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CM Announces University Named After Potti Sriramulu

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On the death anniversary December 15th of the immortal Potti Sriramulu, a special program was organized at Tummalapalle Kalakshetra in Vijayawada to honor his legacy. Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, along with Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, attended the event and paid tribute to the freedom fighter.

During his speech, CM Chandrababu announced that a new Telugu university will be established in Andhra Pradesh, named after Potti Sriramulu. He recalled how the state had previously renamed Nellore district as Potti Sriramulu district and emphasized the ongoing development projects in the leader's hometown.

Chandrababu highlighted the significance of Potti Sriramulu's sacrifice, which laid the foundation for the creation of linguistic states in India. He stated that it was because of Sriramulu's selfless act that the Telugu state was born, referring to him as the only person who sacrificed his life for the realization of this dream.

Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan also addressed the gathering, echoing CM Chandrababu's sentiments and stressing that the spirit of Potti Sriramulu should fill the entire state of Andhra Pradesh. The event marked a significant step in preserving and honoring the legacy of one of the most prominent figures in the history of Andhra Pradesh's formation.



Dy CM Pays Tribute to Potti Sriramulu On the Death Anniversary Stresses the Importance of Remembering Sacrifices

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On the occasion of Potti Sriramulu's death anniversary, a special program was organized at Tummalapalle Kalakshetra in Vijayawada, attended by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Pawan Kalyan, who garlanded the statue of Potti Sriramulu, paid homage to the revolutionary leader.

During his speech, Pawan Kalyan praised Potti Sriramulu not as a leader of any caste or nation, but as a leader of the Andhra nation. He emphasized that respecting the statue of such a great man should be a gesture of reverence, not restricted to a specific group. He acknowledged the significance of the death anniversary gathering, expressing his gratitude for being able to pay his respects.

Pawan Kalyan also spoke about the human tendency to forget, stating, "It is natural for humans to forget those who have supported us, but it is crucial to remember such individuals." He highlighted that the true value of Potti Sriramulu's sacrifice became evident after the state's bifurcation. He recalled how Potti Sriramulu had gone on a 56-day hunger strike for the formation of Andhra Pradesh, but, tragically, after his martyrdom, there were not enough people to carry his body. He noted that figures like Ghantasala had come forward to honor his sacrifice.

The Deputy CM reiterated that Andhra Pradesh itself is the result of Potti Sriramulu's sacrifice, and praised CM Chandrababu Naidu for advocating for the grand remembrance of Sriramulu's death anniversary. Pawan Kalyan concluded by expressing gratitude to Chandrababu for suggesting the celebration, ensuring that future generations would never forget this monumental sacrifice.

The Issues in the Mohan Babu Family Refuse to Die Down



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The ongoing dispute within the Mohan Babu family took a dramatic turn on Sunday, as actor Manchu Manoj visited the Pahadishareef police station, alleging an attempt to harm him and his family by his elder brother, Manchu Vishnu, and his associates.

Manoj's statement to the police claimed that on Saturday night, Vishnu, accompanied by individuals identified as Raj Kondu, Kiran Vijay Reddy, and a group of bouncers, entered his residence under the pretext of delivering a birthday cake for their mother. However, Manoj accused his elder brother and his group of deliberately tampering with the household generators by mixing diesel with sugar, which he described as a malicious attempt to cause catastrophic failure.

Manoj further alleged that, as a result of the sabotage, the generators malfunctioned later that evening, leading to dangerous electrical fluctuations. He expressed concern for the safety of his entire family, including his elderly mother, his nine-month-old daughter, and his uncle and aunt, who had come to visit from the village. In his statement, Manoj claimed that Vishnu and his team escalated the situation by forcibly removing the last loyal staff member from the house, leaving his family vulnerable and exposed. "This is not an isolated incident but part of an escalating pattern of threats and hostility," Manoj added, emphasizing that despite prior warnings from law enforcement, these actions continued without regard for the safety of his family. This latest development adds to the ongoing tensions within the Manchu family, which has been in the spotlight for personal and professional disputes in recent months.

TDP Triumphs in YSR's Native Village in Kadapa

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The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is making a strong comeback after securing a resounding victory in the general elections earlier this year. Despite facing challenges under the YCP regime over the last five years, the people delivered a clear mandate, granting the TDP-JSP-BJP alliance 164 of the 175 assembly seats. In contrast, YCP suffered a humiliating defeat, managing to secure only 11 seats.



constituency, represented by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Since the elections, TDP's influence has been growing at the grassroots level across the state. Leaders and party workers from rural areas, along with many former YCP supporters, are flocking to the TDP, further strengthening the party's foundation.

In a significant development, TDP has now asserted its dominance in YS Rajasekhara Reddy's native village, Balapanuru, by winning the Irrigation Society Elections. Balapanuru, located in Simhadripuram mandal of Kadapa district, falls under the Pulivendula

TDP's victory in 32 society elections within the Pulivendula constituency marks a major achievement, showcasing the party's growing influence in what has traditionally been considered Jagan's stronghold. The elections, held on Saturday, saw 5,946 out of 6,149 irrigation societies across the state elect their presidents and vice-presidents. A remarkable 95% of these societies chose their leaders unanimously, all of whom are aligned with the TDP-JSP-BJP alliance, further humiliating YCP.

PV Sindhu Invites CM Chandrababu & Dy CM Pawan Kalyan to Her Wedding

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Andhra Pradesh, Dec 16

Famous badminton player PV Sindhu has invited Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan to her upcoming wedding with businessman Venkatadatta Sai. The wedding is scheduled for December 22 in Rajasthan.

On Sunday, PV Sindhu met with political leaders to hand over her wedding invitations. She first visited Pawan Kalyan at his camp office in Mangalagiri, where she personally presented the invitation. Later, she met CM Chandrababu Naidu at his Undavalli residence,



where she handed over another invitation letter. Both CM Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan extended their best wishes to Sindhu



on this special occasion. Sindhu was accompanied by her father, P.V. Ramana, during these

visits. The wedding is set to be a grand affair, with several prominent personalities from various fields expected to attend.

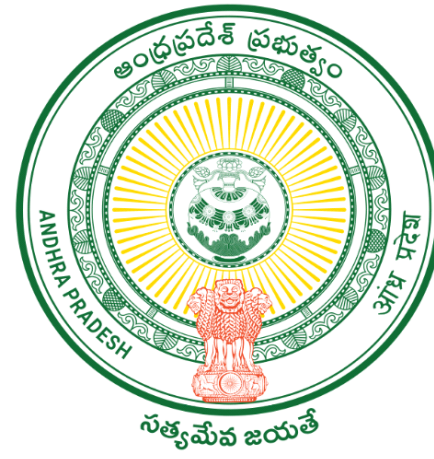
SIT Formed in AP to Investigate Ration Rice Smuggling

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Andhra Pradesh, Dec 16

The Andhra Pradesh state government has formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to conduct a thorough investigation into the illegal smuggling of ration rice. The move comes as the state intensifies efforts to crack down on the illicit trade of subsidized rice meant for the poor. CID IG Vineet Brijlal has been appointed as the head of the SIT, which will include CID SP B. Uma

Maheshwar and four additional DSPs. The team has been tasked with investigating and addressing the growing issue of ration rice smuggling in the state. As part of the crackdown, vehicles caught smuggling ration rice will be seized. Legal action will be taken against the offenders, with the driver facing a penalty of five years in jail and a fine of ₹10,000. Traders involved in smuggling will face more severe punishment, including a 10-year prison sentence and a fine

of ₹1,00,000. Chief Secretary Nirab Kumar Prasad issued the orders for the formation of the SIT and the implementation of these strict penalties. The government aims to deter the illegal activities and ensure that ration rice reaches the intended beneficiaries. This move highlights the government's commitment to preventing misuse of public resources and ensuring that essential goods are distributed properly to the people in need.



"Proper Upbringing of Boys Is Key to Prevent Atrocities" - Home Minister Anitha



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Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha made a striking statement during a cultural program organized under the theme "Save Girl Child" in Palakollu, where she emphasized the importance of raising boys properly to prevent atrocities against girls.

Speaking at the event, which included a 2K run with the participation of many students, Anitha highlighted the alarming rise in crimes against women and children. She expressed concern over the increasing incidents of abuse, including those against babies as young as six months old. "Parents should raise their boys just as they raise their girls," Anitha stated. She criticized the societal mindset where boys are not properly taught respect for women, leading to such grave atrocities. She called for a cultural shift, urging parents to instill respect and empathy in their children to prevent such crimes.

Anitha also shared her belief that if girls are protected, those responsible for their well-being will be regarded as heroes. She added, "If we raised our boys properly, would all these atrocities happening now a days? We live in a society where there are animals who look at girls even in months-old babies."

The event, which was attended by local leaders, District Collector Nagarani, and other dignitaries, aimed to raise awareness about the need for better protection of girls and the crucial role of education and upbringing in safeguarding their rights.

Minister Bala Veeranjanya Swamy Slams YCP, Defends Govt's Commitment

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Minister Bala Veeranjanya Swamy has strongly criticized the YCP leadership, asserting that they do not have the right to hold protests or dharnas. Speaking at a recent event, the minister expressed his anger over the YCP leaders' actions, questioning their motives for staging protests without clear reasons. Swamy emphasized that the coalition government is fully dedicated to the development of the state, highlighting its focus on fulfilling promises made to the people. He

reassured the public that the coalition government would continue working towards the welfare of farmers, the poor, and backward students, ensuring they achieve better results. Addressing the situation in the Jagan government, Swamy stated that everyone involved in the administration had been misled, implying that the previous government had failed to deliver on its commitments. The minister reaffirmed the coalition government's commitment to addressing the needs of the people and achieving progress in Andhra Pradesh.



Potti Sriramulu Was A Life of Immortal Sacrifice



The life of the immortal Potti Sriramulu is a tale of unyielding struggle, marked by endless hardships and unparalleled sacrifice. His journey is a song of courage and a poem of love and compassion, dedicated to the welfare of the Telugu people.

Known for his relentless pursuit of justice and reforms, Potti Sriramulu had already embarked on hunger strikes for various causes. However, it was his fi-

nal fast, begun on December 15, 1952, that forever etched his name in the history of Andhra Pradesh. His selfless sacrifice for the creation of a separate Telugu state ended with his death, a loss that resonated deeply with the people of the region.

For the first time, the coalition government has marked this solemn day as 'Self-Sacrifice Day,' to honor Potti Sriramulu's martyrdom. This gesture aims to preserve the spirit of his

sacrifice, ensuring that future generations will remember his struggle for justice and equality. The government's commemoration of Potti Sriramulu's sacrifice stands as a fitting tribute to his legacy, reaffirming the values he lived and died for — the creation of a unified Telugu state and the relentless pursuit of justice. His life remains an example of unparalleled dedication and sacrifice, inspiring all who fight for a just cause.

Stage Collapses at Kakinada Ceremony – MLAs Injured

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Kakinada, Dec 16

In a mishap during the oath-taking ceremony of Kakinada Urban Development Authority (KUDA) chairman Thummala Babu, several TDP and Janasena MLAs and leaders were injured when the stage unexpectedly collapsed. The incident occurred when an overwhelming number of people gathered on the stage, which led to its sudden failure.

TDP MLAs Chinarajappa, Pantham Nanaji, MLC Hari Prasad, and senior TDP leader Yanamala Ramakrishnu were among those who fell as the stage crumbled. Thankfully, the injuries were minor, and no one sustained serious harm. As the stage was not very high, the fall did not result in major injuries.

Thummala Babu, who was taking the oath as KUDA chairman at the time, was participating in the ceremony alongside several other NDA MLAs and leaders. The stage collapse happened while the pandits were performing puja and offering



blessings to Babu. Before anyone could react, the stage collapsed, and the attendees fell.

Party workers and other individuals present below quickly sprang into action, rescuing the fallen leaders. According to reports, the

stage, which had a capacity of 50 people, couldn't withstand the weight of over 200 people, resulting in the unfortunate incident.

Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy Addresses Simhachalam Temple Land Issue

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Andhra Pradesh Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy has revealed that over 12,000 encroachers have constructed houses on land belonging to the Simhachalam temple. The minister assured that the government is determined to regularize these settlements and hopes to resolve the temple land issue soon, pending court approval.

Speaking about the ongoing efforts to address the situation, Minister Anam mentioned that discussions had been held with local MLAs and Simhachalam temple trustee, former Union Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju. He highlighted that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had tasked him with resolving this critical issue in Visakhapatnam. Anam further emphasized that these lands belong to the temple, and the government is taking steps to find a permanent solution. His remarks followed his visit to the temple, where he had a darshan of Simhachalam Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy. The minister was greeted with a traditional Poornakumbham by temple officials and priests, and he participated in special pujas after receiving blessings from Vedic scholars. Meanwhile, Ashok Gajapathi Raju, senior leader of the TDP, voiced strong criticism of the previous YSRCP government, accusing them of misusing public funds. He specifically condemned the construction of buildings at Rushikonda during the YSRCP's tenure, calling it an ill-conceived project that wasted significant public resources. He also raised concerns about the previous TDP government's assets being pledged for substantial sums, questioning the legitimacy of such actions during the regime of former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Gajapathi Raju concluded by calling the entire YS Jagan rule a "psycho regime" for its mismanagement of public assets.



"Youth Weakened Under YCP Govt" - Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu

TPN Correspondent
Palakollu, Dec 16

Andhra Pradesh Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu has criticized former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's tenure, claiming that youth in the state have been severely affected by the rise in drug and Ganja addiction during his Ycp rule. Speaking ahead of a special event, Ramanaidu announced that a 2K run titled "Save the Girl Child" will be organized in Palakollu on Sunday.

