered a case against the mayor. However, Manohar Naidu approached the High Court to seek the quashing of the FIR.

During the hearing, the bench expressed its anger at Manohar Naidu's choice of language. "Is this the language you use? Do you attack family members and mothers with such words?" the court asked. The bench further emphasized that individuals in public office should serve the people and engage with them respectfully, rather than resorting to foul language in a bid

to win elections. The court also stressed that such behavior should be condemned by all political parties.

The court directed Manohar Naidu's counsel to remind the mayor of his responsibility as a citizen first and ordered the police to issue notices under Section 41(A) of the CrPC. As the sections under which the case was registered carry punishments of up to seven years, the court has directed a thorough investigation. A counter affidavit with detailed information is also to be filed.

Ongole DCTO Srinivasa Prasad Caught Taking Bribe by ACB

TPN, Ongole: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials caught KS Srinivasa Prasad, Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the Ongole Commercial Tax Office, red-handed while accepting a bribe of ₹1.50 lakh. The case unfolded after a notice and fine were issued to

Sridhar Trade Company by the Commercial Tax Office. Srinivasa Prasad allegedly demanded ₹1.50 lakh from the merchant to waive the penalty. Unwilling to comply, the merchant reported the matter to the ACB. Acting on the tip, Ongole ACB DSP P. Ramachan-

dra Rao, along with his team, apprehended Srinivasa Prasad at his office today while he was accepting the bribe. The officials recovered the full amount of ₹1.50 lakh from him during the operation. The investigation team included CI Seshu, SSIL JBN Prasad, Sheikh

Mastan Sharif, and other ACB staff. Further action is being initiated as part of the legal proceedings against Srinivasa Prasad. This operation highlights the ACB's ongoing efforts to curb corruption and ensure accountability among public servants.



Mock Drill Held at Rajahmundry Railway Station in Collaboration with NDRF 10th Battalion



TPN, Rajahmundry: On Wednesday, A joint Mock Drill was conducted Yesterday at the Rajahmundry Railway Station, organized by the South Central Railway (SCR) Vijayawada Division in association with the NDRF 10th Battalion. The drill was supervised by Shri Srinivasa Rao Konda, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Operations), Vijayawada Division. The exercise aimed to enhance the preparedness of various railway and emergency services in responding to accidents and emergencies.

The drill, which commenced at 10:03 AM with the sound of a siren, involved over 100 participants from multiple depart-

ments, including SCR officials, NDRF, Civil Defense, and staff from the SPARMV (Self-Propelled Accident Relief Medical Van) of Vijayawada and Guntur Divisions. The mock exercise focused on rescuing injured passengers from a condemned coach and transporting them to nearby hospitals for medical treatment.

Key demonstrations included techniques for carrying injured passengers, fire fighting methods, and rescue operations from derailed coaches. NDRF teams showcased various life-saving techniques, including the cradle lift, single-man human crutch, and pick-a-back lifts. The NDRF and SPARMV staff also performed

detailed rescue operations, cutting open the coach's sides and windows to extract victims, providing first aid, and transferring the injured to medical vans for further care.

Dr. V. Sunil Kumar, Sr. DMO, and Dr. M. Suji, Dy. CMD, supervised the medical aspects of the drill, including Basic Life Support and CPR techniques.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Srinivasa Rao Konda emphasized the importance of periodical training to improve the efficiency and response time of railway staff during emergencies, thus minimizing casualties and ensuring swift rescue operations.



G20 Rio Declaration: Bold Aspirations, Hollow Commitments for Climate Action



The G20 Rio de Janeiro Leaders' Declaration presents an ambitious vision for tackling the climate crisis, emphasizing sustainable growth, resilience, and inclusivity. However, its lofty rhetoric is undermined by significant gaps, contradictions, and a lack of concrete commitments, raising doubts about its ability to drive meaningful global action.

While the declaration expresses a desire to "encourage," "recognize," and "cooperate," it falls short of binding commitments or enforceable mechanisms. It reiterates the goals of the Paris Agreement without offering clear actions or timelines, perpetuating a familiar pattern in global climate diplomacy where lofty promises remain unfulfilled. The absence of concrete steps or frameworks for addressing climate challenges leaves the declaration at risk of being another aspirational statement, rather than a tool for real change.

One of the declaration's most glaring omissions is the lack of emphasis on water issues. Despite its critical role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), water is treated as an afterthought, relegated to the WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) sector. Addressing water challenges is vital for tackling hunger, poverty, and climate resilience, yet the declaration fails to position water as a global common good that requires systemic transformation across sectors.

In addition, the declaration's call to triple global renewable energy capacity by 2030 is not backed by actionable steps to resolve financing gaps or infrastructure challenges. Achieving the Paris Agreement's goals requires more than

pledges—it demands a comprehensive green industrial strategy, which the declaration does not address. Trade policies, particularly within the World Trade Organization (WTO), also need reform to ensure equitable participation in the green economy, yet this issue is largely overlooked. Without these systemic changes, developing nations will remain marginalized in the global energy transition.

The declaration also fails to provide solutions to the financial challenges faced by developing countries. In 2022, these nations spent over \$443 billion on servicing external debt, diverting resources from critical sectors like health, education, and environmental initiatives. Concessional financing, crucial for sustainable development in low-income nations, remains insufficient, and access to climate finance is often impeded by bureaucratic hurdles. These financial imbalances exacerbate the climate crisis, as developing countries face the dual burden of debt and climate impacts without adequate support to adapt or mitigate.

Moreover, the declaration misses an opportunity to push for reforms in multilateral development banks and central banks to align their policies with climate goals. The emphasis on scaling up green finance "from billions to trillions" ignores systemic barriers that prevent developing nations from accessing the funds they need. The call for critical minerals to support renewable energy transitions risks turning resource-rich countries into mere suppliers, contributing to environmental degradation and human rights violations without adequate compensation or governance frameworks.

The lack of accountability for historical emitters and the absence of specific commitments from high-income nations to scale up climate finance or emissions reductions further diminish the declaration's effectiveness. Additionally, the failure to prioritize just transitions and support vulnerable communities highlights the declaration's shortcomings. While it acknowledges the need for adaptation and a Loss and Damage Fund, it offers no concrete framework for implementation, leaving the Global South vulnerable to climate impacts without sufficient financial or technical support.

The omission of climate-induced migration is another significant flaw. With climate change potentially displacing millions by 2050, the G20's silence on this issue reveals a troubling disregard for the humanitarian consequences of inaction. Similarly, the call for circular economies and waste reduction is undermined by the refusal to confront unsustainable consumption patterns in high-income countries, which are responsible for the majority of global waste and resource consumption.

Ultimately, the G20 Rio Declaration presents itself as a comprehensive roadmap for climate action but falls short in delivering the bold, transformative commitments needed to address the crisis. To achieve meaningful progress, future G20 presidencies—especially South Africa's—must prioritize actionable commitments, systemic reform, and binding targets that address the structural barriers to sustainability and equity. Without these, the declaration risks becoming another footnote in the history of missed opportunities in global climate governance.

Humor in the Constituent Assembly: A Humanizing Element of India's Constitution



During my recent work on a project commemorating the 75th year of the adoption of the Indian Constitution, I delved into the Constituent Assembly debates, searching for landmark speeches, values of constitutionality, and didactic precedents. What struck me most were the humorous moments that emerged in these serious discussions. These instances not only humanized the Constitution but also highlighted the wit and wisdom of the founding members, showcasing their deep awareness of society's foibles and their own flaws.

The debates, which took place between December 9, 1946, and January 25, 1950, stretch across nearly 6,000 pages and 3.6 million words, yet it's the occasional bursts of humor that reveal the Assembly's more approachable side. One notable example is from December 11, 1946, when the "Nightingale of India," Sarojini Naidu, was invited to address the House. Chairman Sachchidananda Sinha called her "bulbul-i-Hind" and asked her to speak "not in prose but in poetry." To which Naidu cheekily responded, "Mr. Chairman, the manner of your calling me is not constitutional!" This prompted laughter, with Sinha hurriedly clarifying that it was "no reflection on the Chair."

Naidu, in her self-deprecating humor, continued to poke fun at the male-dominated assembly, remarking, "I will be modest... as a woman should, confine myself to purely domestic issues." At the time, women made up only 15 of the 390 members, and Naidu's quip subtly highlighted the gender imbalance within the Assembly.

