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CM Visits Polavaram Project

Calls It Superior to China's Three Gorges

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu visited the Polavaram project on Monday, conducting a thorough inspection of its progress. The CM surveyed the site from an aerial view and visited the hill viewpoint for a closer look at the dam. He also examined the Gap-1 and Gap-2 works, as well as the ongoing diaphragm wall construction. A photo exhibition

showcasing the project's development was part of his visit. During his inspection, Chandrababu met with officials and engineers working on the project to review progress. He emphasized the significance of the Polavaram project to the state, promising to release the future construction schedule soon. State Irrigation Minister Nim-mala Ramanaidu and Minister Nadendra Manohar joined the CM on the visit. In a meeting with officials,

Chandrababu declared that the Polavaram project is superior to China's Three Gorges Dam. He reflected on the efforts made between 2014-19, noting that they had worked tirelessly on the project, setting a world record by pouring 32,000 cubic meters of concrete in a single go. He pointed out that 72% of the work was completed during his tenure. Chandrababu criticized the current government for changing contractors and claimed the project has been significantly

delayed under the YSRCP regime. He expressed frustration over the handling of the Polavaram dam, alleging that reverse tendering had caused setbacks. He emphasized that Polavaram, along with Amaravati, is one of the state's "two eyes" and will be a game-changer if completed. The project, according to Chandrababu, will irrigate 7 lakh acres and stabilize 23 lakh acres of land, while also meeting the industrial needs of Visakhapatnam.



Pithapuram Gets ₹38 Crore Boost for 100-Bed Hospital

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Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is making good on his promise to develop Pithapuram, a pledge he made during his election campaign. Fulfilling one of his key commitments, Pawan has secured approval for the construction of a 100-bed government hospital in the town, marking a significant upgrade from the existing 30-bed community health center. The new hospital, set to be built with a budget of ₹38 crore, aims to provide better healthcare services to residents of Pithapuram and nearby villages. Additionally, the Health, Medical, and Family Welfare Department has sanctioned 66 new posts for the upgraded facility, which are expected to be filled shortly to ensure efficient operations. In tandem with this development, Apollo Hospitals is also establishing a branch in Pithapuram, signaling a major boost in healthcare infrastructure. With both government and private hospitals expanding their presence, Pithapuram is emerging as a hub for quality medical care, driven by Pawan Kalyan's leadership and commitment to the town's progress.

CM & DCM Key Meeting at Secretariat

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Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan met Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu at the Secretariat shortly after the CM's return from his Polavaram tour. The meeting, which lasted around 40 minutes, focused on several key political and administrative matters. Pawan Kalyan reportedly expressed his gratitude to Chandrababu for appointing his brother, Nagababu, as a minister. Discussions also

touched upon Nagababu's upcoming oath-taking ceremony. The leaders explored strategies to enhance coordination between the coalition parties at the grassroots level. Additionally, the duo reviewed recent political developments, finalized plans for remaining nominated posts, and assessed the coalition's landslide success in the irrigation union elections. Both leaders agreed to adopt similar strategies for the upcoming cooperative union elections to ensure continued success.

'One Nation, One Election' Bill to be Tabled in Lok Sabha

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New Delhi, Dec-17:

The long-awaited 'One Nation, One Election' bill is set to be tabled in the Lok Sabha on Monday. Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal will move the bill, which aims to synchronize elections for the Lok Sabha and state assemblies. The proposed legislation will be sent to the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) for further scrutiny. Although the bill is a significant step toward electoral reforms, its implementation is not expected before 2034. Amendments related to the bill are anticipated to come into force in 2029, marking a gradual shift toward unified elections across the country.

Megha Krishna Reddy to Adopt Gudlavalleru Mandal

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Chief Minister Chandrababu visited Sri Bhusametha Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Dokiparru village, Gudlavalleru Mandal, Krishna district, on Saturday. Speaking on the occasion, Chandrababu praised the Krishna Reddy couple for significantly developing the temple. He lauded Krishna Reddy and Sudha for beautifully decorating the temple surroundings and sanctum. He noted that they have achieved the capability to organize Brahmotsavams according to tradition and perform all the rituals dedicated to Venkateswara Swamy. He wished that the Lord's blessings would always be upon their family.



Chandrababu revealed that both Krishna Reddy and Sudha hail from the same district. He shared that he had advised them to adopt Gudlavalleru Mandal under the P4 model. He pointed out that Gudlavalleru Mandal comprises 14,821 families with a population of 51,573, while Dokiparru village alone has 2,050

families and a population of 5,909. He emphasized the need to focus on the 10-15 percent of families living below the poverty line in the mandal and proposed measures to increase their income. He explained that a

formula is being developed for this purpose, along with guidelines. Chandrababu also recommended appointing a CEO to oversee the program and ensure comprehensive development. He assured that local MLA Venigandla Ramu and the district collector would provide support. He reiterated that everyone in the

mandal would continue to receive government welfare schemes, and with proper planning, the villages could see significant development.

On the other hand, some TDP activists expressed dissatisfaction with Chandrababu's decision to associate with Megha Krishna Reddy. They questioned why Chandrababu was praising someone they claim supported Jagan during the YSRCP regime to target the TDP. However, Chandrababu's consistent focus has been on avoiding factionalism and prioritizing the state's development. Recently, Chandrababu called on corporate organizations to adopt villages and schools under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). As part of this initiative, Megha Krishna Reddy was given the responsibility to adopt and develop Gudlavalleru Mandal. The partnership allows the development of the mandal in collaboration with the government. From a developmental perspective, this should be seen as a positive step for the state's progress.

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President Draupadi Murmu Visiting for Mangalagiri AIIMS to Graduation Ceremony



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Andhra Pradesh, Dec 17

President Draupadi Murmu is set to visit Andhra Pradesh tomorrow for an official event in Mangalagiri. The President will depart from Delhi at 8:35 AM and is scheduled to arrive at Vijayawada Airport at 11:30 AM. During her visit, President Murmu will attend the graduation ceremony at AIIMS Mangalagiri at 12:05 PM, where she will be the chief guest. The ceremony will see 49 MBBS students receiving their degrees, with four students being honored with gold medals for academic excellence. The event will also be attended by State Governor Nazir, Chief Minister

Chandrababu Naidu, and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, marking a significant occasion for the state's healthcare and education sectors. After the ceremony, President Murmu will return to Vijayawada Airport and depart for Hyderabad. Given the high-profile nature of the visit, tight security measures have been put in place around AIIMS Mangalagiri. Police patrols have been established in the area to ensure the safety and smooth conduct of the event. This visit highlights the growing significance of AIIMS Mangalagiri, a key healthcare institution in Andhra Pradesh, and reflects the state's commitment to improving medical education and infrastructure.

Minister BC Janardhan Reddy Urges Expeditious Completion of Key Infrastructure Projects Task Force Committee Review Meeting



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Andhra Pradesh, Dec 17

A Task Force Committee Review Meeting was held at the Secretariat under the chairmanship of Minister BC Janardhan Reddy to assess the progress of ongoing infrastructure projects in the state. The meeting focused on resolving pending issues related to national highways, railways, and land acquisition. Minister BC Janardhan Reddy issued clear directives to officials

from the National Highway and Railway Departments, urging them to resolve any outstanding issues swiftly and ensure that works are completed on schedule. The minister emphasized the importance of adhering to timelines to avoid delays in these crucial projects. Additionally, Reddy instructed Revenue Department officials to expedite the process of land acquisition and forest clearance, key components for the timely completion of the infrastructure initiatives. The minister also set a target for

the completion of all railway and national highway projects across the state by December 2026. This timeline is aimed at accelerating the development of critical infrastructure and improving connectivity, which will have long-term benefits for the state's economy and transportation system. Minister Reddy's directives reflect the government's commitment to ensuring that key infrastructure projects are delivered on time and without hindrances.

Revenue Minister Criticizes Jagan Mohan Reddy, Warns of Severe Punishment for Land Deal Offenders

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Minister Anagani Satya Prasad has sharply criticized YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, calling it absurd for a leader who has plunged the state into debt to talk about asset creation. Satya Prasad accused Jagan of running mafias and claimed he understands the value of vision documents but has failed to demonstrate true leadership. He pointed to the success of the Vision 20-20 initiative, which he claimed had turned every household into an IT employee and increased the income of expatriates. Looking ahead, Satya Prasad stated that Vision 2047 will create industrialists in every household. The minister further expressed that the public had rejected Jagan's repeated lies, which had prevented him from even receiving opposition status. He added that if TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu recognizes the vision now, people would eventually acknowledge him as a leader. Satya Prasad also warned that those involved in illegal land deals would face severe punishment. He emphasized the implementation of the Land Encroachment (Prevention) Act 2024, aimed at curbing land irregularities. He accused Jagan of facilitating the grabbing of people's properties during his tenure and stated that the



coalition government had received over 10,000 complaints about land deals. The minister assured that people could report YCP leaders' land dealings at upcoming revenue conferences. In his most sensational remarks, Satya Prasad accused the YSRCP government of looting lands under the guise of freehold schemes. He revealed that 6 lakh acres of land were sold under 22A during the previous government. Re-verification of assigned and dotted lands is currently underway, with plans to expose land irregularities committed by the former CM. The minister reassured citizens that the current government would stand by all sections of the population.