Highlighting the importance of protecting girls, he said, "Girls are the real wealth of the nation. Let us unite to save this wealth and eradicate female infanticide." He stressed that awareness programs would be held under the slogan "Let's save the girl child and eradicate fetal killings."

The minister lashed out at Jagan, accusing him of failing to address serious issues such as the safety of



girls and drug abuse. "Thousands of people are being kidnapped in the state, yet Jagan has never spoken out about it. He failed to do justice to his own mother and sisters while claiming to be the elder brother of the house," Ramanaidu remarked. He alleged that Jagan resorted to spreading accusations and vulgar language against opponents on social media with the help of Paytm workers.

In contrast, Ramanaidu praised Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for taking decisive steps to curb drug trafficking. He highlighted the formation of the Eagle Team as a proactive measure to tackle the

growing issue of substance abuse. The remarks come as part of an intensified campaign by the TDP to highlight social issues and criticize the governance of the previous YSRCP regime, with a particular focus on youth welfare and women's safety.

Ashok Gajapathi Raju Criticizes Rushikonda Construction

TPN Correspondent
Visakhapatnam, Dec 16

Former Union Minister and Simhachalam Devasthanam Chairman Ashok Gajapathi Raju launched a scathing attack on the YSRCP government over the controversial construction of buildings in Rushikonda during a review meeting held by AP Endowment Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy. The meeting, focused on Simhachalam Devasthanam and its affiliated temples, was attended by District Collector M.N. Harindra Prasad, Endowment Department officials, and MLA Aditi Gajapathi Raju.

Addressing the media, Ashok Gajapathi Raju criticized the Rushikonda construction project, calling it a "crazy job" and a "symbol of madness." He alleged that public money was recklessly wasted during former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's regime, building structures that serve no purpose. Sarcastically, he suggested converting the buildings into a mental hospital, adding, "If crazy people are kept there, they will enjoy the



sea view from the buildings." Raju did not hold back in his criticism of the YSRCP government, labeling it a "psycho regime." He demanded that public opinion be sought regarding the future of the Rushikonda buildings. Drawing comparisons to the previous TDP regime, Raju highlighted that Chandrababu Naidu built a state secretariat in Amaravati, which he claimed was mortgaged by Jagan for ₹375 crore. He questioned Jagan's authority to mortgage public assets, calling it an outright betrayal of public trust.

Raju also brought attention to efforts being made to resolve the long-standing issues surrounding Simhachalam and Mansa trust lands. The meeting concluded with a discussion on improving temple management and ensuring better use of endowment funds.

The remarks further intensified the ongoing political discourse in Andhra Pradesh, with TDP leaders escalating their criticism of the YSRCP government's policies and governance style.

Union Minister Pemmasani Key Comments on Jamili Elections

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Guntur, Dec 16

Union Minister Pemmasani Chandrasekhar shared his perspective on the Jamili (simultaneous) elections, emphasizing their potential benefits for the country's development. Speaking at the inauguration of the Google AI Skilling Center at VVIT (Vasireddy Venkatadri Institute of Technology) on Sunday, he stated that "One nation, one election" is a progressive idea that would streamline governance and bolster growth. Pemmasani expressed support for the Jamili elections, highlighting that synchronized elections could foster stability and efficiency in the country's administrative framework. "We need to see how the bill progresses after its introduction," he remarked, adding that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's progressive vision aligns with this concept.

The Union Minister announced an agreement with Google to position Andhra Pradesh as a skill hub, with VVIT selected as the pilot project lo-



calation for the Google AI Skilling initiative. This project aims to equip engineering students with cutting-edge skills in artificial intelligence and information technology. Pemmasani encouraged students to seize this opportunity, emphasizing its potential to generate employment and foster innovation.

As part of his visit, Pemmasani laid the foundation stone for new buildings at the Guntur Government Hospital (GGH). He praised the Gymkhana organization for its commendable work, particularly their contributions to the maternal and child ward at the hospital. "Every rupee spent here reflects responsible taxpayer mon-

ey," he said, acknowledging the efforts of key contributors like Podila Prasad.

Chandrasekhar reiterated the government's commitment to creating global opportunities for youth and strengthening international relations. He emphasized that programs like the Google AI initiative are essential for Andhra Pradesh's transformation into a global skill hub, ensuring that the state stays at the forefront of technological advancements.

MLA Chadalawada Arvind Babu and APIDC Chairman Degala Prabhakar also participated in the event, underlining the government's united approach towards development.

BTech Ravi's Scathing Remarks Against YS Avinash Reddy

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Kadapa, Dec 16

Pulivendula TDP in-charge BTech Ravi made sharp and controversial remarks against Kadapa MP YS Avinash Reddy, targeting him over the unanimous results of the irrigation union elections in Pulivendula constituency. Reacting to the MP's comments about the elections,



BTech Ravi didn't hold back, accusing Avinash Reddy and the ruling YSRCP of failing the farmers of Pulivendula and undermining democratic practices. Speaking on Sunday, Ravi sarcastically remarked, "Avinash Reddy, look in the mirror—what you see is a photo of YS Vivekananda Reddy." He alleged that farmers in Pulivendula mocked Avinash Reddy by making him stand before Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy while wearing a symbolic cloth, signaling their discontent.

BTech Ravi responded to Avinash Reddy's claim that irrigation elections were held after detaining VROs in the MRO office. He challenged the MP to demonstrate real courage by going to the MRO office instead of making baseless allegations from the safety of a police station. Ravi pointed out that CM Jagan himself avoided fielding candidates in these elections, questioning how the YSRCP could claim statewide dominance when they couldn't contest in Pulivendula, their stronghold. Ravi criticized YS Avinash Reddy for the deterioration of the YS family's reputation, alleging that his actions had distanced even close family members, including Jagan's mother and sister. He attributed this discord to Avinash Reddy's mishandling of key issues and

accused him of neglecting Pulivendula's farmers by failing to ensure drip irrigation over the past five years.

In a triumphant tone, BTech Ravi highlighted the TDP's unanimous victory in the irrigation association elections as a significant blow to YSRCP's dominance. He claimed that the TDP's leaders and activists had dismantled the political empire built by the YSR family since 1978. "The Raja Reddy Constitution has disappeared in Pulivendula; only the Indian Constitution remains," Ravi declared.

He recalled how, during the previous YSRCP government, TDP candidates endured immense pressure but still filed nominations courageously. In contrast, Ravi said, YSRCP candidates didn't even approach MRO offices this time, fearing defeat. He mocked YSRCP leaders, saying, "We are not cowards, not sissies, nor weaklings like your party."

BTech Ravi accused Avinash Reddy of betraying Pulivendula's farmers and tarnishing the legacy of the YSR family. His fiery speech reflected the growing tensions between the TDP and YSRCP in Pulivendula, a constituency that has been at the heart of Andhra Pradesh's political landscape.

Alliance Govt Dominates Irrigation Association Elections Amid YSRCP Boycott

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The irrigation association elections held across Andhra Pradesh on Saturday showcased a decisive victory for the TDP-JSP-BJP alliance, with more than 95% of the associations electing their leadership unanimously. The election process was conducted for 5,946 of the 6,149 irrigation associations in the state, leaving elections in 103 associations postponed due to various reasons, including internal disputes.

In a major political development, the ruling YSRCP chose to boycott the elections, ceding the field to the alliance, which secured victories across almost all associations. TDP leaders celebrated their dominance, particularly in Pulivendula, the home constituency of YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, where they unanimously won all 29 irrigation societies.

Key Highlights of the Election

- **Unanimous Selections:** Over 95% of the president and vice-president posts were decided unanimously, reflecting the alliance's stronghold.
- **BJP's Performance:** The BJP, as part of the alliance, secured significant victories, winning seats in various districts, including Vizianagaram, Krishna, Guntur, Palnadu, Nellore, and Anantapur. BJP leaders also performed notably in



the Narasapuram and Anakapalle constituencies, represented by Union Minister Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma and MP CM Ramesh, respectively.

• **Clashes and Postponements:** Internal conflicts among alliance leaders and disputes with YSRCP members led to the postponement of elections in certain territorial constituencies.

BJP state president and MP Daggubati Purandeswari congratulated the party's winning candidates, emphasizing the alliance's growing influence in grassroots politics.

YSRCP Boycott

The YSRCP's decision to boycott the elections drew criticism from alliance leaders, who accused the ruling party of neglecting farmer-related issues. Despite their absence, tensions erupted in some areas due to confrontations between alliance leaders and local YSRCP supporters.

This election marks a significant political milestone for the TDP-JSP-BJP alliance, bolstering its confidence ahead of the upcoming assembly elections.

YSRCP MP Vijayasai Reddy Explains the Legal Perspective on the Jamili Bill

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The central government has taken a significant step forward with the "One Nation One Election" initiative, approving the draft bill aimed at holding simultaneous elections for state assemblies, Lok Sabha, and local bodies. The Union Cabinet has given its nod, paving the way for the bill's introduction during the current winter session of Par-

liament.

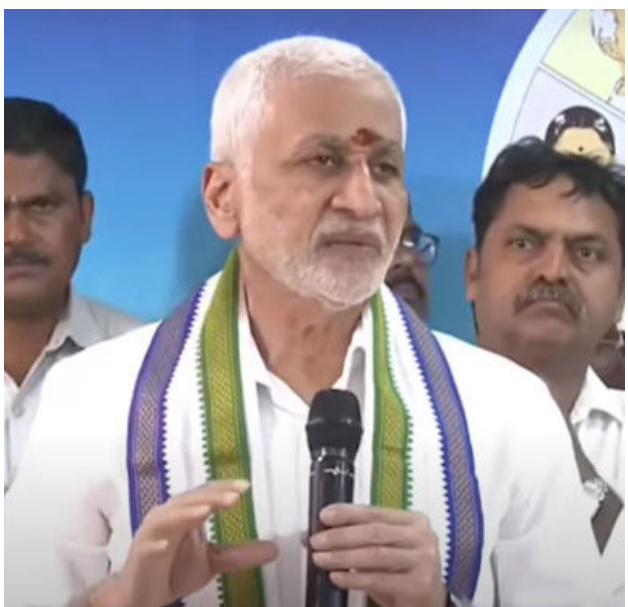
The initiative follows the report submitted by a committee led by former President Ram Nath Kovind, comprising eminent members such as former Chief Justice Sanjib Banerjee, senior advocate Harish Salve, and others. This committee evaluated the feasibility of simultaneous elections and provided detailed recommendations.

YSRCP Rajya Sabha member Vijaya-

sai Reddy commented on these developments, asserting that the Jamili elections are likely to take place in 2027 under any circumstances. Speaking at the inauguration of the YSRCP office in Visakhapatnam, Sai Reddy expressed confidence that the elections would not be postponed unless influenced by the ruling BJP-led NDA's prospects. Former ministers Botsa Sattyanarayana, Gudivada Amarnath,

and other party leaders also attended the event.

The "One Nation One Election" initiative is anticipated to streamline governance and reduce electoral expenses, making it a transformative step for India's political landscape. However, it remains to be seen how this will shape the future political dynamics across states and at the national level.



Bondada Raghavendra Rao Supports Scholarship Program for Poor Students

MLA Mandali Buddhadasa Distributes Scholarships

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In a heartening gesture to support the education of poor students, Bondada Engineering Limited Chairman Bondada Raghavendra Rao has financially supported a scholarship distribution program organized by the Royal Service Trust in Avanigadda. The event, attended by MLA Mandali Buddhadasa, saw the distribution of Rs. 4.6 lakh to 62 meritorious students, with the trust benefiting from the continued patronage of Raghavendra Rao.

The scholarship program, which took place under the chairmanship of Seethalam Rambabu, was attended by several key figures, including MEO TVS Ramdas, Royal Service Trust General Secretary Thota Padmanabha Rao, Indian Red Cross Society District Chairman Dr. Thota Sriranga Satya Balaji, and Trust Treasurer Ankem Ramasai Prasad. Speaking at the event, MLA Mandali Buddhadasa emphasized the need for students to utilize financial assistance wisely to achieve their dreams and bright futures. He commended Raghavendra Rao for his continuous support to the community, especially for empowering students from rural areas to excel academically. Bondada Raghavendra Rao shared his personal journey, advising the students that success comes from a combination of commitment, character, and hard



work. He encouraged them to overcome the challenges they might face in their academic journey, stressing the importance of focusing on their studies and utilizing every opportunity. MEO TVS Ramdas also inspired the students by urging them to overcome obstacles, common in rural areas, with determination and perseverance. The event concluded on a high note, with 61 students receiving a total of Rs. 4.20 lakh for their educational pursuits, leaving them and their parents filled with gratitude for the support provided by Bondada Raghavendra Rao and the Royal Service Trust.

Samineni Udayabhanu Welcomes New Members to Jana Sena Party in Nandigama

TPN Correspondent
NTR District, Dec-16

In a significant show of support for the Jana Sena Party, many individuals from Nandigama town officially joined the party at a program held at the MDR Function Hall in Nandigama, NTR District. The event, organized by Nandigama Constituency Jana Sena Party Coordinator Smt. Tamballapalli Ramadevi, saw prominent NTR District Jana Sena Party President Sri Samineni Udaya Bhanu, Nandigama Kapu Sankshema Sena President Karri Ramesh, and other influential figures joining hands to welcome the new members.



ure in the Jana Sena Party, played a crucial role in the event, extending a warm welcome to the new members. Known for his dedication and leadership in the NTR District, Udaya Bhanu has been instrumental in strengthening the Jana Sena Party's presence in the region. Under his leadership, the party has gained significant traction, with more people from various communities and walks of life expressing their commitment to the party's vision of change and progress.