Another instance of humor came on December 27, 1948, when Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, addressing HV Kamath, joked by calling him "Professor Kamath," to which Kamath protested, saying he was not a professor. Ambedkar's witty reply, "But he is quite entitled to be called Professor because he speaks so often," caused the House to burst into laughter. The irony was that Ambedkar, himself known for speaking prolifically in the Assembly, was playfully acknowledging Kamath's loquaciousness.

On September 8, 1949, PS Deshmukh humorously remarked that the Constitution was a "Paradise for lawyers" due to its numerous loopholes. He specifically called attention to the word "notwithstanding," which appears repeatedly throughout the document, humorously predicting it would outnumber the terms "Parliament" or "Constitution."

There was also a light-hearted exchange on the Preamble when Kamath proposed to add "In the name of God" before "We, the People of India." Rohini Kumar Chaudhury, sensing the tension, quipped, "May I move an amendment to that of Shri Kamath that, instead of 'In the name of God', would he be pleased to accept 'In the name of Goddess'?" This intervention eased the atmosphere and had the Assembly laughing.

These humorous moments from the Constituent Assembly remind us that humor is essential in any serious discourse. It serves as a means of balancing intense debates and reinforces the humanity of those involved. While some dubious remarks are often circulated in today's media, including supposed jokes by Nehru and Prasad, they highlight the importance of wit in shaping the Constitution and, perhaps more importantly, the spirit with which it was created. Despite the weighty topics under discussion, the members demonstrated that even in the gravest matters, humor can be a necessary tool for clarity and connection.

Delhi Choking On Toxic Air: How Will This Vicious Pollution Cycle End?

On November 18, 2024, northern India, particularly Delhi, experienced a severe air pollution crisis. The Air Quality Index (AQI) surpassed 1,081, categorizing the air as "hazardous," which is a direct public health emergency. The concentration of fine particulate matter, particularly PM_{2.5}, reached levels 130.9 times higher than the World Health Organization's recommended limits, posing serious risks to cardiovascular and respiratory health. In response, administrative measures such as school closures and a ban on non-essential construction were enforced. However, this crisis also underscored the systemic failure to control the primary sources of pollution.

A study by IIT Kanpur published in *Nature Communication* offers significant insights into the pollution landscape in the Indo-Gangetic Plain (IGP). The study reveals that PM_{2.5}

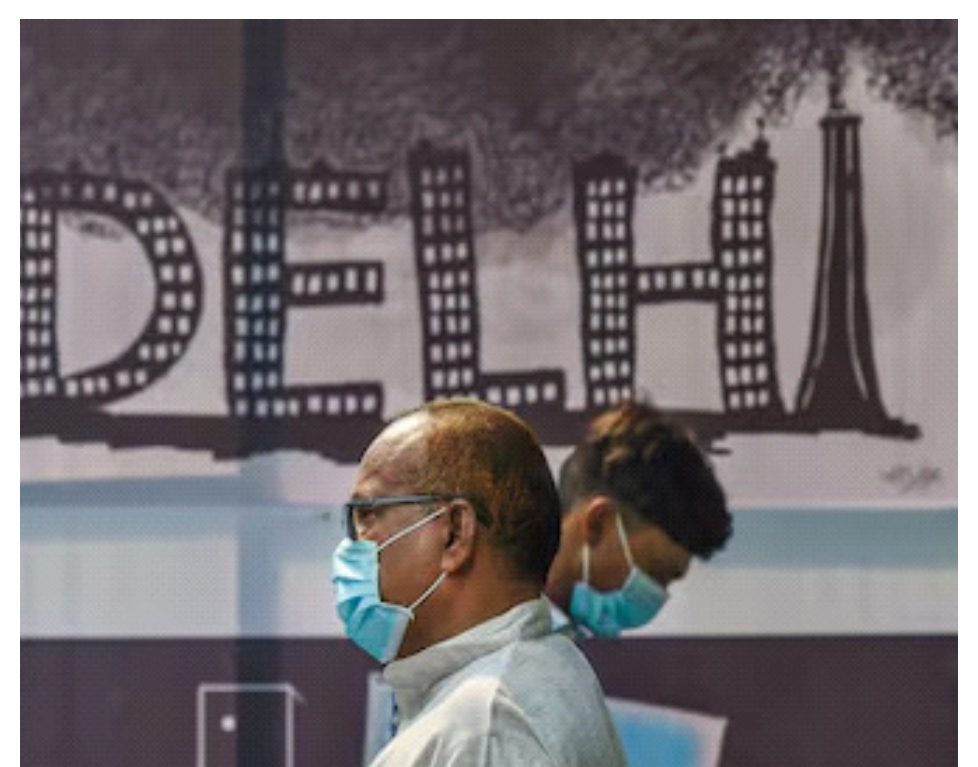
concentrations during the cold season average 98 µg/m³, which is far higher than those in major urban centers of China and Europe. The PM_{2.5} particles, largely made up of organic aerosols from sources like vehicular emissions, biomass burning, and incomplete combustion of biofuels, show significant spatial variability across regions. These particles contain high oxidative potential, exceeding levels found in Chinese and European cities by a factor of up to five.

While the reduction in stubble burning from Punjab and Haryana has been reported to be 80–90% compared to 2020, satellite imagery indicates that the data may be unreliable. The pattern of stubble burning has shifted to later hours, deliberately evading detection by satellites. As a result, despite fewer reported fires, the overall air quality remains poor, as the atmospheric

aerosol levels persist.

The primary reasons behind stubble burning include economic constraints and agricultural policies. Burning is seen as the most cost-effective method for clearing fields, as it requires minimal labor and no expensive machinery. However, it has devastating environmental and health consequences. Moreover, the Punjab Preservation of Subsoil Water Act, 2009, while effective in reducing groundwater depletion, inadvertently overlaps crop cycles, forcing farmers to burn stubble to prepare fields for the next crop.

Addressing this requires a shift in India's agricultural policies. Transitioning to low-residue paddy varieties, scaling in-situ crop residue management (CRM) technologies, and incentivizing crop diversification are key measures.



"India Will Strengthen Global Health Efforts": PM Modi To WHO Chief 'Tulsi Bhai'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaffirmed India's commitment to global health during his address to Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), at the G20 Leaders' Summit in Brazil. In a heartfelt message posted on social media, PM Modi expressed his support for WHO's efforts and praised its initiatives, referring to Dr. Tedros as "Tulsi Bhai." His message followed Dr. Tedros' appreciation for Modi's contributions and support during the WHO's first-ever Investment Round, held in Rio de Janeiro.

PM Modi highlighted India's active role in the global health sector, underscoring the country's commitment to integrating technology into healthcare. "A healthy planet is a better planet. India is working actively in this sector," he wrote. He also added, "We are attaching great priority to integrating technology too. At the same time, we will strengthen global efforts in this regard."

The WHO Investment Round, a key event at the G20 Summit, aimed to secure funding for the organization's global health strategy. The round successfully raised \$1.7 billion in commitments, which will contribute to WHO's ongoing efforts to combat health inequalities and improve global health outcomes. During the Summit, world leaders, including PM Modi, reiterated their commitment to building a more sustainable and equitable world, with a strong emphasis on addressing global health challenges.



The WHO's efforts are backed by substantial funding, with the organization securing \$3.8 billion toward its \$7.1 billion goal for the 14th General Programme of Work. This program aims to save 40 million lives over the next four years by prioritizing health equity and ensuring sustainable financing for essential health interventions.

As the WHO continues its work to enhance global health security, PM Modi's message of support signals India's ongoing role as a critical player in the global health landscape.

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"Avoid Galwan-Type Incidents": Rajnath Says At Meet With Chinese Counterpart

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met his Chinese counterpart, Dong Jun, today in Vientiane, Laos, for bilateral talks. This marked the first meeting between the two leaders since the military disengagement in Ladakh. During the discussions, Singh emphasized the need to avoid incidents like the one in Galwan Valley in June 2020, stating that such conflicts must be prevented in the future.

The meeting, which took place on the sidelines of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus, focused on reviewing the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and the disengagement process in areas where the two sides had been engaged in a standoff for more than four years. The two leaders also discussed the situation in Demchok and Depsang, where the disengagement process was completed last month.



Singh's visit to Laos, which began on Wednesday, is primarily to attend the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus), a platform that includes the 10 ASEAN nations and its eight dialogue partners: India, China, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Russia, and the United States. Laos is currently hosting the meeting in its capacity as the chair of the forum.