Amaravati Capital Construction to be Completed in Three Years

₹45,249 Crores Approved



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Amaravati, Dec 17

State Municipal Administration & Urban Development Minister P. Narayana announced significant developments regarding the construction of Amaravati, the state's capital. During the 43rd CRDA Authority meeting, it was revealed that approval has been granted for a total of Rs. 45,249.24 crores for the capital's development. Of this, Rs. 24,276 crores have been earmarked for the construction of trunk roads, layouts, and iconic buildings. Speaking at a media conference at the State Secretariat, Minister Narayana emphasized the government's commitment to completing the construction of Amaravati in the next three years. He highlighted that the capital will include monumental buildings such as the Assembly, which will be constructed on 103 acres, standing 250 meters tall, and spanning 11.22 lakh square feet. The High Court building will occupy 20.32 lakh square feet on 42 acres, standing 55 meters tall, and

will cost Rs. 1,048 crore. Additionally, the GAD building will feature 17.03 lakh square feet spread across 47 floors. The Minister also discussed the infrastructure development for the LPS (Land Pooling Scheme), including the construction of 579.5 km of roads at an estimated cost of Rs. 9,699 crore, trunk roads costing Rs. 7,794 crore, and Rs. 318 crore for STP works. Minister Narayana stated that the tendering process for these projects will begin by next Monday, with the goal of completing as much of the process as possible by the end of this month. The remaining tenders will be finalized by the end of January. Addressing the opposition's criticisms, Narayana asserted that the previous government's decisions had led to substantial cost increases for construction. Despite these challenges, he reaffirmed the government's resolve to finish Amaravati's development in three years and make it one of the top five cities globally. He also promised to resolve the issues faced by farmers involved in the land pooling process.

Heavy Rains Predicted for Next 3 Days in Andhra Pradesh

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Andhra Pradesh is bracing for heavy rains as a result of a low-pressure system forming in the southern Bay of Bengal. The storm, which had given a brief break to the rains in recent days, is now set to return, with forecasts predicting rainfall over the next three days. According to the weather department, heavy rains are expected to begin tomorrow, particularly in the districts of Nellore and Tirupati. The downpour is expected to intensify, affecting other regions including Nellore, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Anakapalle, and



Srikakulam. Coastal areas are likely to experience strong winds, with authorities urging fishermen to exercise caution. Meteorological officials have confirmed that the low-pressure system will strengthen over the next 48 hours, leading to continued rainfall in the state. As a precaution, local residents in the affected areas are being urged to stay alert and take necessary preventive measures to avoid water-logging. While heavy rainfall is expected in Andhra Pradesh, the weather in Telangana will remain dry for the next two days. However, from December 17 to December 20, there is a forecast for

a slight change in weather patterns. The Telangana Meteorological Department has issued a yellow alert for Adilabad and Asifabad districts due to the high likelihood of cold winds, advising residents to remain vigilant. Additionally, the Chennai Meteorological Department has warned that Tamil Nadu will also experience heavy rains for the next three days, with light rains and thunderstorms forecast for Puducherry and Karaikal regions. The sky in Chennai is expected to remain cloudy, with thunder and lightning possible within the next 48 hours. Authorities are closely monitoring the situation and will continue to issue updates as the storm develops.



There is no One Better than Jagan When it Comes to Looting and Hiding - Minister Kollu

Minister Kollu Ravindra launched a sharp attack on YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of corruption and mismanagement during his tenure as Chief Minister. Ravindra strongly defended CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu's developmental vision and criticized Jagan for lacking the moral authority to question it.

"There is no one better than Jagan Reddy when it comes to looting and hiding. His rule has a shameful history of pawning government assets," Ravindra alleged. He pointed out that Jagan, who criticizes Naidu's visionary governance, is reaping the benefits of Vision 2020 today.

"Those who mocked Vision 2020 are now enjoying the results it delivered, including the transformation of Cyberabad into an IT hub," he said.

Ravindra ridiculed Jagan's comments on employment, stating that he failed to fill even a single teacher's post during his five-year tenure. "He has no right



to speak about jobs when his government left critical vacancies unaddressed. Cyberabad stands as a testament to Chandrababu Naidu's vision," he added. The Minister also accused Jagan of leveraging his late father YS Rajasekhara Reddy's tenure for personal gain. "Jagan Reddy used his father's rule to commit fraud amounting to ₹1 lakh crore," Ravindra claimed, further alleging that Jagan pawned valuable government assets to cover his misdeeds.

Calling Jagan a "wicked man," Ravindra stated that he lacks the credibility to criticize Chandrababu Naidu, who has consistently demonstrated long-term vision for the state.

"A prisoner cannot understand the concept of vision. Jagan Reddy has no moral right to even mention Chandrababu's name in this context," he concluded.

The Minister's fiery remarks underline the TDP's defense of Naidu's legacy and its focus on exposing what it views as the YSRCP's governance failures.

MP Vijayasai Reddy Key Comments on Rajya Sabha Leaders Who Was Elected Recently

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Three recently elected members from Andhra Pradesh took the oath of office in the Rajya Sabha today. Bida Mastan Rao and Sana Satish from the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and R. Krishnaiah from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) were sworn in during a ceremony presided over by Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar, who administered the oath.

The swearing-in was accompanied by political controversy as YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader and Rajya Sabha member Vijayasai Reddy made critical remarks about the TDP. He accused the party of luring YSRCP leaders through intimidation and conspiracies.



"The TDP has been engaging in politics of coercion and deceit," he alleged.

However, the Rajya Sabha Chairman clarified that Vijayasai Reddy's comments would not be included in the official records, effectively neutralizing their impact in the proceedings.

The induction of these three members marks a significant moment for their respective parties, with their contributions expected to shape discussions in the Upper House. The political friction highlighted by Vijayasai Reddy's remarks underscores the ongoing tensions between the TDP and YSRCP in Andhra Pradesh's political landscape.

Manchu Manoj and Mounika Likely to Join Janasena?

Speculation Rises Over Political Entry



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Popular actor Manchu Manoj is reportedly set to make his political debut, sparking speculation across political and film circles. Reports suggest that Manoj, along with his wife Mounika, may enter politics by joining Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party.

According to sources, the couple is considering making their political entry from Nandyal, a key constituency in Andhra Pradesh. This development has gained traction amidst recent attention on the Manchu family, which has been in the limelight due to personal disputes.

However, neither Manchu Manoj nor Mounika has issued a statement confirming or denying these reports. The silence has fueled curiosity, with many awaiting an official announcement.

If confirmed, Manoj's political debut could add a new dimension to the political landscape, given his family's influence and connections in Andhra Pradesh. Observers believe clarity on the matter is likely in the coming days.

Sajjala Bhargava Reddy Granted Temporary Relief by AP High Court



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Andhra Pradesh, Dec 17

Sajjala Bhargava Reddy, son of YSRCP leader Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, received temporary relief from the Andhra Pradesh High Court in cases related to alleged inappropriate social media posts.

Bhargava Reddy is facing multiple cases for allegedly posting defamatory content against prominent leaders, including Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, Nara Lokesh, and other TDP and Jana Sena members. Seeking dismissal of these cases, Bhargava Reddy approached the High Court for relief.

During the hearing held today, the High Court directed the police to file a counter to his petition and issued interim orders granting protection from arrest for two weeks. The court also cautioned the police against taking hasty action during this period.

This temporary relief provides Bhargava Reddy some respite while the legal proceedings continue. The case has drawn attention due to the involvement of high-profile political figures and the ongoing debate over the use of social media for political discourse. Further developments are expected as the High Court reviews the police's response in the coming weeks.

YS Sharmila Demands Explanation on Adani Deal

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Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) Chief YS Sharmila Reddy launched a scathing attack on TDP leader Nara Chandrababu Naidu over his silence regarding YSRCP MP Vijayasai Reddy's comments on the SECI (Solar Energy Corporation of India) agreement and the Adani Group deal. Sharmila posed a series of questions, questioning CM Naidu's stance and alleged involvement in the controversial deal.

Referring to Vijayasai Reddy's statement that Former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy should clarify why the SECI agreement was not canceled despite claiming it was flawed, Sharmila asked, "Does your silence mean the Adani agreement was not illegal? Are you saying it wasn't canceled because it was legal?"