Among the new entrants was Saida Garu, who joined the Jana Sena Party in the presence of key leaders. The program also witnessed the participation of several former leaders, including former Water Association Presidents Tati Venkateswara Rao, Magam Brahmam, K. Srinivas, Ramireddy Lokeswara Rao, Ramireddy Narasimha Rao, Pallepati Hanumantha Rao, and B. Satish Reddy, all of whom expressed their support for the party and its mission.

Samineni Udaya Bhanu's Leadership

Sri Samineni Udaya Bhanu, who has been a key fig-

Speaking at the event, Udaya Bhanu emphasized the importance of unity and collective effort in bringing about political change. He expressed his gratitude to the new members for choosing the Jana Sena Party and promised to work toward addressing the issues faced by the people of Nandigama and surrounding areas.

"The support of people like you will pave the way for a brighter future. We will work together to create a better Nandigama and a stronger Andhra Pradesh," Udaya Bhanu said, addressing the gathering.

MP Kesineni Sivanath Highlights City Development at Thoorpu Kapu Vidya Vigyan Bhavan Inauguration

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Emphasizing the importance of community participation in city development, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) inaugurated the newly constructed East Kapu Vidya Vigyan Bhavan in Gulabi Thota, 27th Division, Central Constituency. Addressing the gathering, MP Sivanath praised the Eastern Kapu Education and Science Development Association for independently constructing the building with their own funds. He expressed his delight in seeing such initiatives that reflect self-reliance and collective effort. During the ceremony, MP Sivanath assured his full support and cooperation for the association's future endeavors. He urged the participation of all senior members in the ongoing and future development of Vijayawada, stating, "The city's appearance will soon change with collective effort."



The event included a traditional puja and a detailed inspection of the building by the MP. Association members extended a grand welcome to Kesineni Sivanath, presenting garlands in honor of his presence.

Prominent attendees included:

- **President:** Kona Srihari Satyanarayana
- **Honorary President:** Yelakala Chalapati Rao

- **General Secretary:** Chinta Simhachalam
 - **Treasurer:** Pinninti Rama Rao
 - **Executive Secretary:** Chimala Venkata Ramana
 - **Former President:** Kunuku Rajasekhara
 - **Vice Presidents:** K.Y.S.R. Naidu, Ignada Tejesh, Pinninti Ganesh, Meesala Ramakrishna, Karrothi Ramachandra, Kalisetty Kanaka Rao, Karanam Venkataramana, Ippili Rammohan Rao, Pinninti Srinivas, and Kadagala Chandrasekhara, along with several other key members, also participated.
- The inauguration of East Kapu Vidya Vigyan Bhavan marks a significant milestone for the association, showcasing their dedication to education and science development in Vijayawada.

NTR District Visually Challenged Employees Association Elects New Executive Committee

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Vijayawada, Dec 16

The elections for the NTR District Visually Challenged (Divyagu) Employees Association Andhra Pradesh Executive Committee were conducted successfully at SRR College on Sunday. The election process was overseen by Shri G. Ravindra Babu, State President, with the support of Shri N. Venkateswara Rao, State Honorary President, and Shri Sk. Ali, Observer.



The following members were unanimously elected to the District Executive Committee:

1. Advisor: Shri V. Venkateswara Rao
2. President: M. V. Durga Rao
3. Honorary President: M. V. Ranga Rao (Medical and Health Department)
4. General Secretary: B. Jamalaya
5. Women Secretary: A. Prashanthi
6. Organizing Secretary: R. Charles
7. Treasurer: P. Vijaya

Vice Presidents:

1. T. Gayatri
2. Murali

Joint Secretaries:

1. Rama Brahma
2. N. Harish

The newly elected committee members took their oaths of office following the announcement of results. This election marks a significant step in strengthening the association's efforts to represent and address the concerns of visually challenged employees across the NTR district.

Aster Ramesh Hospitals, Ongole, Providing Excellent Healthcare Services to Urban and Rural Communities with Advanced Technology

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Aster Ramesh Hospitals, in celebration of its 36th anniversary, is organizing free mega super-specialty medical camps across the Prakasam, Krishna, Guntur, and West Godavari districts. On Sunday, a mega medical camp was conducted in Ongole as part of this initiative.



During the event, Dr. Pothineni Ramesh Babu, Chief Cardiologist and Managing Director of the hospital, announced plans to expand the current 200-bed capacity at Ongole by adding another 100 beds soon. He highlighted that Aster Ramesh Hospitals is now recognized as the largest private hospital group in the district, continuously committed to providing high-quality healthcare services.

Economy Services and Aarogyasri Coming Soon

Dr. Ramesh Babu further revealed that the hospital will soon introduce Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva and Aarogyasri services at Ongole, aimed at making healthcare more accessible and affordable for the economically disadvantaged and middle-class populations.

Future Plans

As part of its ongoing expansion efforts, the hospital will soon offer pediatric cardiac treatments, heart bypass surgeries, valve replacement procedures, and advanced cardiac electrophysiology services. These services will meet the growing healthcare needs of the Ongole region.

Dr. Ramesh Babu reaffirmed that these initiatives will solidify Aster Ramesh Hospitals' leadership in providing reliable and advanced medical services in the region.

Ramesh Cloud Docs Tele ICU: Latest Projects Under Corporate Social Responsibility

As part of its corporate social responsibility, Dr. Ramesh Babu shared that Ramesh Cloud Docs will soon launch Tele ICU services at government hospitals.

This project will help provide emergency medical care to people in remote tribal areas, offering them access to super-specialty medical consultations.

Tele ICU and 5G Ambulance Services

Dr. Ramesh Babu also announced the establishment of a system to monitor critical care patients in the Ongole ICU through a Command Control Center in Vijayawada. This will be available 24/7, ensuring expert oversight at all times. Additionally, the introduction of 5G ambulances will allow real-time monitoring during patient transfers, which will significantly reduce mortality rates.

Drone Technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

In an effort to enhance the speed of medical responses, the hospital plans to introduce advanced drone services. Dr. Ramesh Babu also discussed the use of AI technologies such as AI-based CT Angiogram, AI ECG, AI Echo, and AI MRI to detect diseases at an early stage. This will enable timely medical intervention, ultimately improving patient outcomes and overall health standards.

Free Mega Super-Specialty Medical Camp

Over 800 people from Ongole and the surrounding areas received medical services at on Sunday's free mega super-specialty medical camp.

In this press conference Unit Head Dr. Nalluri Nithin, Medical Superintendent Dr. Vamsi, Strategy Head Dr. Kalyan, and Group Business Head Dr. Karthik Chowdary were attended.



New Leadership in Penuguduru Water Association

TPN Correspondent

Kakinada, Dec 16

The Penuguduru Water Association has elected its new leadership, with Tummalapalli Govindarajulu unanimously selected as the President and Yamala Veerendra Kumar as the Vice President. This announcement marks a significant moment for the community, as the new leaders will work toward improving the management of water resources in the region.

The following individuals have been elected to various positions in the association:

- TC No.1: Bandaru Raju
- TC No.2: Pabbinid Ramakrishna
- TC No.3: Masavarupu Venkata Ramana
- TC No.5: Singampalli Subbalakshmi
- TC No.6: Reddy Ramalakshmi
- TC No.7: Dangeti Venkanna
- TC No.8: Addala Chinnababu
- TC No.9: Chakkapalli Veerababu
- TC No.10: Koppiseti Suribabu
- TC No.11: Nakka Sriramamurthy



The election ceremony was attended by leaders from Penuguduru, Pedakuduru, Gurajanapally, Zd Bavavaram, Koripally, Thurangi, and other regions. Members of the alliance, including Janasena and TDP leaders, farmers, and local residents, actively participated in the event, showing strong support for the newly elected leadership.

Janasena Party's Role and Leadership Praise

Janasena Party Kakinada District President and Peddapuram Constituency In-charge, Sri Tummala Ramaswamy Babu, was also congratulated during the event. Ex-MPTC Tummalapalli Macharla Rao of Penuguduru village praised Ramaswamy Babu for his distinguished political services and for his



role in public welfare initiatives. Rao expressed his optimism that Ramaswamy Babu, now assuming the position of Chairman of the Kakinada Urban Development Authority (KAUDA), would continue to work for the betterment of the people. This election marks a new phase for the Penuguduru Water Association, with the community hopeful for enhanced leadership and progress under the newly elected team.

Gandi Babji Congratulates Newly Elected President and Vice President of Water Users Association

TPN Correspondent
Visakhapatnam, Dec-16

In a significant development, members of the NDA alliance and TDP family have been elected as the President and Vice President of the Water Users Association. Shri Gandi Babji, the Visakhapatnam Parliamentary President, Pendurthi Constituency In-charge, and Chairman of APOILFED, extended his heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected leaders.

In a statement of appreciation, Babji thanked the leaders, activists, and farmer brothers for their unwavering support and contributions to the success of this victory. "This victory is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our team, the farmers, and all those who believe in the vision of the TDP and the NDA alliance," said Gandi Babji, expressing his deep gratitude for the collective effort.

Babji emphasized the importance of this election for the future of water management and farmer welfare, underlining the role of the Water Users Association in improving irrigation facilities and ensuring better agricultural outcomes. He assured that the TDP and NDA members elected to

these positions would work tirelessly to address the challenges faced by the farming community and promote policies aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity.

"The victory in this election is not just a win for the party but for the entire farming community. We will continue to work towards the betterment of our farmers, ensuring they have access to the resources



and support they need," Babji added.

With the successful election of members from the NDA alliance and TDP to key positions in the Water Users Association, the party looks forward to making strides in improving water management, agricultural practices, and the overall welfare of farmers in the region.

Tenali Girl Dies In Road Accident in the U.S.



TPN Correspondent
Tenali, Dec 16

A tragic road accident in the United States has claimed the life of a young woman from Tenali, Guntur district, while two others were seriously injured. Naga Srivandana Parimala, a 26-year-old MS student at the University of Memphis, Tennessee, died after a truck collided with the car she was traveling in on Friday night.

Parimala, daughter of businessman Ganesh and Ramadevi, had moved to the U.S. in December 2022 to pursue her Master of Science degree. The accident occurred near Rockwood Avenue, where the car, carrying Parimala and her friends, was struck by a truck. Parimala, who sustained severe injuries, was rushed to a nearby hospital but was declared dead upon arrival.

Two other Telugu students, Pawan and Nikith, who were also in the car, were critically injured. Pawan's condition is reported to be particularly severe, while both students are receiving medical treatment.

The family of the deceased has revealed that the Telugu Association of North America (TANA) is assisting in repatriating Parimala's body to Tenali. This incident is part of a worrying pattern, with several Indian students dying under similar circumstances in recent months. The police are investigating whether the crash was purely an accident or if foul play was involved.

Goal is to Provide Employment to Unemployed Youth: Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy



TPN Correspondent
Kovur, Dec 16

MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy emphasized that his primary goal is to provide employment opportunities to the unemployed youth in the Kovur constituency. This statement came during the second mega job fair held on Sunday, organized under his leadership. The event took place at the VPR Convention Hall, with representatives from 50 organizations participating.

Thousands of unemployed youth from the district attended the job fair, seeking job opportunities. In his speech, MLA Prashanthi Reddy reflected on the success of the first mega job fair and stated that it had been an effective initiative. He highlighted that the event attracted representatives from prominent companies, offering jobs that aligned with candidates' qualifications. Prashanthi Reddy further mentioned that the job fair, organized under the VPR Foundation, is part of a continuous effort to assist the youth in securing employment. He encouraged those who had not been successful in the past to take advantage of the opportunity and try again, stressing that persistence and determination are key.

The job fair was viewed as a significant step towards bridging the gap between the youth and employment opportunities in the region, with MLA Prashanthi Reddy reaffirming his commitment to addressing the issue of unemployment in Kovur.



Bees Attack Police During Inspection at Polavaram Project

TPN Correspondent
Polavaram, Dec 16

A surprising incident occurred during a routine inspection at the Polavaram project site when a swarm of bees attacked a team of police officers. The inspection was being carried out by a bomb squad team, led by DSP Ramakrishna, as part of preparations for the upcoming visit of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu.

The incident took place near gate number one of Svlway, where the police were conducting checks. Despite their efforts to escape, the bees persisted, and DSP Ramakrishna sustained serious injuries. He was initially treated at Polavaram Government Hospital and then transferred to Rajahmundry for advanced medical care.

The bee attack occurred ahead of CM Chandrababu Naidu's planned visit to the Polavaram project on Monday. During his previous tenure as Chief

Minister from 2014-19, Naidu visited the project every Monday for updates on its progress. This will be his second visit to the site since taking office again in 2024, with the first visit happening on June 17 this year.

During the visit, CM Naidu is expected to receive detailed updates from officials, with a focus on the construction of the diaphragm wall. He will discuss the commencement of a new diaphragm wall construction project scheduled for January 2, 2025. In preparation for his visit, district officials, including District Collector Vetri Selvi and SP Pratap Shiva Kishore, inspected the arrangements at the Polavaram project site. They reviewed the security and logistics, including a convoy trail run, to ensure that everything is in place for the CM's arrival. Authorities have been urged to ensure there are no disturbances during the visit, while additional precautions are being taken to prevent any untoward incidents.