The military standoff between India and China in Ladakh involved multiple regions along the LAC, including Galwan, Pangong, Gogra Hot Springs, Depsang, and Demchok. The standoff, which began in 2020, strained bilateral relations and led to a deadly clash in Galwan. It took four years of diplomatic and military negotiations for both countries to reach an agreement to restore the situation to what it was before the 2020 tensions.

On October 21, 2024, both countries agreed on the disengagement plan, and by October 31, the process was completed, with both sides withdrawing their troops and returning to the pre-2020 status. This has allowed for regular patrolling by troops in these areas, which resumed after a gap of nearly four-and-a-half years.

Home minister Shah responsible for Manipur crisis, must resign: Congress

Congress party demanded the resignation of Home Minister Amit Shah, holding him directly responsible for the escalating crisis in Manipur. All India Congress Committee (AICC) spokesperson Jairam Ramesh called for Shah's accountability, stating, "The double-engine government has failed and has been derailed. The Home Minister is directly responsible. We want the Home Minister to resign because it is his responsibility."



The Congress party also urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit the violence-ravaged state before the upcoming Parliament session. Ramesh pointed out that since the outbreak of violence on May 3, 2023, Manipur has been in turmoil, yet Modi has prioritized international visits over addressing the crisis at home. "The Prime Minister visited various countries and gave sermons but could not find time to visit Manipur," Ramesh said. He further demanded that Modi meet political leaders, civil society groups, and

those affected in relief camps in the state.

The Congress also accused the Prime Minister of outsourcing responsibility for Manipur to Amit Shah, along with Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, both of whom, the party claimed, have failed the state. "There is a strange 'jugalbandi' between the Home Minister and the

failed CM," Ramesh said, questioning why Shah had not intervened despite the chief minister's inadequacies.

Ramesh also criticized the BJP for its inability to control the situation in Manipur, stating, "The BJP won 32 out of 60 seats in the 2022 elections, but within 15 months, Manipur began to burn. The state and central government have failed." The violence has led to over 300 deaths and displaced more than 60,000 people, highlighting what the Congress calls the "complete failure" of the BJP-led administration.

Manipur Congress chief K Meghachandra Singh echoed Ramesh's concerns, describing the situation as one of "unprecedented turmoil" under the current government. He also questioned Modi's commitment to the state, asking why Manipur was being neglected under the BJP's rule. Singh emphasized that the state is now leaderless, with no one capable of addressing the ongoing unrest.

"Signifies Unity": Nitin Gadkari On 'Batenge Toh Katenge' Amid Polls

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has defended the controversial slogan "Batenge toh katenge" used by senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders, calling it a message of unity rather than division. In an exclusive interview with NDTV, Gadkari emphasized that the slogan represents the BJP's commitment to rise above sectarian divides and unite all Indians, regardless of religion or language, in the fight against terrorism. He stressed that it was not aimed at any particular community, including Muslims, and that it reflected the party's resolve for national unity.



The slogan first gained attention when Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath used it in August, warning against divisive politics and stressing unity in the face of external threats. The slogan, however, faced sharp criticism from opposition parties and some within the BJP, including figures like Pankaja Munde and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, who distanced themselves from it. In response to the backlash, the slogan was later revised to "ek ho to safe hain" by BJP leaders, including Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis.

Gadkari also addressed the Congress party's claims that the BJP seeks to rewrite the Constitution. He rejected this notion, pointing out that it was the Congress that had tampered with the Constitution during the Emergency period. He reminded voters that the BJP had no intention of changing the Constitution, referencing the Supreme Court's ruling in the Kesavananda Bharati case, which had established the unamendable nature of the Constitution's basic structure.

In addition, Gadkari dismissed allegations of bitcoin fraud involving Nationalist Congress Party leader Supriya Sule, calling them irrelevant to the ongoing elections in Maharashtra. He emphasized that voters would focus on the governance and performance of the Shinde government rather than unsubstantiated claims. Sule has denied the accusations and filed complaints with the Election Commission.

Regarding the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Gadkari stated that the decision would be made after the election results, stressing that it was a matter for the BJP's top leadership.

"Public opinion, winnability deciding factors for AAP ticket"

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supremo Arvind Kejriwal announced on Tuesday that tickets for the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections will be allocated based on merit, focusing on candidates' work, win potential, and public opinion. In meetings with AAP workers and office bearers from northwest and west Delhi, Kejriwal reaffirmed his confidence that the party would win the election, citing its commitment to truth and the support of the people.



"I will not give tickets to any relative, acquaintance, or friend. There will be no nepotism," Kejriwal stated. He emphasized that candidates would be chosen solely on the basis of their track record, their likelihood of securing a victory, and the sentiment of the public. This approach, he asserted, would ensure that AAP candidates represent the true will of the people.

Kejriwal further urged the party workers to prepare for the elections as though he himself were contesting in each of the 70 constituencies in Delhi. He called the upcoming election a "Dharm Yuddh" (religious war), underscoring the fierce political battle with the opposition, particularly the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which he claimed was determined to win at any cost.

The AAP leader's statement comes amid growing anticipation for the Delhi Assembly elections, where the party is seeking to retain its dominance in the region. Kejriwal's remarks also served as a reminder of the party's commitment to integrity and fairness, in stark contrast to the practices of nepotism often associated with other political parties.

"Delhi has become 'gangster capital', criminals have no fear"

Delhi Chief Minister Atishi has accused Union Home Minister Amit Shah of neglecting the deteriorating law and order situation in the national capital, stating that Delhi has become the "gangster capital." The remarks come after the tragic murder of a 28-year-old man in northeast Delhi's Sunder Nagari last week. Atishi met with the victim's family and announced a compensation of ₹10 lakh to the affected family.



The incident, which took place last Friday, saw the young man fatally stabbed in the neck by two brothers. The altercation allegedly began when the victim and his relative confronted the duo for harassing a woman in the area. The accused have since been arrested by the police.

Addressing the media, Atishi condemned the increasing violence in Delhi, claiming that criminals, extortionists, and goons operate without fear. She accused the police of inaction, stating that individuals involved in such crimes believe they can act with impunity. The chief minister questioned Amit Shah, whose responsibility over Delhi's law and order lies with the Union Home Ministry, asking what the Home Minister is doing to protect the people of Delhi. Atishi emphasized the worsening condition of law enforcement in the city, highlighting frequent extortion cases and murders.



G20 Ends With Ukraine Allies, Russia Trading Blame Over War Escalation

The final day of the G20 summit in Rio de Janeiro saw a dramatic escalation in the war in Ukraine, as Ukraine's allies and Russia traded blame. The tension overshadowed key discussions, including a plea from Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, urging world leaders to rescue stalled UN climate talks in Azerbaijan, emphasizing the urgency for the planet's "survival." U.S. President Joe Biden, attending his final G20 summit before passing the torch to Donald Trump, also stressed the need for immediate action on climate change, declaring, "History is watching us."

However, Biden's unexpected decision to authorize Ukraine to use U.S. missiles to strike deep within Russia diverted attention from the summit's focus on poverty and emissions. This policy shift, a response to Moscow's enlistment of North Korean soldiers to fight in Ukraine, prompted Russia to loosen its nuclear weapon rules, sparking concerns of a direct military conflict between the U.S. and Russia. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov warned that tensions were at a breaking point, while British Prime Minister Keir Starmer criticized



icized Moscow's "irresponsible rhetoric."

French President Emmanuel Macron, seeking diplomatic solutions, urged Chinese President Xi Jinping to use his influence to convince Russian President Vladimir Putin to "listen to reason." China and Brazil have jointly proposed peace talks between Russia and Ukraine, but Kyiv rejected the plan, demanding Russian withdrawal before negotiations. The summit's joint declaration was vague on the issue, merely calling for initiatives supporting a "comprehensive, just, and durable peace."

Despite these geopolitical tensions, President Lula used his G20 hosting role to rally support for fighting global hunger and reviving climate negotiations. The summit concluded with a commitment to fight hunger, securing the support of 80 countries, and a push for higher taxes on the world's wealthiest individuals. However, the leaders' climate statement fell short of the bold action sought by climate negotiators in Azerbaijan, avoiding specific calls to reduce fossil fuel use. Lula emphasized that next year's climate summit would be the "last chance" to avert irreversible damage to the planet.

Israel Offering \$5 Million Reward For Each Gaza Hostage Freed: Netanyahu

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Tuesday that Israel is offering a \$5 million reward for anyone who helps free a hostage held by Hamas in Gaza. Netanyahu's offer, filmed in the Netzarim Corridor, a key military route in the Gaza Strip, reflects Israel's intensified efforts to secure the release of hostages taken during Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack, which sparked the ongoing war in Gaza.