She also accused Naidu of hypocrisy, questioning his allegations against the deal while he was in the opposition. "Was your criticism back then false? Is this why you remained silent when Adani's name came up? Did you approach the court because you were complicit?"

Sharmila went further, alleging that Adani not only influenced Jagan but also Naidu himself. "Are you admitting that bribes were paid? Is that why the Anti-Corruption Bureau



(ACB) was sidelined? Is this why you haven't spoken a single word against Adani?"

The APCC Chief alleged that the deal burdened the state with ₹1.50 lakh crore in debt while bribes of ₹1,750 crore were exchanged. She condemned Naidu's "40 years of politics," accusing him of prioritizing personal gains over public welfare.

Sharmila affirmed the Congress party's commitment to fighting for the welfare of Andhra Pradesh. "We are prepared to take legal action. We demand the cancellation of the Adani deal and an independent investigation into the ₹1,750 crore bribes," she declared, vowing to continue the movement until justice is served.

Ex MLA Bhumana Criticizes NDA Govt Over Demolition Actions

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Andhra Pradesh, Dec 17

Former MLA and YSRCP Joint Chittoor District President Bhumana Karunakar Reddy has strongly criticized the coalition government, accusing it of resorting to excessive measures in its attempts to assert control. He expressed outrage over the recent demolition of Srialahasti River View Resorts and the subsequent targeting of opposition leaders.

"The coalition government's actions to achieve its objectives are going beyond acceptable norms," Karunakar Reddy remarked. He alleged that former MLA Biyyapu Madhu Sudhan Reddy, who opposed the demolitions, is being falsely implicated in legal cases.

Karunakar Reddy further warned that the ongoing demolition drive, if unchecked, could lead to widespread destruction. "If this continues, half of the buildings in the area might have to be demolished. The attempt to justify such actions on the grounds that people voted against the government is both cruel and undemocratic," he stated.

Condemning the filing of cases against Madhu Sudhan Reddy, Karunakar Reddy said, "It is unjust to



file false cases against a former MLA who stood against these demolitions. We strongly oppose these actions." He also alleged that efforts are being made to arrest Madhu Sudhan Reddy, which he described as an act of political vendetta.

Highlighting Madhu Sudhan Reddy's contributions to the region, Karunakar Reddy credited him with the development of Karakatta. "The credit for developing Karakatta goes to Madhu Sudhan Reddy. He worked diligently during his tenure to bring progress to the area," he said.

The remarks from Karunakar Reddy reflect growing opposition to the coalition government's demolition policies, with accusations of politically motivated actions against opposition leaders fueling tensions in the region.

Ambati Rambabu Criticizes Chandrababu Naidu Over Polavaram Project

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Former Minister Ambati Rambabu criticized Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu during a media conference, accusing him of mishandling the Polavaram project and misleading the public about its progress.

Rambabu claimed that Naidu made a "historic mistake" by taking over the Polavaram project, which was originally meant to be completed by the central government. "In 2016, Chandrababu irresponsibly took charge of the project and agreed to complete it at the outdated rates of 2013-14. This decision has significantly burdened the state," Rambabu stated. He further accused Naidu of spreading blatant lies about the project. "Chandrababu is shamelessly claiming that his government installed the



spillway gates, which is completely false," he alleged.

Rambabu highlighted findings from an international expert committee that visited Polavaram after the coalition government came to power. "The committee exposed several mistakes made during Chandrababu's

tenure. Despite this, false allegations continue to be made regarding the diaphragm wall," he said, adding that such claims are part of a misinformation campaign.

The Polavaram project, a critical irrigation and multipurpose initiative, has been a contentious issue in Andhra Pradesh politics, with parties trading accusations over delays and mismanagement. Rambabu's remarks add to the ongoing political discourse surrounding one of the state's most ambitious infrastructure projects.



NSM Alumni Premier League Season 2 Concludes in Style



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The NSM Alumni Premier League (NPL) Season 2 concluded on December 15, with the Ramayanapu Koti team clinching the title. The tournament, held at the DSA Cricket Ground near Nagarjuna University, featured three league matches, a semi-final, and a thrilling final over three days.

Dr. Santosh Kondaveeti and Koti Ramayanapu played pivotal roles in the winning team's success, showcasing

ing exceptional teamwork and talent.

Organized by a dedicated committee led by Basava Anapurna's team, the event was a grand success. The finale was followed by a gala dinner where players and their families celebrated the league's achievements.

The tournament not only strengthened bonds within the alumni community but also encouraged sportsmanship and camaraderie, setting the stage for an even more exciting Season 3 next year.

N.T.R. District Police Commissioner's Office Prepares for President's Visit



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NTR Dist, Dec 17

On December 16, 2024, N.T.R. District City Police Commissioner Sri S.V. Rajasekhara Babu IPS, along with other senior police officers, coordinated security arrangements for the President's upcoming visit to the first convocation ceremony at AIIMS in Mangalagiri. The President, Smt. Draupadi Murmu, will arrive at Gannavaram Airport on December 17, 2024, and travel by road to Mangalagiri via Vijayawada. After the evening program, she will return via the same route to Gannavaram Airport.

During a briefing at the City Armed Reserve Ground, the Police Commissioner outlined the responsibilities of the officers and personnel assigned to the event. He emphasized the importance of a well-organized security plan, including a route bandobast covering approximately 16 kilometers from Gudavali to Waradhi. The Commissioner instructed the security teams to maintain coordination with all relevant departments and remain vigilant throughout the event to ensure smooth traffic flow and prevent any incidents.

The Commissioner further stressed the need for immediate action in case of any vehicle breakdowns, directing officers to inform the control room or higher authorities promptly. He highlighted the critical role of police personnel in directing traffic and preventing congestion to avoid any inconvenience to the public.

City Police Commissioner Sri S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, along with DCPs K. Uma Maheshwara Raju, A.B.T.S. Udayarani, Krishnamurthy Naidu, S.V.D. Prasad, ADCPs M. Raja Rao, A.V.L. Prasanna Kumar, ACPs, Inspectors, and Bandobast personnel, participated in the briefing, reinforcing the commitment to ensuring a secure and smooth event.

Devineni Uma And TDP Leaders Recived Petitions From Common pepole

TDP Supporters File Grievances Against YCP Leaders and Authorities

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Several TDP supporters and individuals from different regions have filed complaints seeking justice for alleged attacks, harassment, and wrongful acts by YCP leaders and government officials. These grievances were raised at a public reception program held at the TDP central office, where leaders like former ministers Devineni Uma Maheshwara Rao, KS Jawahar, and Lead Cap Chairman Pili Manikyarao assured the victims that their cases would be thoroughly investigated.

Key Grievances Raised:

- 1. Sheikh Janibasha (Vinukonda, Palnadu District):** Sheikh accused followers of former YCP MLA Bolla Brahmanayudu of attacking his house and destroying property. They allegedly threatened his life for his active role in TDP. The leaders assured they would ensure justice.
- 2. Kakarla Subbarayudu (Chitveli Mandal, Annamayya District):** Kakarla claimed that with the help of then YSRCP MLA Koramutla Srinivasulu, Dalits were incited against him during elections, leading to clashes at polling booths. He also alleged illegal SC/ST cases were filed against him and sought their cancellation.
- 3. Banavattu Ramulu (Sitaramapuram, NTR District):** Ramulu, a former Sarpanch, appealed for the

payment of Rs. 6.8 lakh for work carried out in 2018-2019, including street lighting and sanitation. The amount remains unpaid.

- 4. Woman from Kanchikacharla:** A woman com-



plained about Venkata Rambhupal Reddy, who allegedly hacked her phone, morphed photos, and sexually harassed her. Despite filing a police complaint, no action was taken, and she called for his arrest.

- 5. Lingala Venkateswarlu (Karempudi Mandal, Palnadu District):** Venkateswarlu's brother, Lingala Lakshmi Narayana, was reportedly attacked by YSRCP leaders, resulting in broken legs. Despite filing a complaint, the case was closed by the police. Venkateswarlu urged for strict action.
- 6. Pichaiyya (Thurakapalem, Prakasam District):** Pichaiyya claimed villagers destroyed his crops on land he purchased. Despite filing a complaint, no action was taken. He requested intervention.

The TDP leaders assured the victims that they would take necessary action to resolve these issues and ensure justice is served.

District-Level Goals Focused on Swarnandhra @ 2047 Vision – Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sha

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The state government has unveiled the Swarnandhra @ 2047 Vision Document, outlining ambitious district-level goals. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sha has emphasized that departmental performance should align with the ten key principles of the vision, which include poverty eradication, employment generation, and human resource development.