Leopard Roaming in Mahanandi Sparks Panic

TPN Correspondent
Mahanandi, Dec 16

The sighting of a leopard near MP Form Village in Mahanandi Mandal has caused widespread panic among locals and devotees. The incident occurred when a leopard was spotted crossing the road as a group of devotees were traveling by bus to visit the Mahanandi temple. A video of the leopard, which went viral on social media, shows the animal calmly crossing the road before heading into a nearby field.

In response to the sighting, forest officials were alerted, and the Mahanandi temple authorities made adjustments to the darshan timings, announcing a two-hour break from 12:30 pm to ensure the safety of the visitors. This sighting adds to the growing concerns over wild animal attacks in the region.

The issue of big cats—primarily tigers and leopards—roaming into the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh has become increasingly alarming. These animals, migrating from Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh, have been responsible for several attacks on livestock and humans in recent months. A woman was killed by a tiger in Asifabad, and a farmer was injured by another tiger in Dubbagudem. The rising number of such incidents, particularly in Adilabad and Mulugu districts, has triggered widespread fear.



Nalanda's Revival: A Path to Global Knowledge and Harmony

The revival of Nalanda University is not just a return to its ancient legacy but a transformative vision aimed at addressing contemporary global challenges. In today's world, marked by geopolitical instability, climate crises, and societal divisions, Nalanda's focus on holistic education, collaboration, and peace offers a timely blueprint for the future. It aspires to nurture innovative thinkers who can confront these issues with wisdom, creativity, and harmony—values once upheld by Nalanda.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has played a pivotal role in reinvigorating the Nalanda vision, showcasing its importance on global platforms like the G20 summit. At the Red Fort in 2023, Modi emphasized the need for a robust education system, stating that the spirit of Nalanda should influence India's new education policy. He sees Nalanda not just as an institution but as a symbol of India's aspirations for global leadership in knowledge and innovation.

Nalanda's revival is deeply symbolic, reflecting India's ambition to reclaim its intellectual and cultural leadership. As Modi has expressed, Nalanda represents more than just a historical name; it embodies pride, wisdom, and the belief that knowledge, once gained, cannot be erased, even in times of crisis.

Today's world faces numerous challenges—intellectual fragmentation,



conflicts, and a focus on material gain over knowledge. Yet, Nalanda's emphasis on intellectual curiosity, cultural competence, and universal truths remains more relevant than ever. It offers a unique educational model that promotes dialogue and mutual understanding, essential for tackling issues such as cultural misunderstandings and geopolitical conflicts.

Since the opening of its new campus in Bihar, Nalanda University has attracted students from around

the world, particularly from developing countries. This growing interest underscores the global appeal of Nalanda's inclusive, interdisciplinary approach to education.

In a world struggling to maintain peace and cooperation, Nalanda stands as a beacon of knowledge and cultural harmony. By combining ancient wisdom with contemporary learning, it holds immense potential to shape future global leaders, fostering innovation, peace, and prosperity.

INDIA Bloc's Future Hinges on Unity and a Clear Agenda, Not Just Anti-BJP Sentiment



The survival of the INDIA (Indian National Democratic Inclusive Alliance) bloc may depend on more than just opposition to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). While anti-BJP sentiment has held the alliance together so far, it's becoming increasingly clear that this unity will not endure unless the constituent parties can come together on a common agenda and vision for India.

The recent electoral setbacks in Haryana and the dismal performance in Maharashtra have left many within the alliance questioning the Congress Party's leadership. The first to voice these concerns was Trinamool Congress (TMC) chief Mamata Banerjee, who has repeatedly expressed her desire to lead the alliance. Banerjee, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, has found support from key allies within the INDIA bloc, such as the Samajwadi Party, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) faction led by Sharad

Pawar, and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), headed by former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav. Historically, RJD and Congress have shared a close relationship, with RJD often supporting Congress at the Centre.

However, what makes these concerns particularly significant is the involvement of Lalu Prasad Yadav, a longtime ally of the Congress. Since the formation of RJD in the 1990s, it has consistently backed Congress at the national level, often directly or indirectly. The shift in the party's stance, now questioning Congress's leadership within the alliance, marks a significant turning point. This indicates a growing frustration within the INDIA bloc, with many of its key players beginning to doubt whether Congress, under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, can truly challenge the BJP.

The primary issue now is the lack of a unified ideology among the al-

liance members. Anti-BJP rhetoric alone is no longer sufficient to hold the coalition together, particularly when the parties involved have differing visions for India's future. Without a coherent, unified agenda, the INDIA bloc risks falling apart in the face of mounting electoral challenges and growing internal divisions.

The constituents of the INDIA bloc must decide whether they are willing to forge a cohesive narrative that resonates with the electorate or whether they will remain focused solely on opposing the BJP. Without a clear and unified direction, the alliance's future looks uncertain, and the party vying for leadership will need to offer more than just anti-incumbency to make a lasting impact. The next few months will be crucial in determining whether the INDIA bloc can overcome its internal divisions and craft a vision for India that can compete with the BJP's firmly entrenched dominance.



AMU's Responsibility: Addressing Anti-India and Anti-Hindu Sentiments

Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) is once again at the center of controversy, this time over offensive remarks allegedly made by Bangladeshi students on social media. What initially began as a few isolated posts has quickly escalated into a major crisis. These posts, which insulted Indian women, disparaged ISKCON as a "radical Hindutva organization," and mocked cultural practices in Uttar Pradesh, have ignited a wave of outrage.

Such comments are not just inflammatory but strike at the core of India's pluralistic values, challenging the ethos of mutual respect and harmony that universities should foster. The remarks have particularly incensed Hindu students, who view them as part of a broader pattern of anti-India and anti-Hindu rhetoric. This pattern, they argue, has been allowed to fester, partly due to the inaction or even tacit approval of university authorities.

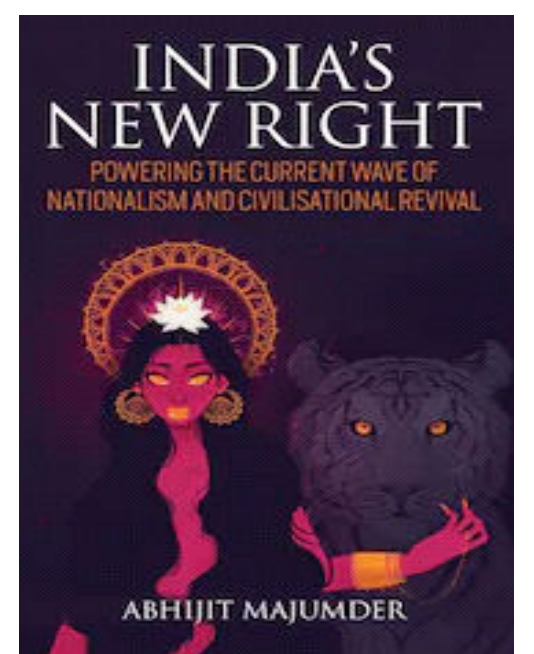
For AMU, an institution that receives taxpayer funding, to harbor students who engage in such divisive, hateful discourse is not only a betrayal of its own principles but also an affront to the values upheld by the nation. Universities, by nature, should be spaces of learning, growth, and inclusivity—places where diverse voices come together to build mutual understanding and respect. However, when such institutions fail to hold their students accountable for spreading hate and intolerance, they not only compromise their own credibility but also damage the larger social fabric.

The situation at AMU calls for urgent action. It is crucial for the university administration to take a firm stand against any form of hate speech or divisive rhetoric, ensuring that all students, regardless of their background, feel safe and respected. This is not just about maintaining discipline but about upholding the values of unity and respect that are fundamental to India's identity. By doing so, AMU can demonstrate its commitment to fostering an environment of mutual respect and contribute to the greater good of society.

Understanding India's New Right: Nationalism and Civilisational Revival

The rise of the Right in India, as explored in Abhijit Majumder's book *India's New Right: Powering the Current Wave of Nationalism and Civilisational Revival*, calls for a deeper understanding of how nationalism and civilisational revival have emerged in the country. This shift, according to Majumder, is more the result of individual efforts than governmental or societal changes. While the book provides an insightful exploration of the forces behind this rise, two chapters in particular, **Nationalism and Mission Northeast** and **Bharat's Queer and Conservative**, stand out for their critical examination of India's evolving political landscape. The terms "Left" and "Right" are often misused, and their meanings can be distorted in contemporary discourse. In the context of India, these labels can be problematic, as they stem from the French Revolution of 1789, where seating arrangements in the National Assembly determined who was seen as supporting or opposing the monarchy. Over time, the Left became associated with liberal values and progressivism, while the Right became synonymous with conservatism and traditionalism. However, this simplistic dichotomy falls short in the Indian context.

Majumder argues that India does not have a "Right wing" in the Western sense. He points out that many in India's nationalist, dharmic, or Indic movements reject a pure laissez-faire economy, one that advocates minimal government interference in markets. These nationalists are not opposed to progressive values like alternative sexualities or a woman's right to choose



early-stage abortion. They are anti-Left in their opposition to a system that they believe has undermined India's ancient wisdom, culture, and civilization. However, they are also not easily defined by the conventional political spectrum.

The term "Right wing" in the book, Majumder acknowledges, is a convenient shorthand that does not entirely capture the complexity of the movement in India. The nationalists or dharmics, as they are sometimes called, are not solely motivated by the desire to preserve traditional values. Their vision transcends narrow definitions of nationalism and incorporates the broader concept of universalism. While they may identify as nationalists, their ideology is rooted in India's spiritual, cultural, and philosophical traditions, which go beyond mere political boundaries.

Will end Naxalism in Chhattisgarh by March 2026: Amit Shah

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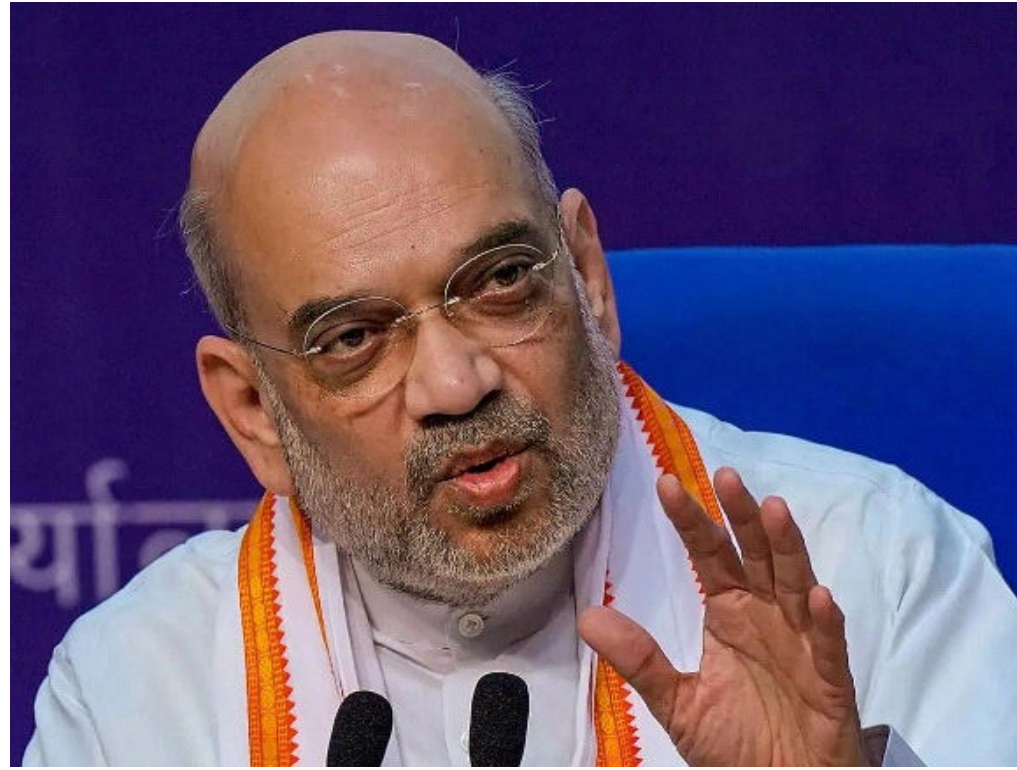
Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday reaffirmed the government's commitment to eliminate Maoism from Chhattisgarh by March 31, 2026, lauding the Chhattisgarh Police's efforts in combating Left-wing extremism over the past year.

Speaking at an event to mark the President's Colour Award to the Chhattisgarh Police, Shah appealed to Maoists to return to the mainstream and take advantage of the state government's surrender policy.

"I have been in touch with Chhattisgarh Police for years regarding anti-naxal operations, and I can confidently say that they are one of the most courageous forces in the country, fighting naxals and improving the lives of citizens," Shah stated.

The Union Minister praised the police for their remarkable achievements over the past year, including neutralizing 287 extremists, arresting nearly 1,000, and facilitating 837 surrenders. He also highlighted that the top 14 Maoist leaders were killed during this period. Notably, the number of fatalities among security forces and civilians dropped below 100 for the first time in four decades, a significant milestone.

Shah emphasized that the motto of "Viksit Chhattisgarh, Viksit Bastar"



would receive fresh momentum from the Chhattisgarh Police, who earned the President's Colour Award even before completing 25 years, an exceptional feat for any armed force.

Reflecting on the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Shah noted that fatalities among security forces had decreased by 73% and civilian deaths by 70% over the past decade compared to earlier years.

The Home Minister also mentioned the state's political journey, recalling how,

after the creation of Chhattisgarh in 2000, the people elected a BJP government for 15 years. He assured the citizens that the government would successfully eliminate Maoist activity in the state by the 2026 deadline.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai congratulated the police on the prestigious award and highlighted the government's welfare initiatives, including 15,000 houses for surrendered Maoists under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, along with financial and educational benefits for their families.