In the video, Netanyahu, wearing a helmet and bulletproof vest, urged individuals within Gaza to assist in the release of the hostages. "Anyone who brings out a hostage will find with us a secure way for them and their family to leave Gaza," Netanyahu said. "We will also give them a reward of \$5 million for each hostage." His words were aimed at incentivizing those with knowledge of the hostages' whereabouts or those capable of facilitating their release.

The prime minister also issued a stark warning to Hamas militants holding the hostages. "Anyone who dares to do harm to our hostages is considered dead," he said. "We will pursue you and we will catch up with you." Netanyahu reiterated that one of Israel's primary objectives in the conflict was to ensure that Hamas does not remain in control of Gaza.

Israel continues its efforts to locate and bring home the hostages, who are a key point of focus in the ongoing war. During the October 7 attack, Hamas militants captured 251 hostages. Of those, 97 remain in Gaza, while 34 have been confirmed dead. Netanyahu's comments signal that Israel will not relent in its efforts to bring the hostages home, regardless of whether they are alive or deceased.

Putin open to discussing Ukraine ceasefire deal with Trump

Vladimir Putin has expressed openness to discussing a ceasefire deal with U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, according to five sources familiar with Kremlin thinking. However, the Russian president has made it clear that any peace agreement would not involve significant territorial concessions and insists that Ukraine must abandon its ambitions to join NATO.

As Trump prepares to return to the White House, he faces a much stronger Russia, which currently controls a substantial portion of Ukrainian territory, roughly the size of the U.S. state of Virginia, and is continuing to advance its forces at a rapid pace. In the first detailed account of Putin's position on a potential ceasefire deal with the incoming U.S. president, the sources indicated that the Kremlin might be willing to accept a frozen conflict along the existing front lines, but only under certain conditions.

Putin's terms for peace would likely include Kyiv relinquishing its aspirations for NATO membership, a long-standing demand from Russia that has been a core issue in the ongoing war. While the sources suggest that there could be flexibility on the specifics of territorial control, the overall stance remains that Russia will not agree to major changes in its territorial gains. The sources also noted that the Kremlin's desire to secure these conditions highlights its confidence in its current position, as Russia consolidates its hold over Ukrainian regions it occupies.

Italy, Japan, UK To Invite More Countries To Co-Develop 6th-Gen Fighter Jet



A potential expansion of the ambitious 6th-generation Global Combat Aircraft Programme (GCAP) was a key topic of discussion as the leaders of Italy, Japan, and the UK met on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Brazil. The meeting, which took place on Tuesday, focused on bringing additional nations into the fold of the project, according to a statement from the office of Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

The GCAP initiative, which was formally agreed upon by Italy, the UK, and Japan in December 2022, aims to create a cutting-edge, advanced fighter jet to enter service by 2035. The aircraft will be a front-line stealth fighter, designed to counter emerging threats from global powers like Russia and China. The project will merge two separate military programs—the UK's Tempest program and Italy's fighter jet development plan—into a unified effort to develop the next generation of combat aircraft.

During the meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Prime Ministers Meloni, Japan's Shigeru Ishiba, and the UK's Keir Starmer reaffirmed their commitment to the project's progress. They discussed ways to accelerate development and the possibility of inviting additional nations to join the venture. The leaders emphasized the importance of continuing the collaboration, which they view as crucial for strengthening their collective defense capabilities.

The final cost of the GCAP program remains undisclosed, but the target remains to develop and commission the stealth fighter by 2035. The project is being spearheaded by major defense manufacturers, including British firm BAE Systems, engine maker Rolls-Royce, Italy's Leonardo Aerospace, and Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. With the potential addition of more countries, the GCAP project is set to become a landmark endeavor in international defense collaboration.

Biden approves anti-personnel mines for Ukraine

President Joe Biden has authorized the provision of anti-personnel land mines to Ukraine, a move that could help slow Russian progress, particularly in the eastern regions of the country. According to a U.S. official who spoke to Reuters, the mines are expected to be used in Ukrainian-controlled territory to impede Russian ground troops. The move is part of continued U.S. support for Ukraine's defense efforts, especially as the conflict with Russia intensifies.



The decision marks a significant shift in U.S. military aid, as the U.S. has previously supplied Ukraine with anti-tank mines but has now added anti-personnel mines to its arsenal. These mines are designed to target and disrupt advancing infantry, potentially halting Russian troop movements. The addition of these mines will complement other munitions provided by the U.S. to Ukraine, enhancing its defensive capabilities.

However, the use of anti-personnel mines has raised concerns, given the long-standing international conventions on their use. The United States has assured that these mines will only be deployed in areas under Ukrainian control, with a firm commitment not to use them in regions populated by civilians. This is in line with efforts to limit civilian casualties and collateral damage, as both sides continue to fight for control of strategic territories.

India Pushes for UN Security Council Reform, Calls for Multilateral System Overhaul

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish, expressed dissatisfaction with the slow pace of UN Security Council reform, highlighting the need for the Council to reflect contemporary global realities. Speaking at an event at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Harish emphasized that the current structure of the Security Council, established in 1945, no longer aligns with today's geopolitical landscape.

Harish stressed that while there is broad consensus on the need to expand the Security Council, especially by adding permanent members, progress has been hindered by countries resisting change. He explained that some nations favor the status quo to protect their interests, including those reluctant to relinquish veto power or those opposed to the inclusion of neighboring countries as permanent members. Pakistan, for example, is part of the 'Uniting for Consensus' group, which opposes permanent seats for India and other G4 nations, including Brazil, Germany, and Japan.

Despite these challenges, Harish reaffirmed India's commitment to the reform process, call-

ing it "difficult and complex." He urged the co-chairs of the Inter-Governmental Negotiation process to push forward and accelerate progress, acknowledging that while the reform may not happen immediately, change is inevitable. He pointed out that the world is now multipolar, and that multilateral institutions must evolve to address contemporary challenges and opportunities.

In his keynote, Harish also outlined India's foreign policy approach, or the "India way," which centers on proactive engagement, collaboration, and building consensus. India aims to act as a bridge between the developed and developing worlds, advocating for a more inclusive, non-confrontational approach to global governance.

Highlighting the urgency of reform, Harish called for institutions like the UN and international financial bodies to be made "fit for purpose," ensuring they meet the needs of today's interconnected and rapidly changing world. He underscored India's belief in the importance of participatory institution building, with an emphasis on global cooperation for the common good.





India's Steel Industry to Expand by 20 Million Tons by 2027

India's steel industry is set to increase its annual production capacity by 20 million tons between FY 2025-27, according to a recent report by Acuite Ratings & Research. The outlook for the sector is positive, supported by robust demand from key industries such as automotive, real estate, and infrastructure.

The report anticipates an 8% growth in steel demand over the medium term, driven by continued development in these sectors. Despite ongoing margin pressures, the steel industry is expected to maintain sustained capacity expansion, signaling a strong future trajectory.

However, the domestic steel industry faces challenges, particularly the rising imports from Asian countries, including China and Vietnam. China's excess production capacity, combined with weaker domestic demand, has heightened the risk of a surge in low-cost steel imports, especially in European and Asian markets.

The report notes that Chinese exports of iron and steel products saw a 22% year-on-year growth in the first half of 2024, contributing to this increased risk. To mitigate these threats, India has imposed new tariffs on specific steel imports, aimed at curbing the influx of cheaper products and protecting domestic producers.



Suman Chowdhury, Chief Economist and Executive Director at Acuite Ratings & Research, highlighted the risks posed by these imports, citing China's large surplus capacity and its potential impact on international steel markets. Despite these challenges, the domestic industry's growth is expected to remain steady, supported by the government's focus on infrastructure development and industrialization.

The combination of expanding steel production capacity, increasing domestic demand, and protective trade measures are likely to keep the Indian steel industry on a positive growth trajectory in the coming years. The sector's medium- to long-term outlook remains favorable, provided that risks related to imports and global market conditions are managed effectively.

Sebi Proposes Reforms for SME IPOs, Doubles Minimum Application

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has announced a set of reforms aimed at the growing SME (Small and Medium Enterprise) initial public offering (IPO) market, with one key change being the doubling of the minimum application size from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh. This proposal comes as the SME IPO segment has seen significant investor participation in recent years.