During the Praja Samasyala Parish-kara Vedika (PGRS) program held at the Sri Pingali Venkayya Samavesha Mandir in the Collectorate on Monday, Collector Lakshmi Sha urged the officials to carry out their daily tasks with a focus on these ten principles. The Collector highlighted the state's commitment to Real-Time Governance (RTG) and PGRS, including the launch of WhatsApp governance activities to improve service delivery. Dr. Lakshmi Sha also stressed the need for coordination to enhance the district's Gross Domestic Development Product (GDDP) and emphasized sectors like agriculture, industry, services, and tourism as key areas for growth.

In the PGRS program, a total of 108 applications were received, addressing a variety of issues. The applications were reviewed by Collector Lakshmi, along with officials including Joint



Collector Dr. Nidhi Meena, DRO M. Lakshmi Narasimham, and others. Applications ranged across various departments, with significant submissions in revenue (39), municipal administration (15), police (11), education (5), and others.

Dr. Lakshmi Sha directed that each application be carefully examined and resolved promptly within the stipulated timeframe, ensuring that no case is left unresolved. The Collector emphasized that the goal is to address all concerns effectively, contributing to the realization of Swarnandhra @ 2047's objectives.

The district is set to progress with a focus on development and better governance, as guided by the new vision document.

Police Commissioner & Durgamma Temple EO Inspects Bhavani Deeksha Holding Areas

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On Monday, N.T.R. District City Police Commissioner Sri S.V. Rajasekhara Babu IPS conducted an inspection of the holding area and surrounding zones near Seethamma's feet in preparation for the upcoming Bhavani Deeksha program. The event, which



begins on December 21, 2024, and culminates with the Maha Poornahuti on December 25, 2024, is expected to attract lakhs of devotees from across Andhra Pradesh and other states to Vijayawada. Devotees will come to offer maladharan, perform Irumul (deeksha cessation), and have darshan of the Goddess.

During the inspection, Sri S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, along with Temple Executive Officer (EO) K.S. Rama Rao, closely examined the entry and exit points for devotees, as well as facilities such as the Kesakhandana Shala and toilets. Special attention was paid to the organization and safety measures at the holding area where devo-

tees will gather. The Commissioner instructed officers to take all necessary precautions to prevent any untoward incidents and ensure the smooth flow of devotees.

In addition to the Police Commissioner, the inspection was attended by Temple EO K.S. Rama Rao, ADCP G. Ramakrishna, ACPs Durga Rao, Bangaru Raju, Inspectors Guru Prakash, and temple officials. Together, they ensured that all arrangements would be in place to accommodate the large number of devotees expected for the event. The focus remains on maintaining order and safety during this significant religious occasion.

MLA Vamsi Yadav Held a Grievance Session At Central Janasena Party Office

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In a recent grievance session, a victim from Vijayawada's Durga Agrahara area has accused a YCP corporator of occupying their land. The individual, whose land has allegedly been taken over by the corporator, presented the complaint during a public grievances meeting held on Monday. The victim also raised concerns over the removal of the old-age pension, which had been provided for the past ten years. This change, according to the victim, has caused significant hardship for elderly citizens who relied on this support.

Visakha South constituency MLA Ch. Vamsi Yadav, who was present at the event, received the petitions from the affected citizens. He assured them that their complaints would be thoroughly

investigated and that steps would be taken to resolve the issues at the earliest. The MLA promised to look into both the land dispute and the discontinuation of the pension scheme, offering his full support in ensuring justice for the victims.



The grievances highlighted by the victims have sparked concerns over land rights and the welfare of senior citizens, with local leaders urging quick action from the authorities.

Former Minister Perni Nani Missing After Ration Rice Theft Case Filed Against His Wife

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Former Minister Perni Nani and his family have gone missing following the registration of a case against his wife, Jayasudha, in connection with a ration rice theft case. The case was filed on December 10, 2024, at Bandaru Taluka Police Station, leading to significant concern about the whereabouts of Perni Nani and his family. On the day the case was registered, Perni Nani and his family were reportedly untraceable, sparking widespread speculation. However, earlier



today, Perni Nani reappeared at his residence in Machilipatnam. This news prompted a visit by YCP leaders and activists, including YCP MLC Lella Appireddy, former Minister Jogi Ramesh, and former MLA Kyle Anil Kumar, who gathered at Perni Nani's house to meet him.

In the ongoing legal proceedings, Jayasudha, Perni Nani's wife, filed a bail petition in both the District Court and the High Court. The Ninth Additional District Judge has adjourned her bail petition hearing to December 19, 2024.

The case and the subsequent disappearance of Perni Nani have drawn considerable attention, with local political circles keenly watching for any developments. The situation continues to unfold as investigations into the ration rice theft case proceed.

Atchannaidu Condemns Alleged Murder Plot Against TDP Leader in Palasa

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Senior TDP leader and former minister Atchannaidu has strongly condemned an alleged conspiracy to assassinate a TDP leader in Palasa, Srikakulam district. Atchannaidu stated that he had contacted the district collector and SP to gather details about the situation. Expressing his outrage, he accused the YSRCP of fostering "murderous politics" during its tenure and criticized the continuation of such practices even after losing power.

"The encouragement of murderous politics during the YSRCP regime for five years has left a dangerous legacy. We will not tolerate such conspiracies against TDP leaders," Atchannaidu said. He assured that those behind the conspiracy would face strict action, reiterating his stance that there is no room for such violent tactics in Srikakulam district. The incident has sparked political tensions in the region, with TDP leaders demanding swift justice and accountability. Further investigations are underway to uncover the details of the alleged plot.



Food Poisoning in Chilakampadu Village Causes Panic Among Laborers

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A shocking incident unfolded in Chilakampadu village, Venkatagiri Rural Mandal, when a group of farmers and laborers fell seriously ill after consuming food provided by their employer. On Monday morning, the workers went to their usual tasks at a farmer's field, as they did every day, working cheerfully. At lunchtime, although they had brought their own food, the farmer offered them rice from an outside source. Tempted by the delicious food, the laborers set aside their own meals and ate the rice brought by the farmer. However, not long after, the workers began to feel unwell. One by one, they started vomiting, feeling dizzy, and collapsing in the fields. The situation escalated quickly as a total of 13 laborers lost consciousness. In panic, the farmer and others rushed the victims to Venkatagiri Government Hospital with the help of a tractor. Upon arrival, there were complaints from the villagers that the medical staff at the government hospital did not provide adequate care. Consequently, the victims were shifted to a private hospital, where they are reportedly receiving better treatment. This delay in care has sparked local anger toward the government hospital staff. Local MLA Kurugondla Ramakrishna, upon learning of the incident, visited the hospital to check on the victims and instructed the doctors to ensure they received the best possible treatment. The cause of the food poisoning remains unclear, and investigations are ongoing into where the rice was sourced. This incident has raised significant concern and discussion in the community, highlighting serious questions about food safety and health care in the region.

MLA Bandaru Satyananda Rao Distributes CM's Relief Fund Cheques to Beneficiaries

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Kothapet MLA Bandaru Satyananda Rao recently distributed cheques from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to individuals who had applied for reimbursement of medical expenses. The distribution took place at the MLA's office in Vadapalem, with a total of Rs. 12,94,435 handed over to 17 beneficiaries from various villages.



The following individuals received cheques for their medical expenses:

- Kota Nageswara Rao, Raolapalem village: Rs. 1,00,000
- Chikkala Sai Chaitanya, Gopalapuram village: Rs. 43,911
- Alladi Nagaratnam, Mummidivarappadu village: Rs. 32,900
- Sakhinetipalli Mohan Naga Venkata Satya Ramaraju, Raolapalem village: Rs. 58,705
- Naidu Satyanarayana, Mummidivarappadu village: Rs. 32,100
- Pattapagala Soni Sri Siva Saket, Raolapalem village: Rs. 35,000
- Vaddi Sandeep, Billakurru village: Rs. 4,03,753
- Sreeghagollapu Savitri, Vadapalem village: Rs. 15,640
- Doonaboyna Varun Sai Sandeep, Peddagullapalem village: Rs. 37,477
- Tota Vaishnavi, Vadapalem village: Rs. 1,52,620

- Merla Lakshmi Durga, Merlapalem village: Rs. 37,378
 - Karuturi Venkata Rao, Ankampalem village: Rs. 37,900
 - Bhogavarapu Somaraju, Ankampalem village: Rs. 22,284
 - Parvatina Veera Venkata Rama Rao, Madiki village: Rs. 81,000
 - Mediseti Annavaram, Pedapalla village: Rs. 94,319
 - Akula Satya Harish, Choppella village: Rs. 45,000
 - Regana Seetha Mahalakshmi, Alamuru village: Rs. 64,448
- A total of Rs. 12,94,435 was handed over to the beneficiaries. The event was attended by several alliance leaders and activists, including Kanchamsetty Srinivas, Karuturi Narasimha Rao, Merla Gopalaswamy, Thotakura Subbaraju, and Vasamsetty Satyanarayana.