Maharashtra CM Fadnavis Criticizes Opposition's EVM Allegations, Defends Constitution

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Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday criticized opposition parties for allegedly not believing in the Constitution, particularly regarding their claims about the integrity of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). Fadnavis, who was welcomed by party workers and supporters in Nagpur, made the remarks after arriving in his hometown following his swearing-in ceremony as Chief Minister for the third time on December 5.

Speaking to reporters at Nagpur airport, Fadnavis expressed his happiness at returning to his "janmabhoomi" (birthplace) and "karmabhoomi" (workplace). He described Nagpur as his family and welcomed the support from his local community. He also remarked that his return to the position of Chief Minister followed the resounding victory of the Mahayuti alliance in the November 20 Maharashtra elections, where they won 230 out of 288 seats, securing a clear mandate.

Fadnavis responded to allegations from the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), which had secured only 46 seats, regarding irregularities in the use of EVMs. He dismissed their claims as baseless and said that their disappoint-



ment stemmed from their failure to win the election. According to Fadnavis, these parties lacked trust in democracy, the Election Commission, and the institutions that support the nation's democratic processes.

He further criticized the opposition's position, stating that while they expressed doubts about the electoral process, they seemed to place their faith in other institutions like the Supreme Court, Reserve Bank of India, and the Comptroller and Auditor General. Fadnavis emphasized that if they trusted these institutions, they should also have faith in the Constitution, which was framed by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

In conclusion, Fadnavis urged the opposition to respect democratic processes and not undermine the credibility of the institutions that uphold India's Constitution and democracy.



PM Modi Invokes Nehru to Distract Nation's Attention from His Own 'Failures': Congress

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The Congress party has responded sharply to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent remarks, accusing him of using Jawaharlal Nehru to distract the nation from his own failures. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh criticized Modi for what he called an "obsession" with Nehru, claiming that the prime minister invokes the first prime minister of India to divert attention from his government's challenges and shortcomings.

Ramesh's comments came a day after Modi criticized the Congress during a debate on the 75-year journey of India's Constitution. The prime minister had accused the Congress of repeatedly undermining the Constitution in its pursuit of power, asserting that his government's actions since 2014 have strengthened India in line with the Constitution's vision.

In his response, Ramesh quoted French philosopher Voltaire, saying, "If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent him," and applied it to Modi's obsession with Nehru. "If Nehru had not existed, it would have been necessary to invent him," Ramesh said, mocking the prime minister's frequent references to Nehru. He went on to argue that Nehru is used by Modi to cover up his own administration's failures and to avoid addressing pressing issues facing the country today.

Ramesh also alleged that Modi's focus on Nehru serves to ignore India's achievements before May 2014, suggesting that the current government seeks to erase or diminish the nation's legacy prior to Modi's tenure.

Yogi Adityanath Defends Dhankhar, Yadav, Slams Opposition

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has criticized the Opposition for moving impeachment notices against Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar and Allahabad High Court Justice Shekhar Kumar Yadav, accusing them of targeting those who speak the truth. Speaking at the World Hindu Economic Forum 2024 in Mumbai, Adityanath claimed that anyone who voices the truth, especially when it challenges the established narrative, faces such threats.

Adityanath specifically addressed the Opposition's push for the impeachment of Justice Yadav, following his remarks on the need for a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) during a Vishwa Hindu Parishad event in December 2024. The Chief Minister supported Yadav's stance, arguing that discussions around the UCC and the need for ending discrimination between majority and minority communities should be welcomed. He criticized the Congress for its "double standards," asserting that the party has always attempted to stifle the truth while claiming to uphold the Constitution.

"The Opposition targets anyone who

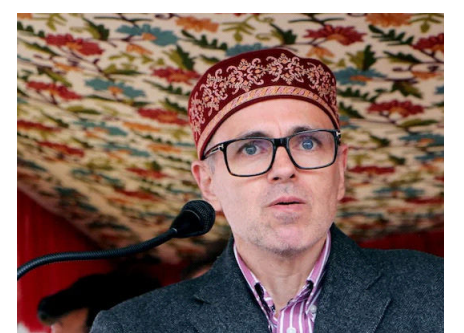


speaks the truth, but they conveniently forget their own double standards when it comes to the Constitution," Adityanath said. He also expressed his support for Vice-President Dhankhar, asserting that the Rajya Sabha Chairman is simply fulfilling his duties. "The Opposition is concerned about a farmer's son reaching such a prestigious position," he said, referring to Dhankhar's rise.

Adityanath also stressed the importance of exposing those who seek to suppress the truth. He alleged that the Opposition seeks to undermine India's cultural legacy, pointing to their denial of the existence of Lord

Ram. He reaffirmed that the Sanatan religion, a core part of India's heritage, has never sought to impose its supremacy, contrasting it with rulers who forced control through violence in history.

On economic matters, Adityanath praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for elevating India to the fifth-largest economy in just 10 years. He projected that India would become the third-largest economy by 2027. The UP Chief Minister further boasted that Uttar Pradesh, now the second-largest state economy in India, is on track to reach a USD 1 trillion economy.



Stop whining about EVMs, accept poll results: Omar Abdullah to Congress

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Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has strongly criticized the Congress party for raising concerns about Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) after election losses, calling for a more consistent approach to accepting poll results. In an exclusive interview on Friday, Abdullah said that parties cannot celebrate EVM victories when they win, only to dismiss them when results do not go in their favor.

"If you celebrate victories when you secure over a hundred Members of Parliament using the same EVMs, you can't then suddenly turn around and say the system is flawed when you lose," Abdullah remarked. He further emphasized that such inconsistency undermines the credibility of the election process.

Though his stance echoed BJP's defense of the voting system, Abdullah distanced himself from partisan views, stating, "No, it's just that... what's right is right." He clarified that his criticism was based on principles, not political loyalty.

Abdullah also took the opportunity to defend his independent thinking on various issues, pointing to his support for projects like the Central Vista redevelopment in Delhi, which has been contentious for some. "Contrary to what others believe, I think the Central Vista project is a good thing. The old Parliament building had outlived its utility, and we needed a new one," he said.

AAP Replies To BJP's Dare: Arvind Kejriwal, Atishi To Fight Current Seats

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Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and senior leader Atishi are set to contest the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections, with Kejriwal running from his current New Delhi constituency, and Atishi contesting from Kalkaji. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has officially released its fourth and final list of candidates, finalizing the party's candidates for all 70 seats in the Delhi Assembly.

Kejriwal, along with ministers Saurabh Bharadwaj (Greater Kailash) and Gopal Rai (Babarpur), will contest from their current constituencies. In



a statement, Kejriwal expressed confidence in AAP's campaign, claiming that the BJP has no vision or plan for Delhi, other than attacking him. He criticized the BJP for lacking a Chief Ministerial candidate and stated that they only had a single agenda: "remove Kejriwal." Kejriwal empha-

sized that AAP has a proven track record over the past ten years, with a strong team and clear development plans for Delhi's future.

This final list also addresses the BJP's claims regarding AAP candidates fearing defeat. BJP Delhi Chief Virendra Sachdeva had accused AAP's leaders, such as former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, of avoiding certain constituencies. He specifically mentioned Sisodia's shift from Patparganj to Jangpura, suggesting that AAP leaders were afraid of losing. In response, Kejriwal and Atishi have committed to their current seats, signaling their readiness to face the challenge.



Donald Trump Picks Truth Social CEO Devin Nunes As Intelligence Board Head

WASHINGTON DC: US President-elect Donald Trump has announced two key appointments as he prepares for his second term in office. On Saturday, Trump named Devin Nunes, a former Republican congressman from California, to serve as the chairman of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board (PIAB). Nunes, who previously chaired the House Intelligence Committee during the early years of Trump's first term, is also known for his role in leading investigations into Russian interference in the 2016 US election.

Trump praised Nunes for his experience and commitment, stating that Nunes would provide "independent assessments" of the U.S. Intelligence Community's activities. Trump highlighted Nunes' role in exposing what he referred to as the "Russia, Russia, Russia Hoax," a reference to Nunes' controversial 2018 memo alleging FBI bias in its investigation of the Trump campaign's Russian ties. Despite this new role, Nunes will continue to serve as the CEO of Truth Social, Trump's social media platform.

The PIAB, created in the mid-20th century, serves as an independent advisory body offering assessments on the effectiveness and propriety of the U.S. intelligence communi-



ty's operations. Trump emphasized that the board would include "distinguished citizens from outside of the Federal Government."

In another move, Trump appointed Richard Grenell, a staunch ally, as a presidential envoy for special missions. Grenell, who served as US ambassador to Germany and was the first openly gay cabinet member when appointed as acting director of national intelligence, will focus on critical global issues, including Venezuela and North Korea. Grenell,

a vocal supporter of Trump, had been a contender for Secretary of State but the position ultimately went to Marco Rubio.

These appointments follow Trump's earlier nomination of Kash Patel, another loyalist, as FBI director. Patel, a former Pentagon official known for his views on the "deep state," worked with Nunes and Grenell on the 2018 memo. With these moves, Trump solidifies his inner circle as he prepares for his January 20 inauguration.

Bangladesh Inquiry Commission Links Ex-PM Hasina to Enforced Disappearances



DHAKA: A five-member inquiry commission in Bangladesh has implicated former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a provisional report on enforced disappearances, estimating over 3,500 cases linked to the practice. The report, titled "Unfolding the Truth," was submitted by the Commission for Inquiry on Enforced Disappearance to Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus on Saturday. It claims that Hasina was involved as a key orchestrator in these incidents, citing evidence of her role in directing such activities.

The commission also named several high-ranking individuals as involved, including Major General (ret'd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique, former director-general of the National Telecommunication Monitoring Centre, and sacked Major General Ziaul Ahsan. Senior police officers, Monirul Islam and Mohammad Harun-Or-Rashid, along with other officials, were also implicated. Many of these individuals are believed to be abroad since Hasina's government was ousted on August 5 following a student-led uprising.

The report describes a "systematic design" by which enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings went undetected, with perpetrators often unaware of the victims' identities. The commission also highlighted the role of Bangladesh's elite anti-crime unit, the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), which draws personnel from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and regular police forces. RAB and other law enforcement agencies allegedly collaborated in detaining, torturing, and holding victims in secret detention centers.

As part of its findings, the commission recommended the abolition of RAB and the revision of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2009. Sajjad Hossain, a rights activist and commission member, stated that 1,676 complaints of enforced disappearances had been filed, with 758 cases investigated so far. Of these, 200 victims remain missing, while many others were falsely listed as arrested.

The commission, led by retired Supreme Court judge Mainul Islam Chowdhury, also revealed the existence of eight secret detention centers in Dhaka and surrounding areas. The commission plans to release a further interim report in March and aims to complete its investigation within a year.

During a press conference, Yunus expressed full support for the commission's efforts, acknowledging the significance of its work. The commission continues to examine interviews from victims, including former military officers and opposition activists who were targeted under Hasina's regime.

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake Begins First Overseas Visit to India



COLOMBO: Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake will embark on a three-day visit to India from Sunday, marking his first overseas trip since assuming office. This visit, scheduled from December 15-17, will include high-level meetings with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pres-

ident Droupadi Murmu.

Accompanied by Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath and Deputy Minister of Finance Anil Jayantha Fernando, Dissanayake's visit aims to strengthen the bilateral ties between Sri Lanka and India. The Ministry of External

Affairs (MEA) highlighted that the discussions are expected to cover a range of issues, including maritime security cooperation.

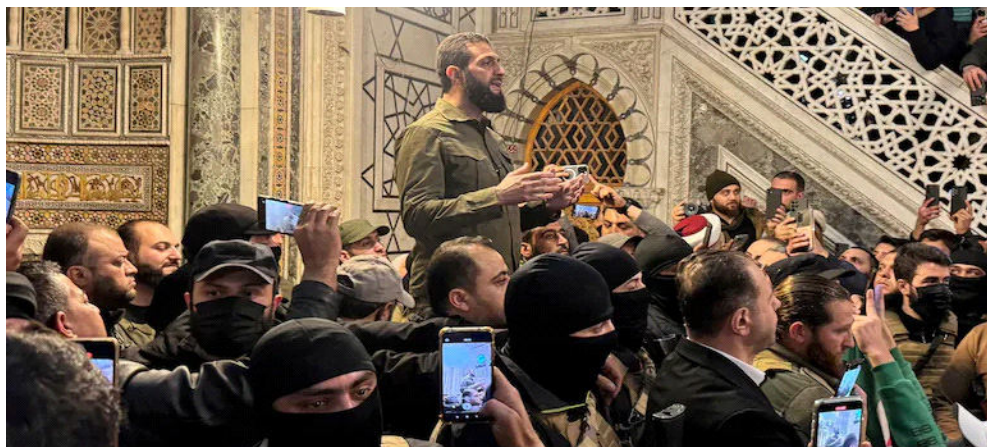
This visit, which is Dissanayake's first since taking office on September 23, follows a series of diplomatic engagements. Dissanayake will also attend a business event in New Delhi focused on enhancing investment and commercial links between the two nations. Additionally, he is set to visit Bodh Gaya, a significant Buddhist site, during his trip.

The invitation for the visit was extended by India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who had visited Colombo shortly after Dissanayake's victory. Jaishankar was the first foreign dignitary to visit Sri Lanka after the National People's Power (NPP) government assumed power in the country.