The number of applicants in SME IPOs has surged, with the applicant-to-allotted investor ratio soaring from 4 times in FY22 to an astonishing 245 times in FY24. However, Sebi has raised concerns about the higher risks associated with SME IPOs, particularly in the aftermath of market listing. Sudden shifts in investor sentiment could leave smaller retail investors vulnerable to losses.

To mitigate these risks, Sebi's consultation paper suggests that increasing the minimum application size will help ensure that only informed and financially capable investors participate in these high-risk IPOs. By raising the threshold to Rs 2 lakh, Sebi aims to limit retail participation to those with a sufficient risk appetite and investment capacity, thereby safeguarding smaller investors.



"The retail individual participation has increased in the SME IPO market over the last few years. Considering the higher risk associated with these offerings and the potential for investors to get stuck if market sentiment changes post-listing, increasing the application size will protect the interests of smaller investors," Sebi noted in the proposal.

The reforms are designed to create a more sustainable and informed investment environment for SMEs, which are typically more volatile compared to larger, established companies listed on the main stock exchanges. By enhancing investor safeguards, Sebi hopes to balance the growth of the SME IPO market with the protection of retail investors.

India's GDP Growth to Drop to 6.5% in FY25 Forecast Unchanged at 7%

India's real GDP growth for the September quarter is expected to slow to 6.5%, according to domestic rating agency Icria. The slowdown is attributed to factors such as heavy rainfall and weaker corporate performance during the quarter. Despite this dip, Icria has maintained its growth forecast for the full fiscal year (FY25) at 7%, anticipating a stronger economic recovery in the second half of the year.

Icria's report highlights that the adverse weather conditions, particularly the heavy rains, have had a negative impact on key sectors like agriculture and infrastructure. These disruptions, coupled with weaker corporate margins, have contributed to the slower-than-expected growth in Q2 of FY25.

While the September quarter is likely to see a decline, Icria's outlook for the full fiscal year remains optimistic. The agency expects economic activity to pick up in the latter half of FY25, driven by a recovery in demand, improved corporate earnings, and a potential rebound in key industries. This will likely support India's overall growth trajectory and enable it to meet the 7% growth estimate for FY25.



The slowdown in the September quarter, however, underscores the vulnerability of the economy to weather-related disruptions and corporate performance. While India's long-term growth prospects remain strong, these short-term challenges may require targeted interventions to sustain momentum and avoid further downturns in the future.

Icria's forecast aligns with broader expectations of a gradual recovery for the Indian economy as it navigates the current challenges and positions itself for future growth.

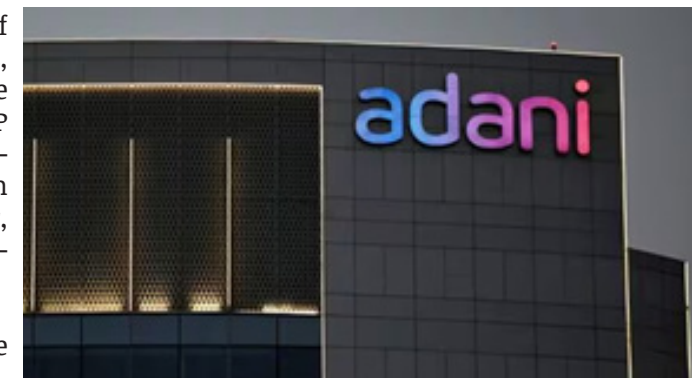
Adani Infrastructure to Acquire 30% Stake in PSP Projects for ₹6.85 Billion

Adani Infrastructure, a subsidiary of Gautam Adani's Adani Enterprises, is set to acquire a 30.07% stake in the Gujarat-based construction firm PSP Projects for ₹6.85 billion. The acquisition involves purchasing shares from the company's major shareholder, Prahladbhai S Patel, as reported by Reuters.

PSP Projects is involved in a diverse range of sectors, including industrial, institutional, residential, and luxury construction, with notable projects such as the Surat Diamond Bourse. As of September 30, the company's order book stood at ₹65.46 billion.

The deal values PSP Projects at ₹575 per share, offering a 15% discount to its closing price on Tuesday. In accordance with Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) regulations, Adani Infrastructure will also make an open offer to acquire additional stakes in PSP Projects due to the acquisition of more than 25% of the company's shares.

This acquisition marks another strategic move by Adani's conglomerate as it diversifies its investments across various sectors. The group has been expanding globally, with a recent announcement by Gautam Adani about a \$10 billion investment in energy security and



infrastructure in the United States. This investment is expected to create around 15,000 jobs, underscoring the company's commitment to strengthening its presence in global markets.

Additionally, Adani is also venturing into the metal industry in India, with plans to invest \$5 billion in the country's metal sector. This follows the company's success in the cement industry, further expanding its reach and influence across critical industries in India and abroad.

The Adani Group's strategic acquisitions and investments reflect its ongoing efforts to build a diverse portfolio, positioning itself as a significant player in global infrastructure, energy, and industrial sectors.

Solar Energy Costs Expected to Drop by 40-60% by 2050, Says ISA Report

Solar energy is poised to become the most scalable and cost-effective renewable energy source, with its generation costs expected to decrease by 40-60% by 2050, according to a report by the International Solar Alliance (ISA). This decline in costs will make solar energy a central element in the global energy transition.

The ISA report predicts that the cost of round-the-clock solar energy generation will see significant reductions, marking solar as a key metric for tracking progress in global solar adoption. Solar power is also forecasted to play a crucial role in cutting global greenhouse gas emissions by 25% and reducing electricity generation costs by 60% by mid-century.

In addition to environmental and economic benefits, solar energy is expected to create three to four times more green jobs than other energy sources, with an estimated 27 million jobs globally by 2050. These opportunities will notably support women and marginalized communi-



ties, contributing to inclusive economic growth.

Solar energy has the potential to bridge the energy access gap for over one billion people, particularly in low-income countries (LICs), through both grid-connected and decentralized solu-

tions. The report stresses the importance of policies and technological innovations to transition existing energy assets to green energy, aiming for 2.6 terawatts of energy to be converted.

Accelerating solar adoption in line with the

current Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) can help meet the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C target. High-income countries (HICs) will be key players in this transition, requiring investments of USD 18 trillion in solar photovoltaic (PV) and storage systems by 2050.

Public funding will be critical to attracting private investment, with over 80% of solar funding expected to come from domestic sources. HICs are also encouraged to support capacity-building in emerging and low-income economies to speed up the global energy transition.

India's government has already initiated efforts to boost solar adoption, with the launch of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana rooftop solar program, which aims to provide free electricity to one crore households. With solar energy's ability to scale and reduce costs, it is well-positioned to lead the renewable energy revolution and deliver a sustainable future.



Researcher Unveils How Ancient Egyptians Built The Pyramids



Rajan Hooda, an Indian-origin researcher from the University of Chicago, has unveiled a groundbreaking theory on the construction of the Egyptian pyramids, shedding new light on one of history's greatest mysteries. After more than 50 years of meticulous research, Hooda has proposed a novel approach to how the ancient Egyptians built these colossal structures, a question that has intrigued historians and archaeologists for centuries.

In his research paper titled "Theory of The Conjoint Solution and The Shrinking Dual L Notch Ramps," Hooda introduces a unique construction method, offering what he believes is irrefutable evidence of the ancient engineering feat. His theory challenges long-standing assumptions about pyramid construction, such as the use of massive exterior ramps or complex interior tunnels, and presents a more practical solution involving a series of "L Notch Ramps" built within each stone layer.

Hooda's theory suggests that the pyramid was constructed in layers, with each

of the 210 layers of stones built upon the previous one. To move stones up to each new level, a small ramp was created in the corner of each layer, which grew progressively as each layer was added. After the pyramid was completed, workers would reverse the process, removing the ramps from the top and filling in any missing stones on the lower levels. This efficient ramp system, which Hooda calls the 'Dual L Notch Ramp,' allowed for easy transport of materials up while providing a path for workers to descend after delivering stones.

This method, Hooda argues, explains why no evidence of ramps was found after the pyramids were completed—once the ramps were removed, they left no trace behind. According to Hooda, the absence of this critical structural feature led to the enduring mystery of how the pyramids were built for over 4,500 years.

With his pioneering work, Hooda has provided a new perspective on an age-old puzzle, offering an innovative and feasible solution to one of ancient Egypt's most enduring secrets.

iPhone SE 4 to Launch in March 2025 With Apple's 5G Modem



The iPhone SE 4 has been the subject of much speculation in recent weeks, with new details about its features and launch date surfacing online. According to a recent report from MacRumors, the upcoming iPhone SE 4 is expected to be powered by an in-house 5G modem designed by Apple. This modem is reportedly produced by TSMC and is code-named Centauri. The information was confirmed in a research note by Barclays analyst Tom O'Malley and his team.