Case Filed Against Former YSRCP MLA for Abusing Municipal Staff

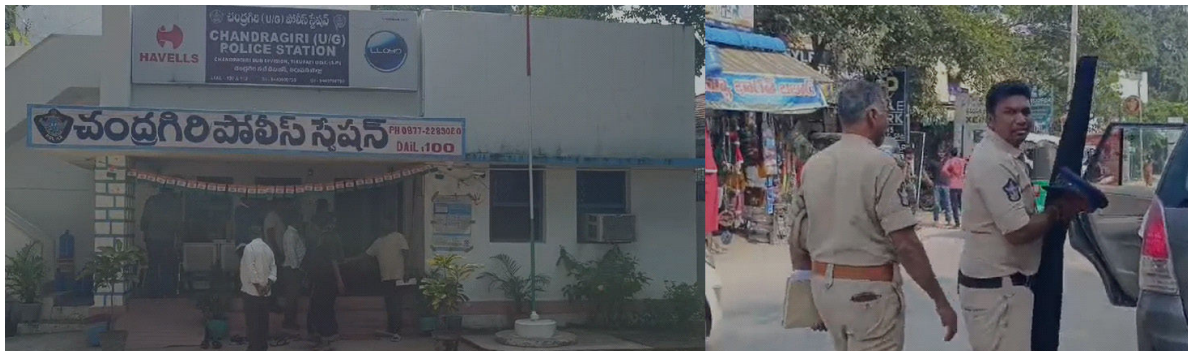
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Former YSRCP MLA Biyyapu Madhusudhan Reddy has landed in legal trouble after allegedly obstructing municipal staff and using abusive language during an operation to remove illegal structures on the embankment of the Swarnamukhi River. On Saturday, municipal officials, including Town Planning Officer Saradha, began removing unauthorized constructions along the riverbank. Learning about the operation, the former MLA arrived at the site with his followers and expressed outrage, questioning how the structures could be removed without prior notice. Witnesses reported that Madhusudhan Reddy used obscene language to criticize the officials. The incident was captured on video, which later went viral on social media, drawing widespread attention and criticism. In response, Town Planning Officer Saradha filed a formal complaint against the former MLA at the Srikalahasti First Town Police Station. The police registered a case under various sections, citing obstruction of duty and the use of abusive language against public servants. This incident has sparked debates over the treatment of municipal staff performing their duties and the enforcement of laws against illegal constructions. Further investigations are underway.

Mohan Babu Surrenders Licensed Gun Amid Family Dispute Fallout

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Veteran Tollywood actor Mohan Babu has surrendered his licensed gun to the police, complying with orders issued by Hyderabad authorities in the wake of a recent family dispute. Mohan Babu traveled to his Rangampet-based university in Chandragiri Mandal, Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh, from Hyderabad earlier today. Subsequently, he handed over his double-barrel licensed gun to the Chandragiri Police Station via his Public Relations Officer (PRO). The surrender was prompted by directives from Hyderabad Police following an altercation linked to a family dispute. Meanwhile, Mohan Babu addressed the media regarding the incident at his Jalpalli residence,



clarifying his stance on allegations of assaulting a journalist. He stated that the attack was unintentional and expressed regret for the incident. Once again, he offered an apology to the journalist community. It is worth noting that on Sunday, Mohan Babu, along with his son Manchu Vishnu, personally

met the injured journalist to check on his condition and offer reassurance. This development has drawn public attention, highlighting the complexities surrounding the family dispute and the actor's subsequent actions to address the fallout. Further investigations into the circumstances of the incident are ongoing.

Family Dispute Over Financial Benefits Leads to Tragic Turn of Events

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A shocking series of events has come to light in Yanadi Colony, Nakarikallu Mandal, Palnadu district, involving the family of the late Pauliraju (50), a government teacher at Nakarikallu Tribal Welfare School. Pauliraju, who passed away in January this year due to paralysis, left behind three children: Gopikrishna, Krishnaveni, and Durga Ramakrishna. Pauliraju's eldest son, Gopikrishna, works as a constable at Bandlamotu police station in Bolapalli mandal, while his daughter, Krishnaveni, is married but estranged from her husband. The youngest, Durga Ramakrishna, also faced family discord, with his two wives having left him. Reports indicate that disputes arose among the siblings over the financial benefits owed to their family after Pauliraju's death. The situation es-

calated with the tragic deaths of Gopikrishna and Durga Ramakrishna under mysterious circumstances. According to police sources, Gopikrishna's sister, Krishnaveni, allegedly forced him to consume excessive alcohol and then tied a noose around his neck, killing him on November 10. Separately, her younger brother, Durga Ramakrishna, is suspected to have been thrown into a canal on November 26. It is alleged that Krishnaveni, who had been caring for their ailing father, acted out of greed to claim the family's financial benefits for herself. She is currently in police custody. However, the investigation remains incomplete as the bodies of the deceased siblings have not yet been recovered. Bandlamotu SI Balakrishna has reportedly issued memos regarding Gopikrishna's absence from duty, but his whereabouts remained unclear until this



revelation. The tragic case highlights the devastating impact of unresolved family disputes. Authorities

are continuing their investigation to confirm the details and locate the missing bodies.



Arab Spring's Aftermath: A Revolution Turned Into an Islamic Winter

On December 17, 2010, Mohammed Bouazizi, a Tunisian fruit vendor, set himself on fire to protest against local officials having confiscated his stall. His act ignited the flames of a pan-Arab anti-establishment mass uprising that came to be called the 'Arab Spring'. On the eve of the 14th anniversary of that incident and in the backdrop of last fortnight's coup in Syria—the Arab Spring's longest-running and bloodiest manifestation—an analysis of this rare phenomenon is called for.

Tunisia To Egypt To Libya, The All-Encompassing Revolution

In the past 14 years, the Arab Spring has jolted several Arab countries, although its net impact remains contentious. Bouazizi's self-immolation spurred mass demonstrations in Tunisia, toppling, within a month, the autocratic President in power for 23 years. Egypt followed shortly thereafter: the mass demonstrations centred on Cairo's Tahrir Square forced President Mubarak to leave after 18 days despite having tried all sorts of deflections to stay in power. He was in power for 32 years and was replaced by the Supreme Military Council, which eventually gave way to the country's first democratically held elections. The Muslim Brotherhood government lasted only a few months and was overthrown by the Army, which continues to wield power even now.

Col Muammar Qadhafi, President for 42 years of oil-rich Libya, also faced anti-government protests from mid-February 2011, which soon morphed into an armed insurrection based in the eastern coastal city of Benghazi. A UN Security Council Resolution authorising "all necessary measures" to protect civilians was weaponised by 27 Western and Middle Eastern powers to launch intensive airstrikes against the pro-Qadhafi forces. This tilted the balance against the government forces and eventually led to President Qadhafi being killed in combat on October 20. Even after massive bloodletting since, the civil war has continued and the country is still split, with a government each in Tripoli and Benghazi. Libya was the first case of foreign interests being strongly involved in influencing the outcome of the Arab Spring; it was not to be the last.



The protests in Bahrain that began in February 2011 were partly spurred by a Shia majority population chafing under a Sunni monarchy. These were initially aimed at achieving greater political freedom and respect for human rights, but the repression by authorities pushed them in that direction. The fellow monarchies of the Gulf Cooperation Council were alarmed by the perceived involvement of Iran and Hezbollah in disrupting the smallest Gulf state and intervened militarily to quell the protests. Saudi Arabia and the UAE sought to nip similar protests and reform movements in the bud with strongarm tactics.

Civil Wars In Syria And Yemen

Arab Spring protests in Syria and Yemen, two ethnically diverse and politically frozen republics under dynastic rules, unlocked long-suppressed popular sub-national aspirations. The confrontation did not remain peaceful for long, each morphing into a bitter civil war that brought in neighbouring and global powers resulting in counterproductive outcomes. In Syria, a country of 23 million, 13 years of civil war caused the deaths of nearly half a

million people, displacement of nearly 15 million both internally and externally, and destruction put at half a trillion dollars. Yemen continued to be split into the al-Houthi-run north and the UN-recognised coalition in the south—both joined at the hip by disease and malnutrition.