The visit had been delayed until after Sri Lanka's parliamentary elections in November, where the NPP secured a historic win, gaining absolute control of the 225-member Parliament. Dissanayake's diplomatic engagement with India is seen as an important step in furthering the relationship between the two neighboring countries.

US in Contact with Syria's New Rulers Amid Shifting Dynamics: Antony Blinken

DAMASCUS: The United States confirmed on Saturday that it has made contact with Syria's new rulers, the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) rebels, following the group's recent victory over President Bashar al-Assad. Despite designating HTS as a terrorist organization in 2018, Secretary of State Antony Blinken disclosed that the U.S. had been in "direct contact" with the group, though he did not specify the nature of these interactions.



This development comes as Syria undergoes a dramatic shift in power. HTS, an Islamist-led faction rooted in Syria's branch of al-Qaeda, recently played a key role in toppling Assad's government. The rebel group's victory has led to discussions on the country's future. A diplomatic meeting held in Aqaba, Jordan, involved the U.S., Turkey, the European Union, and Arab nations, all of which expressed support for a united and peaceful Syria. They advocated for a Syrian-led transition, urging the creation of an inclusive, non-sectarian government based on human rights.

Turkey, a significant player in Syria's ongoing conflict, reopened its embassy in Damascus after a 12-year hiatus. This move signals Ankara's shift in strategy and its ongoing relationship with HTS, which has held considerable influence in Syria's

northwest.

While HTS leaders have sought to moderate their rhetoric, the group remains deeply controversial, especially given its al-Qaeda connections. However, HTS now asserts that it intends to protect the rights of all Syrians and enforce the rule of law. Blinken, while hopeful for a peaceful transition, emphasized that actions, not just words, will determine how the U.S. engages with the new Syrian leadership. He noted that U.S. sanctions could be reassessed based on the group's conduct moving forward.

The situation in Syria remains volatile, with the country grappling with humanitarian crises, economic hardships, and the aftermath of over a decade of war. Meanwhile, Israel continues to carry out military strikes across Syria, heightening regional tensions. Despite the uncertain future, Syrians have expressed relief at the fall of Assad's regime and are now focused on rebuilding their war-torn country.

Lost Syrian Military Supply Route After Bashar al-Assad's Fall: Hezbollah Chief

BEIRUT: Hezbollah's deputy leader, Naim Qassem, confirmed on Saturday that the Lebanese militant group has lost its critical military supply route through Syria following a major shift in the region. This development came after anti-Assad rebel forces seized key territories, including the border with Iraq, cutting off the route that Hezbollah has long used to receive weapons and supplies from Iran. The loss of this supply line comes after a sweeping offensive by rebel fighters, culminating in the fall of President Bashar al-Assad's government.

Hezbollah had relied on Syria as a transit route for arms and military equipment coming from Iran through Iraq. However, after rebels captured the border with Iraq on December 6 and took Damascus two days later, this vital supply route was severed. Despite this setback, Qassem downplayed the impact, calling it a minor detail in Hezbollah's broader operations. He suggested that the loss was temporary and that "a new regime could come, and this route could return to normal." He also indicated that the group could find alternative ways to maintain its military supply lines.

Hezbollah's involvement in Syria began in 2013 when it intervened on behalf of Assad's government to fight rebel forces. However, with Assad's government now replaced by a transitional caretaker regime led by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, a former al-Qaeda affiliate, Qassem acknowledged the uncertainty surrounding the future political



landscape.

Hezbollah's leadership expressed cautious optimism regarding the new ruling party, stating that the group cannot fully judge these new forces until they stabilize and take clear positions. One key hope for Hezbollah is that the new government will continue to see Israel as an enemy, rather than seeking normalization of relations with the Israeli state. This stance, Qassem emphasized, would play a crucial role in shaping Hezbollah's relationship with Syria moving forward.

The loss of the supply route and the uncertain political future in Syria highlight the shifting dynamics in the Middle East, with Hezbollah facing new challenges in maintaining its military influence in the region.



Stock Market Outlook: Bullish Trends, No Decisive Direction This Week

Domestic stock markets are expected to remain bullish within a rangebound pattern this week, with no clear or decisive direction anticipated. Last week, the indices ended flat until Thursday, experiencing extreme volatility on Friday. However, the markets recovered from heavy losses to make unexpected gains. Key positive factors contributing to this volatility include improving international conditions, stable crude oil prices, and the return of foreign institutional investors (FIIs). The consumer durables, IT, tourism, metal, and real estate sectors saw good performance, while media, energy, PSU bank, oil and gas, and pharma stocks saw losses.



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ing after the release of the last quarter's results.

Bharat Dynamics Limited

Bharat Dynamics shares saw a turnaround after disappointing results in June. The defense sector rebounded and increased demand helped the stock surpass the Rs. 1200 resistance level.



Bajaj Finserv

After 40 sessions of downtrend, Bajaj Finserv shares have gained momentum since December. The stock has been closing with consecutive gains after finding support at Rs. 1550.



While the stock market may remain rangebound this week, investors can still find opportunities in certain stocks showing momentum. Crisil, Bharti Airtel, Indian Hotels, Bharat Dynamics, and Bajaj Finserv are among the stocks to consider based on technical analysis and market trends.

Stock Picks for the Week:

Crisil

Crisil shares have shown strong momentum, outperforming the Nifty. The stock has surpassed a one-and-a-half-year resistance and is sustaining higher levels. Last Friday, it closed at Rs. 5817 with a gain of 5.27%.



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Bharti Airtel

Bharti Airtel shares have gained traction due to rising average revenue per user (ARPU) and FIIs investing in the telecom sector. The stock is showing momentum, with increasing trading and delivery volumes. It has risen by 8% in the last two sessions.



Indian Hotels

Indian Hotels shares are benefiting from the wedding season and year-end festivities, as well as strong EPS and sales growth. The stock has been outperforming the Nifty, with delivery volumes sharply increas-



India's Economic Outlook: Moderate Growth with Fiscal Consolidation and Inflation Control



CareEdge Ratings projects India's GDP growth to moderate but remain robust at 6.5% for the current financial year, with an expected slight increase to 6.7% in 2025-26. Despite global uncertainties, the agency believes India's economy will maintain stability in 2025, supported by fiscal consolidation efforts and improving domestic conditions.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised India's growth forecast to 6.6%, down from 7.2%, indicating caution amid global challenges. Sachin Gupta, Chief Rating Officer at CareEdge Ratings, noted that while businesses remain hesitant to make long-term investments, a recovery in private capital expenditure is expected in 2025, aided by anticipated monetary policy easing.

Rajani Sinha, Chief Economist at CareEdge Ratings, pointed to several factors that impacted growth in the first half of 2024-25, including reduced public capital expenditure, a prolonged monsoon, and weakening urban demand. However, Sinha remains optimistic for a rebound in the second half of FY25, driven by increased consumption, government capex, and strong agricultural production. Additionally, the services sector is expected to continue supporting economic

growth.

On the inflation front, CareEdge Ratings expects moderation in the coming quarters. Food inflation is anticipated to ease, supported by a strong kharif harvest and favorable conditions for rabi sowing. The agency projects an average CPI inflation of 4.8% for 2024-25 and 4.5% for 2025-26. Core inflation is expected to remain stable, averaging 3.5% in 2024-25 and 4.3% in 2025-26. Meanwhile, WPI inflation is projected at 2.5% in 2024-25 and 3% in 2025-26.

Regarding government finances, CareEdge Ratings expects net revenue collections to meet the budgeted targets, with weak corporate tax collections offset by strong income tax receipts. However, the Centre's capital expenditure is likely to fall short of target by Rs 1.5 trillion, leading to a fiscal deficit projection of 4.8% of GDP, slightly lower than the budgeted 4.9%.

In currency matters, the ratings agency anticipates the rupee to remain stable, trading around 84 by the end of 2024-25, and between 84-86 by the end of 2025-26, supported by manageable CAD and high forex reserves, though global factors like a strong dollar could exert some pressure.

India's Russian Oil Imports Decline as Discounts Shrink

India's imports of Russian crude oil dropped to their lowest level since June 2022 in November, following a reduction in discounts offered by Moscow. Despite the decrease, Russia remains India's largest oil supplier, ahead of Iraq and Saudi Arabia, according to the latest monthly report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA).

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, India became the second-largest buyer of Russian crude, with purchases soaring from less than 1% of total imports to nearly 40%. This surge was largely due to significant discounts on Russian crude, driven by the price cap imposed by the G7 nations and the European Union, alongside their refusal to buy Russian oil.

However, CREA reported that India's Russian crude imports plummeted by 55% in November compared to the previous month, marking the steepest decline since mid-2022. Despite this, Russia remained the largest oil supplier to India, followed by Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

China, the largest buyer of Russian crude, accounted for 47% of Russia's total crude exports, with India taking 37%, according to CREA. In November, the discount on Russia's Urals grade crude increased by 17%, averaging \$6.01 per barrel, compared to Brent crude. Discounts for other grades, such as ESPO and Sokol, also narrowed, reflecting shifts in pricing dynamics.

Besides oil, India also imported smaller quantities of coal from Russia. Between December 2022 and November 2024, China purchased 46% of Russia's coal exports, with India accounting for 17%.



Overall, India's total import volume of crude oil fell by 11% in November, with the most significant drop coming from Russian oil, which dropped by 55%. Despite this, India continues to import over 85% of its crude oil needs, primarily for refining into fuels like petrol and diesel.

The Group of Seven (G7), the EU, and Australia imposed sanctions and a \$60 per barrel price cap on Russian oil in December 2022, significantly impacting Russian revenues. Although Russia has adapted by seeking new markets and using "shadow" tankers to circumvent the cap, CREA estimates the price cap has cost Russia approximately €14.6 billion in lost revenues since its introduction.

India Sets Ambitious Coal Production Target for FY26

The Union government has set a coal production target of 1,193.39 million tonnes (MT) for the financial year 2025-26, marking a 10.5% increase from the target of 1,080 MT for the current fiscal year (2024-25). This increase in target highlights India's commitment to ramping up coal production to meet the growing energy demands of the country.

Of the 1,193.39 MT target for FY26, at least 915 MT is expected to come from Coal India Ltd (CIL) and its subsidiaries, while 203.39 MT is to be sourced from captive-commercial coal mines. The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is expected to produce 75 MT. This ambitious goal aims to ensure a steady supply of coal, vital for India's energy needs as the country's electricity demand continues to rise.

For FY25, India's coal production target is set at 1,080 MT, with CIL's contribution pegged at 838 MT. However, production may fall short of the target due to disruptions caused by heavy rainfall in key coal-producing regions in August and September. CIL is projected to have a shortfall of approximately 15 MT, with Chairman PM Prasad stating that CIL



expects to deliver around 822-823 MT, falling 15-16 MT short due to various challenges like land acquisition and environmental clearances.

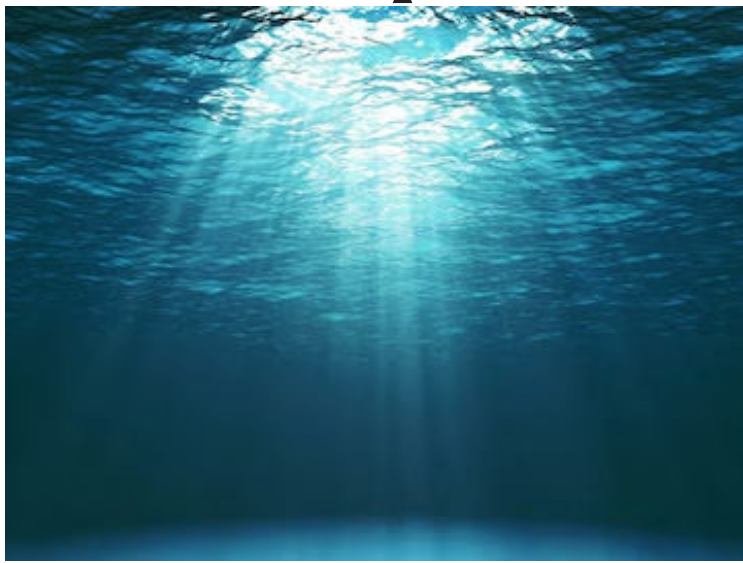
India's coal-fired generation capacity is expanding as electricity demand continues to surge, with peak demand reaching 250 GW in May 2024. Officials predict the demand will climb to 384 GW by 2031-32, further underscoring the need for robust coal production.

The Ministry of Coal reassured that there is no coal shortage in India, stating that most of the coal requirements are met through domestic production. In 2023-2024, India produced 997.83 MT of coal, up 11.71% from the previous year. To further boost production, the government has launched the 11th round of commercial coal mine auctions, offering 27 blocks. So far, 96 blocks have been auctioned, with nine already in production.



Scientists Discover Alien-Like Predator in the Deep Ocean

In a groundbreaking discovery, scientists have identified a new species of amphipod in the Atacama Trench, one of the deepest areas of the ocean. Named *Dulcibella camanchaca*, this remarkable creature has been described as having alien-like features, sparking interest and intrigue among researchers. The discovery was made during a 2023 expedition led by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, in collaboration with the Universidad de Concepción.



The Atacama Trench, located near the coast of South America, reaches a depth of about 7,902 meters (25,928 feet), making it one of the ocean's most mysterious and least-explored regions. Scientists embarked on this research trip to study the trench's unique ecosystem and uncover the secrets hidden in its extreme depths. Equipped with cutting-edge technology, including remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) and specialized lander systems, the team was able to explore the trench and collect valuable data about its inhabitants.