In addition to the 5G modem, the iPhone SE 4 is also tipped to feature Apple's latest A18 chipset, paired with 8GB of RAM for enhanced performance. The device is expected to sport a 6.06-inch LTPO OLED display with a resolution of 1,170 x 2,532 pixels, and a peak brightness of 800 nits. The design is said to be similar to the base iPhone 14 model, including a display notch that houses the TrueDepth camera and Face ID sensors.

As for the camera, the iPhone SE 4 is expected to include a 48-megapixel rear camera powered by a Sony IMX904 sensor, alongside a 12-megapixel front-facing camera with an f/1.9 aperture and autofocus support. The phone is likely to be backed by a 3,279mAh battery, which will support 20W USB-PD charging, along with 15W MagSafe and Qi2 wireless charging capabilities.

The iPhone SE 4 is anticipated to be unveiled by the end of the first quarter of 2025, likely by March, as confirmed by analyst Tom O'Malley. Mass production for its camera components is expected to commence soon.

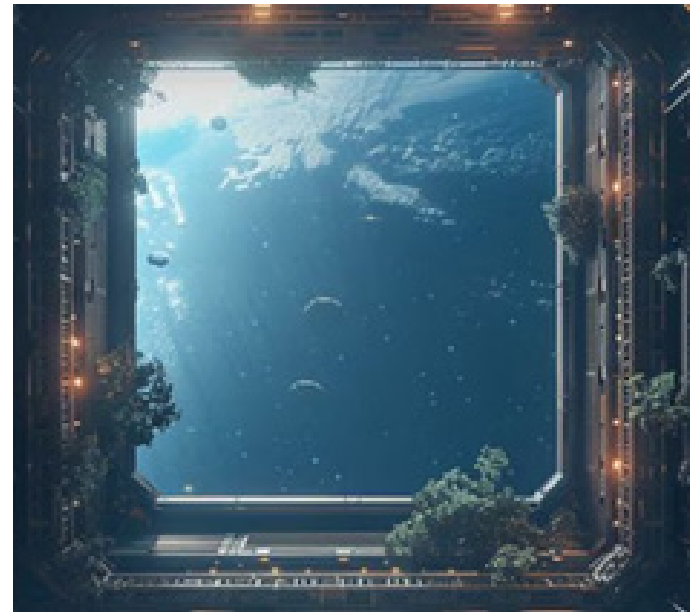
With these significant upgrades, the iPhone SE 4 could be a major step forward in Apple's strategy for more affordable smartphones, providing high-end features like the A18 chip and advanced camera technology while retaining the SE series' value proposition.

Can We Design an Interstellar Spaceship to Save Humanity? Scientists Ask

Imagine an interstellar starship gliding through the cosmos, passing by an icy, distant planet light-years away from Earth. Onboard this majestic vessel are generations of humans, the fortunate few who escaped a planet ravaged by climate change. Now, they journey across the unknown, searching for a new home, carrying the hope of humanity's survival.

This captivating vision, once reserved for the pages of science fiction, may soon become a reality. An international collective of scientists, engineers, and urban planners, known as Project Hyperion, has announced a groundbreaking competition to design a colossal spaceship capable of sustaining human life across the vast reaches of space. The winning design will be a blueprint for the future of interstellar travel and colonization.

The goal of Project Hyperion is to create a vessel that can support multiple generations of humans on a journey lasting centuries or more. With Earth's future uncertain due to the ravages of climate change, this ambitious project aims to make long-term space ex-



ploration viable, ensuring the survival of humanity beyond our home planet.

The competition invites innovators from around the world to submit their designs, considering all aspects of life aboard the starship. These include sustainable life-support systems, energy generation, food production, and waste management. Additionally, urban planning will play a key role in designing comfortable, functional living spaces that can house thousands of people over multiple generations.

As the stakes of this competition are incredibly high, the designs will not only need to be technologically feasible but also socially and psychologically viable. Creating a community capable of surviving and thriving in the isolation of space will be just as important as the ship's physical capabilities.

With space exploration progressing at a rapid pace, Project Hyperion's competition could mark the first steps toward a future where humanity takes to the stars, seeking a new home among the stars.

YouTuber Rosanna Honors Late Father's Last Wish by Smoking His Ashes

In a surprising and unconventional tribute, YouTuber Rosanna Pansino recently revealed that she honored her late father's last wish by smoking cannabis made from his ashes. The revelation, made during the November 17 episode of her podcast titled "Smoking My Dead Dad," has garnered significant attention online, with viewers both baffled and intrigued by her decision.

Rosanna, whose father passed away from leukemia five years ago, shared that her father, whom she fondly referred to as "Papa Pizza," had expressed a unique final wish. He wanted her to smoke cannabis using his ashes. In the podcast episode, Rosanna explained how her father had always been a "badass" and a "little rebel," and that she wanted to carry on his rebellious spirit by fulfilling his wish.

To bring the tribute to life, Rosanna showed a detailed video on her social media accounts, sharing the process of how she grew the cannabis. She also included clips where she smoked the joint filled with her father's ashes, while reflecting on her father's life and their special bond. Throughout the podcast episode, she continued to interact with her listeners as she honored her dad's request in her own unique way.

In her post, Rosanna mentioned that smoking the cannabis grown from her father's ashes was an act of rebellion and remembrance, a way of paying homage to his unconventional spirit. The gesture, though uncon-



ventional, was meant to celebrate her father's life and the rebellious nature he passed down to her.

The video and podcast episode sparked a variety of reactions, from those who found it a touching and personal tribute to those who were taken aback by the bizarre nature of the act. Regardless, Rosanna's decision to fulfill her father's final wish has definitely left a lasting impact on her audience, showcasing the deep and unconventional ways people choose to honor their loved ones.

Swiggy Instamart Sending Free 'Tinday' With Some Mumbai Orders

Swiggy Instamart's latest campaign is promoting democracy and the importance of voting in a creative and playful way. In Mumbai, the quick-commerce arm of the popular food delivery service is giving away free 'tinday' (round gourd) with select orders as part of its initiative to encourage citizens to vote in the upcoming 2024 Maharashtra assembly elections.

The campaign has sparked attention online after Mumbai-based user Eesha Tirodkar shared a photo of her delivery, which included the free vegetable along with a message on the paper bag. The note cleverly read, "Didn't choose tinday but stuck with tinday? That's what happens when someone else makes the choice for you." It then urged recipients, "Cast your vote. Own your choices."

Tirodkar posted her experience on X (formerly Twitter), where she highlighted the message's rhyming play on words, linking the term "tinday" with the



name of Maharashtra's current Chief Minister, Eknath Shinde. The campaign subtly reminded voters of the power of making their own decisions at the ballot box, emphasizing the need to participate in the election process rather than leaving choices to others.

The playful and lighthearted nature of the campaign struck a chord with many users on social media, who found the approach to voter encouragement both humorous and impactful. Swiggy Instamart's clever use of a common vegetable as a metaphor for the electoral process cleverly intertwined everyday life with civic responsibility, making the call to action both fun and memorable.

With the Maharashtra assembly elections approaching, this campaign from Swiggy Instamart serves as a timely reminder for voters to take ownership of their choices and make their voices heard in the democratic process.



Sindhu, Lakshya, and Malvika Shine at China Masters Super 750

Star Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, and Malvika Bansod delivered stellar performances to progress to the second round of the China Masters Super 750 badminton tournament in Shenzhen on Wednesday.

World No. 19 PV Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medalist, cruised past Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrunphan with a 21-17, 21-19 victory in just 50 minutes. Despite a few unforced errors early in the match, Sindhu gained momentum and stormed through the final stages of both games. She will next face Singapore's Yeo Jia Min in the second round.

In a thrilling encounter, Malvika Bansod, ranked 36th in the world, caused an upset by defeating Denmark's 21st-ranked Line Hojmark Kjaersfeldt 20-22, 23-21, 21-16. The victory was a testament to Bansod's resilience, as she fought back after losing the first game to seal her place in the next round. Malvika will now face eighth-seeded Supanida Katethong.