A New Genre Of Dissent

It is important not to over-contextualise the Arab Spring. Even before 2011, the Arab world had similar protest movements, most prominent among these being the bread riots in Egypt and Algeria as well as the Palestinian Intefadah from the mid-1980s onwards. However, two decades later, the Arab Spring was a new dissent genre—being wild-fired by the spread of satellite television and social media leap-frogging over the state controls. Secondly, such protests also took place in other non-Arab but Islamic countries such as Iran (Hijab Protests), Pakistan (Imran Khan detention) and recently in Bangladesh (Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's ouster), with mixed results. Even Israel, a regional exception, has had recurring mass protests against government attempts to curb judicial powers and to bring Israeli hostages home from Hamas captivity.

India's Strategic Shift: Reviving Its North Korean Mission



India has decided to revive its embassy in Pyongyang, North Korea, after a three-year hiatus. The decision to resume operations at the embassy follows the closure of the mission on July 2, 2021, when Ambassador Atul Malhari Gotsurve and the Indian diplomatic staff left Pyongyang for New Delhi via Russia. While the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) did not officially announce the embassy's closure, the absence of Indian staff effectively rendered the mission inactive. Gotsurve was later reassigned to Mongolia as India's Ambassador.

Now, a technical team and quasi-diplomatic personnel have been dispatched to Pyongyang to restore the embassy's operations. Their initial task is to secure the building and address potential security concerns, as North Korea is known for its sophisticated surveillance methods and hostile intelligence tactics against foreign missions. It could take several months before a new ambassador is assigned, given the bureaucratic delays in Pyongyang and the opaque nature of North Korean diplomacy.

This renewed engagement reflects a broader shift in India's foreign policy priorities, particularly concerning the Korean Peninsula. Developments in North Korea have gained greater strategic importance for India in recent years. As India seeks to enhance its global standing and deepen its relationships in East Asia, the reactivation of the embassy signifies a commitment to maintaining diplomatic ties with one of the most secretive and isolated regimes in the world.

Meanwhile, South Korea has also pursued an innovative approach to strengthening its relationship with India. In a break from tradition, South Korea celebrated its National Day in 2023 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi, inviting thousands of young Indians to participate in the festivities. This bold move contrasts with the usual diplomatic practice of hosting exclusive events for the elite. The celebration featured K-pop and modern youth culture, resonating with India's young population. This engagement strategy harkens back to a 1955 initiative by Soviet leaders Nikita Khrushchev and Nikolai Bulganin, who reached out to the Indian masses to foster goodwill. South Korea's attempt to engage with India's youth mirrors past efforts to use public diplomacy for forging stronger ties.

Sri Lanka's Shift Away from China Marks Strategic Win for India

Sri Lanka's recent pivot away from China and its renewed engagement with India is a significant development in the region's geopolitics. President Anura Kumara Disanayake's first overseas visit to India as head of state is emblematic of this shift, underscoring India's growing influence despite China's attempts to expand its footprint in the Indian Ocean region.

Sri Lanka's pivot towards India follows a difficult lesson learned during its severe economic crisis in 2021-2022. While China, despite being Sri Lanka's largest external creditor, offered little substantial aid during the crisis, India came to the rescue with over \$4 billion in assistance—surpassing even the International Monetary Fund's bailout package. India also extended military cooperation, with several Indian naval ships visiting Sri Lankan ports throughout 2023. This timely support not only eased Sri Lanka's economic burden but also solidified India's position as the island nation's true ally.

In a notable decision, Sri Lanka recently scrapped a tender won by China for a power generation project and instead awarded it to India. The project involves building solar and wind hybrid power facilities near Jaffna, which is strategically located close to India's southern coast. India had previously raised concerns about China's involvement in the project, and Sri Lanka's decision to favor an Indian company reflects a shift in Colombo's approach to its foreign relations.



In another significant move, Sri Lanka denied a Chinese research vessel permission to dock at its ports or operate in its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for one year. This decision effectively blocked the Chinese vessel Xiang Yang Hong 3 from conducting deep-water exploration in the South Indian Ocean, a clear message to China regarding Sri Lanka's recalibrated foreign policy.

India's growing influence in the region extends beyond Sri Lanka. To counter China's "String of Pearls" strategy, India has been proactive in offering financial and developmental support to its neighbors. India has extended 308 lines of credit worth \$32 billion to countries across Asia and Africa, supporting over 600 development projects. This has not only helped India build stronger ties in the region but also countered China's growing presence.

Economic Metrics: Why Per Capita Household Wealth Matters More for India Than Per Capita Income

In India, a rapidly growing economy with an expanding middle class, the fixation on per capita income (PCI) as the key economic indicator seems misplaced. While India stands as the world's fifth-largest economy, its per capita income remains relatively low, which often sparks debate about the country's economic progress. However, this focus on PCI may be short-sighted. Instead, per capita household wealth (PCHW) should be the metric that reflects the true economic health of the nation.



India's PCHW is significantly higher than its PCI suggests, standing at a solid \$15,000, with total household wealth estimated at a massive \$20 trillion. This indicates a much better economic outlook than what per capita income figures alone might imply. PCI, which measures the average income per person, doesn't account for the vast wealth accumulated by households or the growing financial assets of India's burgeoning middle class. As a result, it paints a picture that is less reflective of the actual economic empowerment of Indian citizens.

A comparison with the United States, often touted as an economic powerhouse, offers further perspective. While the US has a significantly higher PCI, it also carries an enormous debt burden. Each US household is encumbered with an average debt of \$247,000, and every American citizen is burdened with approximately \$107,000 of debt. The total national debt of the United States has

ballooned to \$38 trillion and continues to grow, reflecting a critical imbalance between wealth and liabilities. In contrast, India's household wealth, despite its relatively modest PCI, indicates that Indian households are comparatively less burdened by debt, which can be a key indicator of long-term economic stability.

India's growing household wealth underscores the importance of shifting the conversation from per capita income to more comprehensive metrics such as PCHW. The focus on income alone overlooks the wealth-building potential of the population, which is crucial for understanding economic progress. As India continues its economic ascent, it will be essential to recognize that household wealth, rather than income alone, is a better reflection of the prosperity and financial security of its people.

Won't Permit Sri Lankan Territory To Be Used Against India: President Dissanayaka To PM Modi

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Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayaka, during his three-day visit to India, reassured Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday that Sri Lanka's soil would not be used against India's interests. This assurance came at a time when concerns in New Delhi are growing over China's increasing influence over Colombo.

In a series of wide-ranging talks, Dissanayaka and Modi discussed several crucial aspects of bilateral relations, including defence cooperation, energy ties, and economic recovery. One of the key outcomes of their discussions was the agreement to conclude a defence cooperation pact soon. The leaders also agreed to boost energy collaboration by establishing electricity grid connectivity and multi-product petroleum pipelines between the two nations.

Prime Minister Modi, in his media statement, emphasized that he and President Dissanayaka were in "full agreement" on the fact that the security interests of both nations are interlinked. They expressed the need for expeditious finalization of a security cooperation agreement to strengthen



their strategic ties further.

During the meeting, Modi reiterated India's unwavering support to Sri Lanka in its ongoing efforts toward economic recovery and stability. In the wake of the severe economic crisis that Sri Lanka faced two years ago, India extended financial assistance amounting to USD 4 billion to help stabilize the nation.

Additionally, both leaders instructed their respective officials to expedite discussions

on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on debt restructuring. This step is expected to play a crucial role in Sri Lanka's long-term financial recovery.

The talks between the two leaders underscore the growing bilateral cooperation between India and Sri Lanka, particularly in the areas of security, energy, and economic recovery. As Sri Lanka navigates its recovery process, India's continued support remains vital for the island nation's stability.

"Some Agencies Giving Manipulative Info To Centre": Manipur Chief Minister



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Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh today accused certain "agencies" of sending "manipulative" and "politicized" information about the ongoing violence in the state to the central government. Speaking at an event in Imphal, he said the Centre had now realized the issue and was gathering accurate information from the grassroots level. "Misinformation, manipulative, and politicized information were sent by some agencies to New Delhi. Now, the Centre has realized it and is collecting information from the grassroots. They have found the correct information and are dealing with it," he stated. However, the Chief Minister refrained from naming the agencies involved in providing this alleged misinformation.

In a related development, seven insurgents from the Kangleipak Communist Party (People's War Group), or KCP(PWG), were arrested in connection with the murder of two migrant laborers from Bihar. The KCP is one of the eight Meitei insurgent groups that have been banned by the Ministry of Home Affairs. According to state intelligence sources, the arrested individuals are currently being interrogated.

Initial investigations suggest that the KCP(PWG) may have been hired to carry out terror activities in the valley, including attacking civilians and extorting money. The intelligence agencies, however, have not revealed who may have hired these insurgents, as the investigation is still in its early stages. The authorities are working to unravel the details behind this new wave of violence and its potential links to broader insurgent activities in the region.