The new species, *Dulcibella camanchaca*, takes its name from the term "camanchaca," which means "darkness" in the Andean language. This name is a fitting tribute to the creature's habitat, where light barely reaches and the environment is shrouded in perpetual darkness. The amphipod's unusual features have drawn comparisons to alien

organisms, given its unique appearance and the harsh, unexplored conditions of the trench.

During the expedition, scientists used baits to attract deep-sea creatures, hoping to capture rare footage and specimens from the trench's deep, cold waters. The discovery of *Dulcibella camanchaca* adds to our understanding of the diverse and resilient life forms that can survive in such extreme conditions, highlighting the mysteries that still lie beneath the surface of our planet's oceans.

This exciting find opens the door for further exploration of the Atacama Trench and similar deep-sea environments, offering a glimpse into the fascinating world of creatures adapted to the most inhospitable parts of Earth.

Students Left Heartbroken After Vicar Tells Them Santa Claus Isn't Real

In a recent incident at Lee-on-the-Solent Junior School in Hampshire, UK, Christmas was ruined for several pupils after the local vicar, Rev. Dr. Paul Chamberlain, made an upsetting remark about Santa Claus. The children, who had eagerly awaited the festive season, were left sobbing when the vicar told them that Santa Claus wasn't real, shattering their long-held belief in the mythical figure.



The incident occurred during a religious education lesson aimed at teaching the students about Christmas traditions and the birth of Jesus. However, things took an unexpected turn when Rev. Chamberlain made a comment that caught the children off guard. According to the pupils, he said, "You're all year six, now let's be real, Santa isn't real," and proceeded to explain that their parents were the ones who bought their presents and ate the cookies left for Santa.

One child described the moment, saying there was shock and disbelief in the room, as many of the students had not yet realized the truth. The revelation led to several children bursting into tears, and the mood of the class was dramatically affected. In an attempt to mend the situation, the school issued "believe" badges and personalized baubles, but the damage had already been done.

Following the incident, a formal complaint was lodged by parents, prompting the school to take action. The Diocese of Portsmouth, which oversees the vicar, released a statement acknowledging the mistake. Rev. Chamberlain admitted that his comments were a "judgment error" and offered a sincere apology to the school, parents, and children. The headteacher also sent a letter to parents explaining the situation and expressing regret over the vicar's comments.

The school and the diocese are now working together to restore the Christmas spirit among the students, ensuring that the festive season can be enjoyed without further disruption.

Tesla's Humanoid Robot 'Optimus' Takes on Slopes in Latest Walking Challenge

Tesla's humanoid robot, Optimus, has taken another significant step in its development, learning to walk on slopes. A recently shared video has gone viral, capturing the robot's attempts to navigate uneven terrain, stumbling and almost falling in the process. The video, posted by Tesla Motors on Instagram, features the caption, "To walk like a human, you must first learn to stumble like a human."

Optimus, which is the brainchild of Tesla CEO Elon Musk, is designed to mimic human movements and actions, and this latest challenge highlights its ongoing evolution. In the video, the robot is seen struggling to walk up and down

a slope, illustrating the complexity of human-like mobility. The momentary stumbles and near falls demonstrate the learning process that Optimus is undergoing, aiming to achieve more natural, human-like movement in real-world environments.

The development of Optimus marks a significant milestone in the field of robotics, showcasing Tesla's ambition to bring humanoid robots closer to everyday life. The video has generated significant buzz on social media, sparking conversations about the potential future applications of humanoid robots and the challenges they may face as they continue to learn and adapt.

Tesla's foray into robotics is part of the company's broader vision to integrate advanced technology into various sectors. With Optimus, the goal is not just to create a robot that can perform basic tasks but to develop a machine capable of learning and evolving in ways that replicate human actions, such as walking on varied surfaces like slopes.

As Optimus continues to progress, this viral video serves as a reminder of how robotics is advancing, and how the development of humanoid robots could change industries and everyday life in ways we are just beginning to imagine.



OpenAI Unveils 'Projects' Feature for ChatGPT to Enhance Organization

OpenAI, the company behind ChatGPT, has been unveiling new features as part of its ongoing 'Shipmas' celebrations. One of the most anticipated additions is the "Projects" feature, designed to help users organize their work more effectively within the AI platform.

In a demo video, OpenAI showcased how Projects will appear in the left sidebar of ChatGPT. The feature allows users to create and manage different projects by customizing elements such as the project's title and the icon's color. This personalization ensures that each project is visually distinct and easy to navigate.

Beyond customization, the Projects feature also enables users to streamline their interactions with ChatGPT. Users can add files and instructions to a specific project, which helps ChatGPT tailor its responses more effectively. This could be particularly useful for individuals managing complex tasks or multiple ongoing projects, as it ensures the chatbot's responses are aligned with the unique context of each project.

Additionally, the feature allows users to import past conversations into existing projects. This integration ensures continuity and makes it easier to reference or build upon previous chats, enhancing the user experience when working on long-term



tasks or collaborative efforts.

The introduction of Projects is part of OpenAI's broader efforts to make ChatGPT more functional for a variety of use cases, from personal productivity to professional tasks. By organizing tasks into projects and customizing responses, users can enjoy a more efficient and tailored interaction with the AI, making it an even more powerful tool for daily use.

Overall, the Projects feature represents a significant step forward in making ChatGPT more versatile and user-friendly. As OpenAI continues to roll out new features, the company is setting the stage for an even more integrated and seamless experience for its growing user base.

Wanderlust whale: Male humpback travels 13,000 km across 3 oceans; sets new record

In a remarkable feat, a male humpback whale has set a new record for the longest migration ever documented by swimming over 13,046 kilometers (8,106 miles) from South America to Africa. This unprecedented journey, meticulously tracked by researchers, has provided new insights into the migratory behavior and adaptability of these magnificent marine creatures. The study was published in *Royal Society Open Science* and reveals significant findings about whale migration patterns.



This journey marks the first time an adult male humpback whale has been observed traveling between the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Researchers tracked the whale's movements using the Happy Whale platform, co-founded by marine biologist Ted Cheeseman. The whale was initially spotted near Colombia in 2013 and seen again in the same region several years later. However, in 2022, it made a surprising appearance in the Indian Ocean near Zanzibar, off Africa's eastern coast.

Nearly double the usual migration distance, this whale's journey spans almost 8,106 miles (13,046 km), while typical humpback whale migrations are around 4,971 miles (8,000 km) one way. The extraordinary length of this migration has prompted researchers to question why the whale embarked on such an unusual route. Cheeseman speculated that the whale may have been motivated by factors

like competition for mates in Colombia or potential food shortages, which could have led it to explore new territories in Africa.

"These animals are distinct individuals, and they'll do surprising things," said Cheeseman. "These oceans are very much connected spaces, and whales travel beyond borders."

What makes this migration even more significant is that the whale moved between two distinct breeding populations in different oceans. Humpback whales typically return to the same breeding grounds each year, making this journey an exceptional leap between breeding areas. Researchers also raised concerns about how the whale will be received by the population in the Indian Ocean, which has faced the historical impact of 20th-century whaling.



Mainz Shock Bayern Munich with 2-1 Victory as Leverkusen and Werder Bremen Win

Mainz secured a stunning 2-1 win over Bayern Munich on Saturday, with two goals from Jae-sung Lee handing the defending champions their first league loss under coach Vincent Kompany. Lee scored in both halves to give Mainz a historic victory over Bayern, who were missing key players due



to injuries, including Harry Kane, Manuel Neuer, Alphonso Davies, and Serge Gnabry. Despite dominating possession, Bayern struggled to convert chances, particularly in the first half.

Mainz capitalized just before halftime, when Lee pounced on a poor clearance by his South Korean teammate, Min-Jae Kim, to open the scoring. Bayern, knowing Bayer Leverkusen had won earlier in the day, came out flat after the break, lacking precision and energy. Mainz doubled their lead when Lee again found the net, this time finishing off a clever cross from Arminio Sieb. Leroy Sane gave Bayern a glimmer of hope with a late goal in the 87th minute, but Mainz held firm to secure a famous victory. The win moved Mainz up to sixth in the table, a remarkable improvement after battling relegation last season.

Meanwhile, Bayer Leverkusen continued their strong form with a 2-0 win at Augsburg, extending their winning streak to seven matches. Martin Terrier opened the scoring in the 14th minute, followed by Florian Wirtz, who added a second in the 40th minute to seal the comfortable victory.

In a controversial match, Union Berlin drew 1-1 at home against last-placed Bochum, with the game suspended for around 30 minutes after the visiting goalkeeper, Patrick Drewes, was hit by an object thrown from the crowd. Despite Bochum being reduced to 10 men after a red card, Union Berlin couldn't capitalize on the advantage. The match resumed with both teams passing the ball around until the final whistle.

In other action, Werder Bremen defeated St Pauli 2-0, while Borussia Mönchengladbach triumphed 4-1 over Holstein Kiel.

Real Madrid Held to 3-3 Draw by Rayo Vallecano, Miss Chance to Top La Liga

Real Madrid squandered the opportunity to overtake Barcelona at the top of La Liga as they were held to a thrilling 3-3 draw by Rayo Vallecano on Saturday. The draw leaves Los Blancos on 37 points, still one behind Barcelona, who will play against Leganes on Sunday. Real Madrid, who were coming off a hard-fought 3-2 Champions League victory over Atalanta, were without the injured Kylian Mbappe for this crucial La Liga clash.

Rayo Vallecano shocked the visitors early, with Unai Lopez heading in Jorge de Frutos's perfect cross just four minutes into the match. Real Madrid struggled to find their rhythm, and Rayo continued to press, coming close again when de Frutos's shot sailed over the bar. The home side doubled their lead just before the half-hour mark when Abdul Mumin headed in another cross, putting Real on the back foot.

However, Real responded quickly, and Fede Valverde pulled one back with a stunning 25-yard strike in the 34th minute. Just before halftime, Jude Bellingham, who had been in excellent form, scored his sixth consecutive league goal, heading in a cross from Rodrygo to make it 2-2 at the break.

In the second half, Real Madrid pushed to complete their comeback. Arda Guler had a goal disallowed for offside, but two minutes later, Rodrygo put Real in the lead with a brilliant strike into the top corner. Despite the lead, Rayo Vallecano refused to back down, and Isi Palazon equalized shortly after, scoring with a long-range shot that caught Thibaut Courtois off guard.



The match ended 3-3, leaving Real Madrid frustrated as they missed out on the chance to leapfrog Barcelona. Real will now turn their attention to the Intercontinental Cup final against Pachuca in Qatar on Wednesday, while Barcelona will look to extend their lead when they face Leganes. Atletico Madrid, three points behind Barcelona with a game in hand, will also be in action on Sunday against Getafe.

Australia End Day 2 at 405/7 in Third Test Against India

The second day's play of the third Test match in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy between Australia and India concluded with the hosts reaching 405/7 in their first innings at the Brisbane Cricket Ground. Australia had a productive day in the middle, with Travis Head and Steve Smith putting on strong individual performances. Head smashed 152 runs, while Smith contributed a solid 101 runs.

At stumps on day two, Alex Carey was still at the crease, on 45 runs, and Mitchell Starc was alongside him on 7. The two are hoping to extend Australia's score further on day three.

The Indian bowling attack was spearheaded by Jasprit Bumrah, who was exceptional, claiming five wickets and making significant inroads into the Australian batting lineup. Bumrah's spell was the highlight of the Indian bowling effort. Along with Bumrah, Mohammad Siraj and Nitish Kumar Reddy picked up a wicket each but could not make further breakthroughs to halt Australia's progress.

Australia's score of 405/7 after 101 overs has put them in a strong position heading into the third day of the match. The focus will now shift to India's efforts to clean up the remaining Australian wickets and limit their first-innings total. Australia's batters, particularly Head and Smith, showed



their experience, while Carey and Starc will aim to build on the foundation laid by their top-order colleagues.

The match remains in a critical phase, with Australia holding the upper hand but India hoping to make a late breakthrough. The third day promises to be another exciting chapter in this gripping Test series.

Bumrah Breaks Kapil Dev's Record, Claims 12th Five-Wicket Haul in Test Cricket



Jasprit Bumrah, India's ace pacer, etched his name in the record books on Day 2 of the third Test against Australia at The Gabba, Brisbane. Bumrah delivered a stellar performance, taking 5 wickets for 72 runs, helping India stage a crucial comeback in the match after a marathon 152-run knock from Australia's Travis Head. By claiming five wickets in a single innings, Bumrah not only boosted India's chances but also surpassed a significant milestone.

With this achievement, Bumrah became the first Indian bowler to claim 12 five-wicket hauls in Test cricket, breaking the previous record of 7 held by legendary Kapil Dev. Bumrah's remarkable feat, which includes 8 of those five-wicket hauls in SENA countries (South Africa, England, New Zealand, and Australia), is a testament to his consistency and excellence in challenging conditions.

At the close of Day 2, Australia

finished at 405 for 7, with Alex Carey and Mitchell Starc at the crease. Travis Head and Steve Smith had earlier put Australia in a commanding position, with a mammoth partnership of 241 runs for the fourth wicket. Head scored a magnificent 152, while Smith contributed with a gritty 101. The pair had battled India out of contention for the day, despite Bumrah's heroics with the ball.

The rain forecasted over the next few days leaves India with little hope of winning, and the team is now looking at the possibility of a draw. India had an encouraging start with the ball, picking up three quick wickets in the first hour, but Head and Smith's solid batting stifled India's efforts. Bumrah's spell with the second new ball after tea helped India make some inroads into Australia's strong batting lineup.