Lakshya Sen, ranked 12th, avenged his loss to Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia at the Paris Olympics with a 21-14, 13-21, 21-13 win in



57 minutes. Lakshya dominated the first and third games, starting with an 11-4 lead in the opening game. After losing the second game, he regained control in the decider, taking an 11-8 lead at the break before sealing the match with precise smashes. Lakshya will face either Denmark's Rasmus Gemke or Japan's Kenta Nishimoto in the next round.

Sindhu's solid performance, along with Lakshya and Malvika's upsets, has brought excitement to Indian badminton fans. As all three players aim for further victories, their progress at the China Masters Super 750 is a positive sign for Indian badminton on the international stage.

Rafael Nadal Bids Farewell to Tennis: Five Standout Stats from His Legendary Career

Rafael Nadal, one of tennis' greatest champions, bid an emotional farewell to the sport in front of a supportive home crowd at the Davis Cup quarterfinals in Malaga. In his final competitive match, Nadal was defeated 6-4, 6-4 by Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp, as Spain lost 1-2 to the Netherlands, marking the end of an illustrious career.

Nadal's departure from professional tennis marks the close of a career filled with remarkable achievements, countless records, and unforgettable moments. As fans and peers pay tribute to his contributions to the sport, here are five standout stats that encapsulate the Spanish legend's extraordinary journey:

22 Grand Slam Titles

Nadal's career will forever be defined by his dominance at the French Open, where he claimed a record 14 titles. With 22 Grand Slam singles titles, he sits among the most successful players in tennis history, trailing only Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer.

92 ATP Titles

Throughout his career, Nadal amassed an incredible 92 ATP singles titles, including 36 Masters 1000s. His relentless consistency on the court was a hallmark of his playing style.

Longest Time at No. 2

Nadal spent 209 weeks as the World No. 2, showcasing his sustained excellence over the years. His rivalry with Federer and Djokovic made the men's game a thrilling spectacle for tennis fans worldwide.



Most Consecutive Wins at a Major

Nadal achieved one of his most remarkable feats by winning 81 consecutive matches at the French Open, a streak that will stand as one of the greatest achievements in tennis history.

Olympic Gold Medal

Beyond the Grand Slams, Nadal also claimed Olympic glory, winning the gold medal in singles at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. This achievement rounded out his incredible career, making him one of the few players to win a career Grand Slam and Olympic gold.

Rafael Nadal's departure from the sport marks the end of an era, and tennis will undoubtedly miss his passion, determination, and remarkable achievements.

Germany and Netherlands Draw as Nations League Group Stage Concludes

Germany finished their Nations League group stage campaign with a 1-1 draw against Hungary in Budapest, while the Netherlands were also held to a draw in Zenica by Bosnia and Herzegovina. Dominik Szoboszlai's penalty in the 99th minute salvaged a point for Hungary after Felix Nmecha's goal had given Germany the lead in the 76th minute.

Despite the late equalizer, Germany had already secured the top spot in Group A3 prior to the match, with the Netherlands locked into second place. Hungary's draw kept them four points ahead of Bosnia, who were already relegated. Germany's coach Julian Nagelsmann made several changes to his lineup after their dominant 7-0 win over Bosnia the previous week.

"We can still be very satisfied with what we achieved in 2024," said German midfielder Robert Andrich. "We'll kick things off again in March."

In other group action, Wales secured automatic promotion to the top division with a 4-1 victory over Iceland. Despite an early goal from Iceland's Andri Gudjohnsen, Wales dominated the match, with Liam Cullen scoring



a brace and Brennan Johnson and Harry Wilson adding goals in the second half. Wales' victory was crucial, but they also needed Turkey to lose to Montenegro, which they did 3-1, thanks to Nikola Krstovic's hat-trick for Montenegro.

In Group B1, the Czech Republic secured top spot with a 2-1 win over Georgia, while Ukraine leapfrogged Georgia into second with a 2-1 victory over Al-

bania. Ukraine's Oleksandr Zinchenko and Roman Yaremchuk scored early goals to put their team in control, and they held on despite a late penalty for Albania.

In League C, Sweden dominated Azerbaijan 6-0, with striker Viktor Gyokeres scoring four goals to lead his team to a commanding win and top spot in the group.

India beat China 1-0 in Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024

Young striker Deepika was the standout performer as India successfully defended their Women's Asian Champions Trophy title, defeating China 1-0 in a thrilling final on Wednesday. Deepika's decisive goal came in the 31st minute from a penalty corner, giving India a narrow but hard-fought victory over the Olympic silver medalists.

The goal marked Deepika's 11th strike of the tournament, making her the highest scorer in the competition. India's victory was built on a solid defensive effort and the clinical finishing of Deepika, whose reverse hit goal proved to be the difference between the two teams. The Indian team had earlier secured a dominant 3-0 win over China during the league stages, and their tri-



umph in the final secured their third Asian Champions Trophy title. India previously won the prestigious title in 2016 and 2023, equalling South Korea's record for the most titles in the tournament's history.

This victory is a testament to India's growing dominance in women's hockey in Asia, as the team continues to establish itself as a formidable force on the continental stage. With Deepika's stellar performance leading the charge, the Indian team's resilience and tactical discipline ensured they held their ground against a strong Chinese side in the final.

India's success in the Asian Champions Trophy further underscores the team's progress and will serve as a major boost as they prepare for future international competitions, with eyes now set on maintaining their position as one of the top hockey teams in the world.

Hardik Pandya Reclaims Top Spot in ICC Men's T20I All-Rounder Rankings



Hardik Pandya has re-claimed the top spot in the ICC Men's T20I All-Rounder rankings, surpassing England's Liam Livingstone and Nepal's Dipendra Singh Airee. Pandya's rise follows his stellar performance in India's recent T20I series against South Africa, where he played key roles with both bat and ball.

The 31-year-old's unbeaten 39* in the second match of the series and his superb bowling performance, taking 1/8 from three overs in the final game, helped India secure a commanding 3-1 series win. This is the second time Pandya has held the No.1 ranking, previously achieving this position after the 2023 ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

Pandya wasn't the only Indian player to make significant strides. Rising star Tilak Varma, who was named Player of the Series, jumped 69 spots in the T20I batter rankings, reaching third place after his two centuries and 280 runs during the series. Varma is now India's high-

est-ranked T20I batter, overtaking Suryakumar Yadav, who dropped to fourth.

Sanju Samson, another standout from the series, climbed 17 places to 22nd in the T20I batter rankings after scoring two centuries. South African players also saw improvements, with Tristan Stubbs moving up three places to 23rd and Heinrich Klaasen gaining six spots to tie for 59th.

Other notable improvements include Sri Lanka's Kusal Mendis, who rose to 12th, and West Indies' Shai Hope, who surged 16 places to 21st. Australian all-rounder Marcus Stoinis also climbed 10 spots to 45th.

In the T20I bowler rankings, Australia's Adam Zampa and Nathan Ellis saw significant upward movement, while India's Arshdeep Singh gained three places, reaching a career-high ranking of 9th after his impressive series against South Africa.



Mohanlal's Directorial Debut 'Barroz' Trailer Unveiled

The highly anticipated trailer for *Barroz*, Mohanlal's directorial debut, has been released, giving audiences a glimpse into the world of this fantasy adventure film. The movie, a children's fantasy drama featuring a ghost and a hidden treasure, marks a new creative chapter for the iconic Mollywood star, who takes on the dual role of director and lead actor.

Set to be a visual treat, *Barroz* is a VFX-heavy production designed to captivate viewers of all ages. Mohanlal has chosen a larger-than-life fantasy theme for his first venture behind the camera, promising to transport audiences into a world of magic and mystery. The film is set to release on December 25 in 3D and multiple formats, making it an ideal holiday season treat.

Mohanlal, known for his exceptional acting career, collaborates once again with producer Antony Perumbavoor on this am-



bitious project. Filming for *Barroz* began in March 2021, with shooting taking place across various locations, including Kochi, Goa, Bangkok, and Chennai. The decision to shoot in 3D was a deliberate choice, aligning with the movie's target audience of young viewers and its fantastical premise.

The theatrical trailer, released on the evening of November 19, has already garnered immense attention, racking up over 2.5 lakh views in just two hours. Fans of Mohanlal and film enthusiasts alike have responded positively to the sneak peek, eager to see how the legendary actor's directorial skills will shine on the big screen.

As *Barroz* prepares to make its debut this Christmas, expectations are high for a film that combines fantasy, adventure, and a touch of nostalgia. With its engaging storyline and cutting-edge visuals, *Barroz* is set to be a standout movie this festive season.