Indian Constitution has stood test of time: FM Nirmala in Rajya Sabha

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday lauded the resilience and enduring relevance of India's Constitution, emphasizing that it has successfully withstood the test of time over the past 75 years. She made these remarks while initiating the debate on the "Glorious Journey of 75 Years of the Constitution of India" in the Rajya Sabha.

Sitharaman pointed out that while over 50 countries drafted their Constitutions around the same time as India, most of them have had to rewrite or amend significant portions of their constitutions. In contrast, India's Constitution has remained largely intact, proving its robustness and adaptability. She acknowledged the remarkable achievement of the Constituent Assembly, especially the 389 members, including 15 women, who undertook the monumental task of creating a document that would lay the foundation for the world's largest democracy.

As India marks the 75th year of its Constitution, Sitharaman stressed the importance of reaffirming the commitment to building an India that lives up to the spirit enshrined in the Constitution. She highlighted how the document has provided a framework for India's progress, saying, "Today we are extremely proud of the way India's democracy is growing."

In her speech, Sitharaman also made a broader comparison, noting that many nations, following the Second World War, gained independence and drafted their constitutions, but India's Constitution stands in a league of its own. She asserted that the country's ability to uphold the principles of justice, equality, and democracy as envisaged by the founding fathers of the nation is a testament to the foresight and wisdom embedded in the document. Sitharaman's address served as both a tribute to the framers of the Constitution and a reaffirmation of India's commitment to its democratic values and the continued evolution of its governance structure.

Govt Should Raise Its Voice Against Atrocities On Minorities In Bangladesh: Priyanka Gandhi



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Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday called on the Indian government to raise the issue of atrocities against minorities, particularly Hindus and Christians, in Bangladesh with its neighboring country. Speaking during the Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha, Gandhi emphasized the need for India to address the growing concerns about the mistreatment of religious minorities in Bangladesh.

Gandhi stated, "The government should raise the issue of atrocities on minorities, both Hindus and Christians, in Bangladesh. This matter should be discussed with the Bangladesh government, and India should offer support to those suffering due to these attacks." She stressed that the Indian government has a responsibility to stand with those who are facing persecution and help bring attention to their plight.

The Congress leader's comments come amid rising reports of violence and discrimination against religious minorities in Bangladesh, with several incidents of attacks on temples, homes, and businesses of Hindus and Christians in recent months. These attacks have drawn widespread concern among rights groups and neighboring countries, including India, which shares strong cultural and historical ties with Bangladesh's minority communities.

Gandhi's call for action highlights the importance of diplomatic engagement on human rights issues between India and Bangladesh. She urged the Indian government to use diplomatic channels to address the concerns of persecuted minorities in Bangladesh, while also extending support to those affected by the violence.

The issue of minority rights in Bangladesh has been a sensitive topic for years, with both domestic and international voices calling for stronger protection of religious freedoms. Priyanka Gandhi's remarks in Parliament reflect growing political and public attention to the matter, as well as the need for both governments to work together to ensure the safety and well-being of all religious communities.

RG Kar Case: Doctors To Hold 10-Day Protest As Two Accused Get Bail



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The West Bengal Joint Platform of Doctors (WBJPD) has announced plans to begin a sit-in demonstration in Kolkata starting Tuesday, protesting the CBI's investigation into the RG Kar hospital rape and murder case. The case, which has sparked widespread outrage, involves the tragic death of an on-duty female doctor at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in August.

The sit-in demonstration will take place at the Doreena Crossing in central Kolkata, and will continue until December 26. The WBJPD, an umbrella group of five medical associations, is demanding the immediate submission of a supplementary charge sheet by the CBI. Doctor Punyabrata Gun, a joint convener of WBJPD, emphasized the need for a timely and thorough investigation into the case.

"We have also written to Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Verma, requesting permission for this 10-day protest. We as-

sured them that the demonstration will be peaceful and follow all necessary legal and safety protocols," said Gun. The WBJPD has asked the police to ensure the safety of all participants and to allow the demonstration to proceed without disrupting traffic.

The issue gained further attention when the Sealdah court granted bail on Friday to two key suspects in the case—Sandip Ghosh, the former principal of RG Kar Medical College, and Abhijit Mondal, the former officer-in-charge of the Tala police station. The bail was granted after the CBI failed to file a charge sheet within the mandatory 90-day period, which led to widespread criticism and protests.

On Saturday, the WBJPD organized a march to the CBI office in Salt Lake, demanding urgent action. The tragic incident has fueled protests across the country, with calls for justice intensifying as the case progresses.

The protest in Kolkata reflects growing concern among medical professionals and the public over the handling of the case and the perceived delays in delivering justice.

Tamil Nadu CM Stalin Urges Unity Against Simultaneous Polls Legislation

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Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin called for a united stand from all democratic forces to oppose the simultaneous elections legislation, which he described as being "imposed under the guise of electoral reform." Speaking out on Monday, Stalin stressed that this legislation posed a significant threat to the diversity and integrity of India and undermined the nation's Constitution. Stalin's remarks came in response

to the BJP-led government's push for legislation that would implement simultaneous elections across the country. He argued that the proposal aimed to alter India's political landscape permanently, concentrating power in a way that could endanger the nation's federal structure and the autonomy of states. The Tamil Nadu CM contended that the BJP government at the Centre lacked the necessary majority to pass this critical legislation and warned against its passage, calling it a dangerous step for the country's future.



Israel Approves Plan to Double Golan Heights Population Amid Syria's Instability

JERUSALEM: Israel's government has approved a controversial plan to double the population in the Golan Heights following the fall of President Bashar al-Assad's regime in Syria. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu explained that the move was essential in response to the opening of a "new front" along Israel's border with Syria, where an Islamist-led rebel alliance has seized power.

"Strengthening the Golan is strengthening the State of Israel, and it is especially important at this time. We will continue to hold onto it, cause it to blossom, and settle in it," Netanyahu said in a statement.

The Golan Heights, a strategically vital area of 1,800 square kilometers on the Israel-Syria border, has been a source of contention for decades. Israel captured most of the region during the 1967 Six-Day War and annexed it in 1981, though its sovereignty is not recognized by most of the international community. Syria has long demanded the return of the Golan, citing its territorial integrity, but Israel maintains control over the most strategic points, emphasizing the security concerns that justify its hold on the area.



Approximately 24,000 Druze, an Arab minority that practices an offshoot of Islam, live in the Golan Heights and largely identify as Syrian, according to Avraham Levine of the Alma Research and Education Center. Alongside the Druze, about 31,000 Israelis have settled in the area over the years.

In 2019, U.S. President Donald Trump officially recognized Israel's sovereignty over the Golan, a move that has been rejected by many nations. Israel's continued oc-

cupation and settlement of the area are seen as exacerbating the long-standing Israeli-Syrian conflict, with peace efforts in the region repeatedly failing.

Following the instability in Syria and the ousting of Assad, Israeli forces have moved into a buffer zone separating Syria from the Golan Heights. Israel cited the collapse of ceasefire arrangements in the region, signaling a potential shift in its security strategy in the wake of Syria's changing political landscape.

Kyrgyz President Dismisses PM Akyzbek Japarov, Assigns New Interim Leader



KYRGYZ: Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov has dismissed Prime Minister Akyzbek Japarov, citing a transfer to another position, according to a statement released by the presidential administration on Monday. Akyzbek Japarov had served as the prime minister of Kyrgyzstan since 2021.

In response to the dismissal, the president has appointed Adylbek Kasymaliyev, the First Deputy Prime Minister, to take on the duties of the prime minister on an interim basis. This shift in leadership marks another change in a country that has experienced considerable political instability since gaining independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

Kyrgyzstan, located in Central Asia, remains politically volatile, with frequent changes in leadership and governance. The country's economy is significantly dependent on remittances from its migrant laborers working in Russia. These remittances account for approximately 20% of the country's GDP, as per United Nations estimates, making it vulnerable to external economic shifts.

The dismissal of the prime minister adds to the already uncertain political environment, raising questions about the stability of the current government. As the country navigates its political turbulence, the role of the new acting prime minister, Adylbek Kasymaliyev, will be pivotal in ensuring continued governance and addressing the country's ongoing economic challenges.

This recent political shake-up in Kyrgyzstan highlights the country's ongoing struggle to establish consistent political leadership and maintain stability amid social and economic challenges. As the interim prime minister steps in, the international community will be watching closely for any developments regarding the leadership transition and its potential impact on the country's political landscape.



Hundreds feared dead in cyclone in France's Mayotte

PARIS: Cyclone Chido has left a devastating trail of destruction in the French archipelago of Mayotte, located in the Indian Ocean, with local officials fearing that hundreds, possibly thousands, of lives have been lost. In an interview on local media channel Mayotte La 1ere, Francois-Xavier Bieuville, the top French official in the region, stated that the death toll could reach into the thousands. "I think there will certainly be several hundreds, maybe even thousands," Bieuville said, highlighting the gravity of the situation.