As the match progresses, India will need more breakthroughs to stay in the contest.

New Zealand Dominates Day 2 of Third Test, Extends Lead to 340 Runs Against England

England's hopes of completing a series clean sweep against New Zealand were dashed on Sunday as they struggled throughout Day 2 of the third Test in Hamilton. After being bowled out for just 143 runs, England now trails by a massive 340 runs, with New Zealand finishing the day at 136-3 in their second innings.

New Zealand's response was led by Kane Williamson, who was unbeaten on 50, and Rachin Ravindra, who was on two. The pair shared a crucial 89-run partnership for the second wicket, which followed the departure of Tom Latham for 19. Will Young also played a solid hand, contributing 60 runs before being dismissed. England's captain, Ben Stokes, provided a late breakthrough, dismissing the night-watchman Will O'Rourke just before the close of play.

New Zealand's dominant performance with the bat contrasted sharply with



England's chaotic collapse in their first innings. After lunch, England lost their last eight wickets for just 66 runs. The collapse was triggered by O'Rourke's fiery spell, where he claimed three wickets, including the prized scalps of Harry Brook and Joe Root. Brook, who had been pivotal in England's victories in Christchurch and Wellington, was dismissed for a duck, and Root followed soon after

for 32, caught at point.

Mitchell Santner and Matt Henry continued to heap pressure on England, with Santner removing Ollie Pope (24) and Ben Stokes (27), while Henry took key wickets earlier in the innings. The final five wickets fell for just nine runs, leaving England in a dire position.

New Zealand, already ahead by 204 runs, chose not to enforce the follow-on, instead opting to extend their lead further in their second innings. England's batting troubles were compounded by Zak Crawley's continued struggles, as he was dismissed for 21, marking his fifth failure in as many innings in the series.

As Day 2 concluded, New Zealand had firmly established control of the match, with England facing an uphill battle to avoid defeat.



Anushka Shetty's 'Ghaati' Set for April 2025 Release

Anushka Shetty is all set to return to the big screen with an exciting new action thriller, *Ghaati*, which has already generated significant buzz among moviegoers. With a compelling tagline, "Victim. Criminal. Legend," the film promises to showcase an intense and gripping storyline that keeps the audience at the edge of their seats. The film's first look and teaser have already created a lasting impression, and the recent glimpse has added to the growing anticipation.

Directed by the talented Krish Jagarlamudi, known for his powerful storytelling, *Ghaati* features a never-seen-before role for Anushka Shetty. The actress portrays a character that is intense, layered, and complex, unlike any of her previous portrayals. The director has crafted a role with depth,

and Anushka brings it to life with sheer conviction and strength. This film marks a significant shift in her career, as she delves into a bold and powerful role that is bound to captivate audiences.

To further heighten excitement, the makers have released a video revealing the release date of the movie, which is scheduled for April 18, 2025. The poster accompanying the announcement shows Anushka in a fierce avatar, clad in a saree with blood stains all over her body, adding a sense of mystery and intrigue to her character. This striking image has left fans eager to see what unfolds in the movie.

Despite the summer season being packed with multiple movie releases, *Ghaati* is expected to be one of the most anticipated

films, drawing significant attention from audiences across the country. Anushka Shetty, who gained Pan-India fame with the success of *Baahubali*, continues to be a beloved figure nationwide, and her new film is sure to attract fans from every corner of the country.

Produced by Rajeev Reddy and Sai Babu Jagarlamudi and presented by UV Creations, *Ghaati* promises a grand cinematic experience with stunning visuals, thanks to cinematographer Manojh Reddy Katasani, and an engaging soundtrack composed by Nagavelli Vidya Sagar. With its intense plot, powerful performances, and captivating visuals, *Ghaati* is poised to be a major hit when it hits theaters in April 2025.



Lavanya Tripathi's New Film 'Sathi Leelavathi' Announced on Her Birthday

Lavanya Tripathi, who recently tied the knot with Mega Prince Varun Tej, is back in the limelight with an exciting new project. After her appearance in the Telugu web series *Miss Perfect*, Lavanya has now signed her first film post-marriage, which was officially announced on her birthday, December 15, 2024.

The new film is titled *Sathi Leelavathi*, a title that mirrors the 1995 Kamal Haasan classic. The project is directed by Tatineni Satya, known for his work on *Bheemili Kabaddi Jattu*. The announcement has generated a lot of buzz, with fans excited to see Lavanya in this fresh role.

Lavanya shared her excitement about the project on social media, stating, "Extremely excited to be a part of this project! The story caught my attention with its amazing write-up and the solid team behind it. I'm thrilled to begin this next

year. What a fantastic way to kick off the year!" Her enthusiasm has added to the anticipation surrounding the film, which promises to offer a compelling story and engaging performances.

The movie is being produced by Nagamohan Babu and Rajesh T, under the banners of Durga Devi Pictures and Trio Studios. The film's music will be composed by Mickey J Meyer, known for his memorable soundtracks, while the cinematography is being handled by Binendra Menon. The team behind *Sathi Leelavathi* seems to be putting together a strong combination of talent, further raising expectations for the film.

With a captivating story and an impressive crew, *Sathi Leelavathi* is set to be a major highlight for Lavanya Tripathi's fans in the coming year. Keep an eye out for more updates on this exciting project as it continues to develop.

Pushpa 2: The Rule' Breaks Records, Grosses Over Rs. 100 Crore on 10th Day

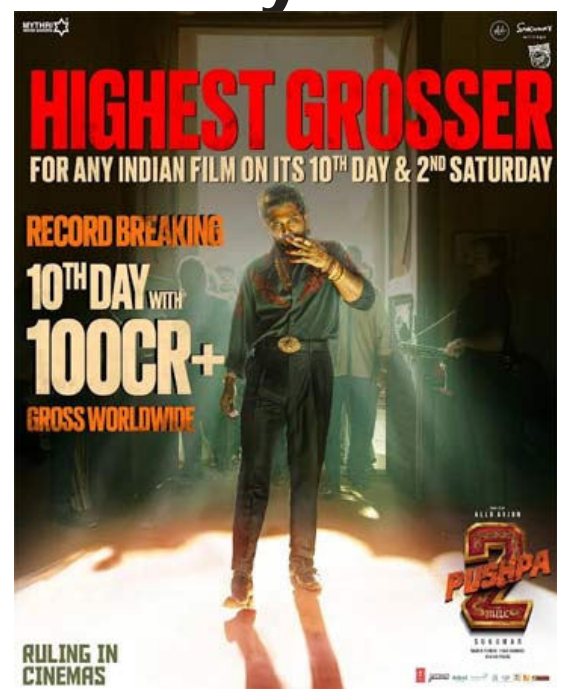
Allu Arjun's latest blockbuster, *Pushpa 2: The Rule*, continues to break records and dominate the box office. Directed by Sukumar, this pan-Indian action-packed drama has become a phenomenon, delivering exceptional performance on its 10th day of release, which also coincided with its second Saturday.

In an unprecedented achievement, *Pushpa 2* has now become the first Indian film to gross over Rs. 100 crore on its 10th day, surpassing the early box-office milestones of other major blockbusters like *Jawan*, *Pathaan*, *Stree 2*, *Baahubali 2*, and *Gadar 2*. This remarkable success underscores the immense popularity of the film and solidifies its place in cinematic history.

This major milestone also comes on a significant day, as it aligns with Allu Arjun's release from Chanchalguda Jail in Hyderabad. The

actor had been involved in a tragic incident at the Sandhya 70mm Theater in Hyderabad, where a stampede led to the unfortunate deaths of a woman and her child. Despite the challenging circumstances, the film's box-office performance remains unaffected, and *Pushpa 2* has continued to soar in terms of revenue and popularity.

Commercially, *Pushpa 2* has set new benchmarks for future films, proving that pan-Indian films with solid storytelling, action sequences, and captivating performances can draw immense attention and box-office success across the country. With *Pushpa 2* breaking new records, it will be interesting to see how upcoming releases challenge this massive achievement. The success of the film not only boosts Allu Arjun's stardom but also reaffirms the growing influence of South Indian cinema in the national film industry.

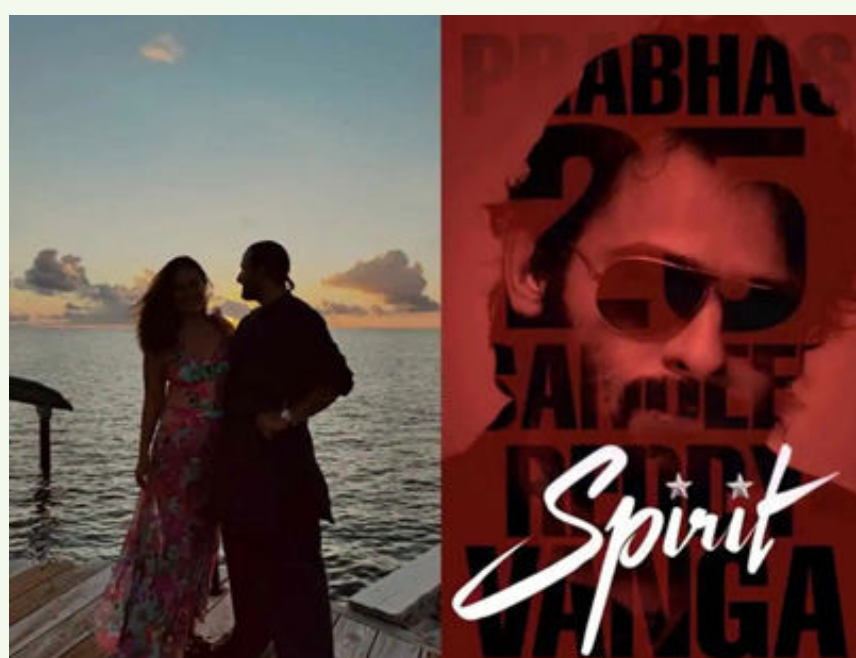


Prabhas Leads Action Thriller Spirit with Kareena and Saif as Villains

Sandeep Reddy Vanga, the director behind massive hits like *Kabir Singh* and *Animal*, is all set to make his mark once again with his upcoming project, *Spirit*. This highly anticipated action-packed cop thriller stars Prabhas in the lead role, promising an engaging and intense cinematic experience for fans across the globe.

In *Spirit*, Prabhas plays a disgraced cop who embarks on a mission to dismantle a dangerous international crime syndicate. As his journey unfolds, the lines between justice and revenge begin to blur, setting the stage for an explosive battle that will leave audiences on the edge of their seats. This character promises to be a departure from Prabhas's previous roles, offering fans a fresh and thrilling experience with his intense portrayal of a cop determined to right the wrongs of his past.

Adding to the excitement surrounding the film, rumors have surfaced that Bollywood power couple Kareena Kapoor Khan



and Saif Ali Khan may play the antagonists. If confirmed, this would mark the first time the real-life couple appears together as villains on screen. Their dark and powerful roles are expected to bring a new level of intrigue and complexity to the story, providing a fresh twist to the narrative. The pairing of these two iconic actors as antagonists is sure to raise expectations and captivate audiences.

Mrunal Thakur, widely appreciated for

her roles in *Sita Ramam* and *Super 30*, is reportedly in talks to play the female lead opposite Prabhas. Thakur's inclusion in the cast promises to add emotional depth to the story, balancing the high-octane action with a compelling emotional storyline. Her character is expected to be crucial to the film's narrative, adding a layer of sensitivity to the otherwise intense plot.

Spirit will be produced by Bhushan Kumar's T-Series and is set to begin filming in early 2025. The film is scheduled for a grand release in 2026, aiming to redefine the cop-action genre in Indian cinema. Every character in the film will have a meaningful role, ensuring that the story remains gripping and engaging from start to finish.

With a star-studded cast, a gripping storyline, and a promising director at the helm, fans are eagerly awaiting the release of *Spirit*. The film is expected to bring a unique blend of action, drama, and emotional intensity, marking a significant milestone in Indian cinema.

Satya Dev's 'Zebra' Set for OTT Premiere on Aha

Satya Dev, a talented and passionate actor in the Telugu film industry, recently starred in the crime drama *Zebra*, directed by Eashvar Karthic. The film, which also features Daali Dhananjaya in a pivotal role, was released in theaters on November 22, 2024. Now, the much-anticipated movie is gearing up for its digital premiere on the streaming platform Aha on December 20, 2024.

For those with a Gold subscription, *Zebra* will be available 24 hours prior, offering early access to eager viewers. While the film received mixed reviews during its theatrical release, its OTT debut is

expected to reach a wider audience and generate new discussions, especially with the convenience of home viewing.

Zebra features a strong ensemble cast, including Sathyaraj, Priya Bhavani Shankar, Sunil, Sathya Akala, Jeniffer Piccinato, and Amrutha Iyengar, each contributing to the film's engaging narrative. The movie's gripping storyline, combined with the talent of the cast, makes it a noteworthy watch. Music for the film is composed by Ravi Basur, whose score adds intensity to the film's atmosphere. The movie was produced by SN Bala Sundaram, SN Red-

dy, and Dinesh Sundaram, underlining the collaboration of a skilled team behind the scenes.

With its OTT premiere approaching, *Zebra* is poised to attract a fresh wave of attention, allowing audiences to engage with the film on a new platform. The movie's digital release offers the opportunity for discussions and reviews to evolve, as more people get the chance to experience its thrilling crime drama. Fans of Satya Dev and crime thrillers alike are eagerly awaiting this digital release, which promises to make a strong impact in the OTT space.