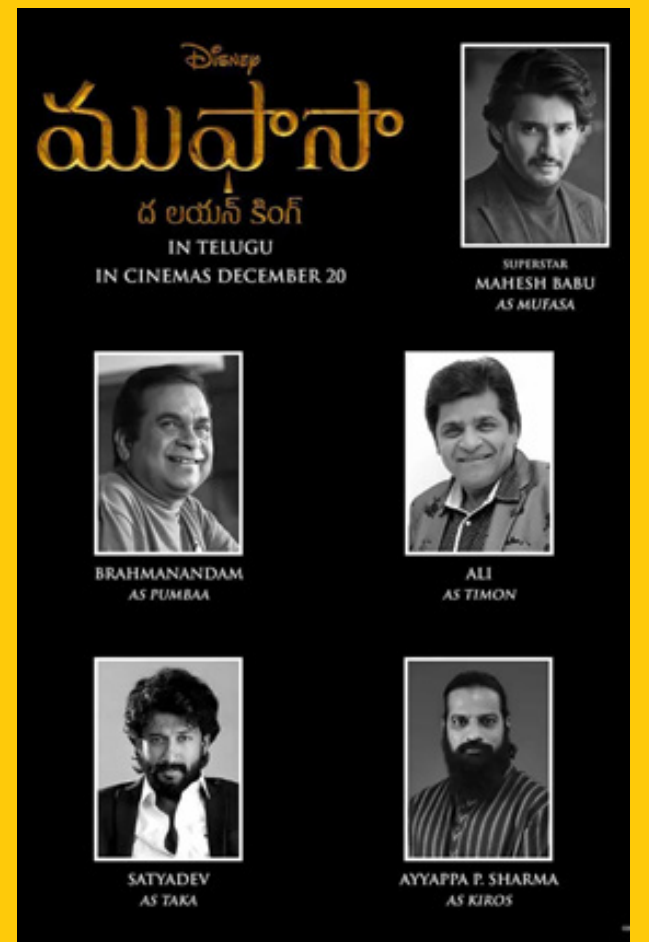
Mahesh Babu, Brahmi & Ali Joins Mufasa: The Lion King Telugu Cast

The upcoming Telugu-dubbed version of *Mufasa: The Lion King* is creating a significant buzz, especially with the inclusion of superstar Mahesh Babu in a pivotal role. The actor will be lending his voice to the iconic character of Mufasa, a role that was originally voiced by James Earl Jones in the 2019 *The Lion King* remake. The release of the trailer, featuring Mahesh Babu's voice, has already garnered a positive response from fans, who are excited to hear the superstar's distinct voice in this major Hollywood production.

Alongside Mahesh Babu, several other prominent actors have been brought on board for the film. Legendary comedians Brahmanandam and Ali will be returning to lend their voices to beloved characters from the franchise. Brahmanandam will voice Pumbaa, the lovable warthog, while Ali will bring to life Timon, the witty meerkat. Their presence adds a layer of comedy and charm to the film, making it even more appealing to Telugu-speaking audiences.

In addition to these stars, actors Satyadev and Ayyappa P Sharma will be voicing the characters of Taka and Kiros, respectively. These fresh additions to the cast are sure to enrich the film's storytelling, ensuring an engaging experience for viewers.

Directed by Barry Jenkins, *Mufasa: The Lion King* is a photorealistic animated film that serves as both a prequel and sequel to the 2019 *The Lion King* remake. The film explores the backstory of Mufasa, revealing his journey before becoming the mighty king of the Pride Lands. With the involvement of such a talented ensemble cast, the Telugu version is set to offer a unique and mem-



orable viewing experience.

The film is scheduled to hit theaters on December 20, 2024, and fans can expect Mahesh Babu to play a significant role in the promotional campaign leading up to the release. With its star-studded voice cast and groundbreaking animation, *Mufasa: The Lion King* promises to be a must-watch for Telugu audiences.

Bhagyashri Borse Lands Lead Role in Ram Pothineni's RAPO22

Bhagyashri Borse, who made her acting debut in the Hindi film *Yaariyan 2*, faced a series of setbacks with her initial roles. The film, unfortunately, ended up as a flop, and her subsequent performances in *Chandu Champion*, opposite Kartik Aaryan, and in her Telugu debut *Mr Bachchan* with Ravi Teja, also failed to make an impact at the box office. Despite these disappointments, Bhagyashri has continued to rise in the industry and is now set to star in one of the most awaited projects of her career.

Bhagyashri has been confirmed as the leading lady in Ram Pothineni's upcoming film, *RAPO22*, directed by Mahesh Babu P. The official announcement came today, marking an exciting new chapter for the actress. While her earlier ventures didn't bring the desired success, Bhagyashri has earned praise for her looks, performances, and dancing skills, especially among the younger audience. This may explain why she has received several offers despite the setbacks.



In addition to *RAPO22*, Bhagyashri is also the female lead in two major films—*VD 12* starring Vijay Deverakonda and *Kaantha* with Dulquer Salmaan. Both projects are high-profile films with big stars, providing Bhagyashri with more opportunities to showcase her talent.

Director Mahesh Babu P, known for crafting strong roles for actresses, particularly Regina Cassandra in *Ra Ra Krishnayya* and Anushka Shetty in *Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty*, is expected to give Bhagyashri a substantial role in *RAPO22*. His track record suggests that Bhagyashri's character in this film will be pivotal, providing her a chance to make a significant impact.

Given these exciting opportunities, *RAPO22* looks set to be a major turning point for Bhagyashri Borse's career. Audiences are eagerly anticipating her performance, hoping to see the best of her talent in this promising project.

Allari Naresh's Bacchala Malli Set for December Release

Allari Naresh is all set to step into a new, gripping role in his upcoming rural action drama, *Bacchala Malli*. Known for his comedic roles, Naresh will showcase a completely different side of his acting talent in this film, marking a significant departure from his usual performances. The movie has already caught the attention of movie buffs with its intriguing first-look poster and teaser, offering a glimpse of Naresh in a stunning new avatar.

The makers have officially confirmed that *Bacchala Malli* will be released on December 20, 2024, just in time for Christmas. Fans are eagerly awaiting this hard-hitting yet relatable drama, which promises to offer a fresh and intense narrative. In a recent social media post, Allari Naresh described the film as the most

relatable and powerful one he has ever been a part of, hinting at a story that will strike a chord with audiences.

Directed by Subbu Mangadevi, *Bacchala Malli* also stars Amritha Aiyer as the female lead. The film will feature a talented ensemble cast, including Rao Ramesh, Hari Teja, Praveen, and others, all playing pivotal roles. The film is produced by Rajesh Danda and Balaji Gupta under the banner of Hasya Movies, with Vishal Chandra Shekar composing the music.

With its intense storyline and a transformation in Allari Naresh's character, *Bacchala Malli* is shaping up to be an exciting release this holiday season. Fans of the actor and the genre can expect a gripping rural action drama that promises to be a memorable cinematic experience.



Vijay Sethupathi's 'Maharaja' Set for Record Release in China

Vijay Sethupathi's *Maharaja*, also known as Makkal Selvan 50 (VJS50), is making waves once again, this time with an unprecedented release in China. Directed by Nithilan Saminathan, renowned for his work on *Kurangu Bommai*, *Maharaja* had a grand theatrical release on June 14 and quickly became a box office hit. The film's success didn't stop there; after its 28-day theatrical run, it made its digital debut on Netflix on July 12, where it rapidly climbed the global charts, capturing the attention of audiences worldwide.

Now, *Maharaja* is set to make history with a massive release in China, one of the largest movie markets in the world. The film is set to hit over 40,000 screens across the country on November 29, a feat that is rare for an Indian film. This monumental release has generated excitement in both the Indian and Chinese film industries, as it marks a significant milestone for Vijay Sethupathi and Indian cinema in the international market.

The film's Chinese release is being made possible through a partnership between Yi Shi Films and Alibaba Pictures, two major players in China's film industry. Their collaboration aims to make *Maharaja* the largest Indian film

release in China, which is a significant achievement, considering the country's massive film industry and high standards for foreign films.

There is keen interest in how the Chinese audience will respond to *Maharaja*. While the film is a Telugu-language production, its compelling storytelling and Vijay Seth-



upathi's strong screen presence are expected to transcend language barriers and captivate viewers. The film's international success on Netflix has already built up a solid fan base, making it a promising venture for both Indian and Chinese moviegoers.

With its release on a record number of screens, *Maharaja* is poised to make a significant impact in the global film market, further cementing Vijay Sethupathi's status as one of India's most celebrated actors.