The cyclone, described by some survivors as the "worst storm of the century," struck with such intensity that it has left communities in complete ruin. Immigrants from the region compared the devastation to the aftermath of a nuclear war, with widespread destruction and severe damage to infrastructure. Videos emerging from Mayotte show horrific scenes of destruction, further compounding the fears of massive casualties.

Rescue teams, including French military aid, have started to arrive in the affected areas, though the full extent of the damage is still being assessed. The region's vulnerability, due to its geographical isolation and limited resources, has made immediate relief efforts even more critical.

Local authorities and international aid organizations are now mobilizing to provide assistance and search for survivors. However, the challenge of reaching remote areas severely impacted by the cyclone, where communication lines are down, complicates rescue operations. As the community comes to grips with the disaster, the focus is on providing emergency aid and ensuring that the survivors have access to basic needs such as food, water, and medical care. The full toll of Cyclone Chido's destruction will likely continue to unfold in the coming days as rescue operations intensify and recovery efforts begin.

Canada's Deputy PM Chrystia Freeland Resigns Over Differences With Trudeau



CANADA: Canada's Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland unexpectedly resigned on Monday, citing disagreements with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau over the country's future direction. Freeland, who also held the position of Finance Minister and was one of Trudeau's most trusted allies in the Cabinet, made the announcement just hours before she was scheduled to present the fall economic update to Parliament.

Freeland's resignation comes at a critical moment for the Canadian government, as the fall update was expected to show a significantly higher budget deficit for the fiscal year 2023/24 than initially anticipated. The decision to step down highlights the growing rift between Freeland and Trudeau, with political analysts speculating that internal tensions within the Liberal Party may have contributed to the move.

As Finance Minister, Freeland had played a key role in managing Canada's economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic and had been instrumental in shaping the country's financial policies in recent years. Her departure from the government marks the end of a significant chapter in Trudeau's leadership, as Freeland had long been seen as a pivotal figure in his Cabinet.

In her resignation statement, Freeland did not go into detail about the specific issues that led to her decision. However, sources close to the situation suggested that differences over economic policy, leadership style, and Canada's political direction had become increasingly difficult to reconcile.

Freeland's exit from the government leaves a leadership void in the finance portfolio, which will likely be filled by another senior figure within the Liberal Party. Her resignation is sure to have far-reaching implications for the party and the country's political landscape, as both Freeland and Trudeau had been seen as central to Canada's political future. This surprising turn of events marks a significant shift in Canada's political scene, and the fallout from Freeland's resignation is likely to unfold in the coming days.



Biden and Harris Thank Donors, Urge Continued Engagement After Election Loss

WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris on Sunday expressed gratitude to major Democratic donors who contributed significant sums during last month's election. Despite a tough loss to President-elect Donald Trump, Biden and Harris urged these key supporters to remain politically engaged as the Democratic Party works to regroup.

Speaking at the Democratic National Committee's holiday reception, both Biden and Harris sought to motivate donors who had invested heavily in the campaign. Their remarks came after Republicans secured a decisive victory, claiming the White House, Senate, and retaining control of the House of Representatives. In an election where donors from all sides spent approximately \$4.7 billion, Biden emphasized the importance of perseverance.

"We all get knocked down. My dad would say when you get knocked down, you just got to get up," Biden said, stressing the resilience needed in the aftermath of the defeat. "The measure of a person or a party is how fast they get back up."

Harris, who had stepped in as the party's presidential nominee after Biden ended his campaign in July, also praised the commitment of Democratic donors, highlighting their efforts both financially and through personal outreach. She noted that Democrats raised nearly \$2.9 billion, surpassing the Republicans' \$1.8 billion. The Democratic National Committee's finance committee hosted over 700 events, raising \$700 million alone.

"You rallied, you opened your homes, you reached out to your friends and family," Harris said, acknowledging the personal efforts of the donors who advocated for their cause.

While acknowledging the disappointment over the election loss, Biden reminded attendees of the administration's major accomplishments, such as the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, the CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act, all of which were made possible by their support.

Bangladesh To Hold Parliamentary Elections By 2025 or Early 2026: Muhammad Yunus

BANGLADESH: Bangladesh is set to hold its parliamentary elections either in late 2025 or the first half of 2026, according to the country's interim leader, Muhammad Yunus. Speaking in a televised address on Monday, Yunus outlined the government's roadmap for the upcoming elections, emphasizing that the timeline will largely depend on the recommendations made by the Electoral Reform Commission.

Yunus highlighted the importance of giving the Election Commission sufficient time to implement the necessary reforms to improve the electoral pro-

cess. The interim leader's statement comes amid ongoing discussions about ensuring free, fair, and transparent elections, especially in light of past concerns over the integrity of the electoral system.

The government has tasked the Electoral Reform Commission with evaluating the existing electoral framework and suggesting measures to address potential weaknesses. Yunus stressed that it is essential to make these changes before proceeding with the elections to ensure they meet international standards of fairness and transparency.

Stock Markets Close Lower Amid Uncertainty Ahead of US Fed Meeting

Domestic stock markets ended in losses on Monday, continuing their downward trend. The cautious approach of investors, awaiting the outcome of the US Federal Reserve meeting, led to a subdued trading session. Mixed signals from international markets further added to the uncertainty. IT and metal stocks led the Nifty's decline, though gains in media, pharma, and PSU bank shares helped limit the losses.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,133 in the previous session, started at 82,000 and reached an intra-day low of 81,551. After touching a high of 82,116, it closed at 81,742, down 384 points. Similarly, the NSE Nifty opened at 24,753, hit a low of 24,601, and closed at 24,668, down 100 points. The Bank Nifty saw a marginal decline, settling at 53,581.

Among the Nifty50 stocks, 9 gained and 40 lost. Dr. Reddy's, IndusInd Bank, HDFC Life, Power Grid, and Bajaj Finance were the top gainers, while Titan, Hindalco, Adani Ports, TCS, and Tech Mahindra were the biggest losers. Sectors such as media, pharma, PSU banks, realty, and consumer durables showed positive movement, while FMCG, IT, metal, and oil and gas sectors posted losses.

Market breadth on the NSE was slightly in favor of buyers, with 1534 advancing and 1327 declining stocks. Notably, 128 companies hit 52-week highs, while 15 reached 52-week lows. Best Agrolife saw a significant rise after receiving a 20-year patent for its pesticidal composition.

The Indian rupee weakened by 8 paise to settle at 84.87 against the US dollar. The trade deficit widened to \$37.84 billion compared to \$21.31 billion last year. LTI gave a sell rating to Mindtree with a target price of Rs 5710, while Goldman Sachs initiated a buy rating for Aurobindo Pharma with a target price of Rs 1525. Tech Mahindra received a sell rating from Citi, and Paytm shares crossed the Rs 1000 mark. NBCC secured



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orders worth Rs 490 crore, while LIC's unclaimed claims increased by 85% in the past five years. Jindal Worldwide announced it would offer bonus shares on January 7.

Recommended Stocks:

Torrent Power

Torrent Power, a prominent player in India's power sector, focuses on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity. The company's diverse energy portfolio includes thermal, solar, and wind power plants.



Trent

Trent, a leading retail company in India, is a part of the Tata Group. It operates prominent brands like Westside, which offers a wide range of clothing, home goods, and accessories.



CG Power

CG Power and Industrial Solutions, a major manufacturer in the electrical

sector, specializes in power transformers, motors, and switchgear. The company caters to both domestic and international markets with a strong presence.



Zomato



Zomato, a major food delivery and restaurant discovery platform, provides services across India and internationally. The company connects consumers to restaurants, offering food delivery, online ordering, and restaurant reviews.

PolicyBazaar



PolicyBazaar, an online insurance aggregator, provides a comprehensive platform for buying and comparing insurance products. The company offers a range of policies, including health, life, and motor insurance, to Indian consumers.

WPI Inflation Drops to 3-Month Low of 1.89% in November



India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation eased to 1.89% in November 2024, marking a three-month low compared to 2.36% in October, according to the latest data from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The decline was largely driven by lower food prices, particularly vegetables, which saw a significant reduction in inflation during the month.

The WPI inflation had stood at 0.39% in November 2023, and the latest figures show a notable easing in food item inflation. It dropped to 8.63% in November, down from 13.54% in October. The reduction was mainly attributed to a sharp fall in vegetable prices, with vegetable inflation plummeting to 28.57% from 63.04% in October. However, potato inflation remained elevated at 82.79%, while onion inflation saw a significant drop to 2.85%.

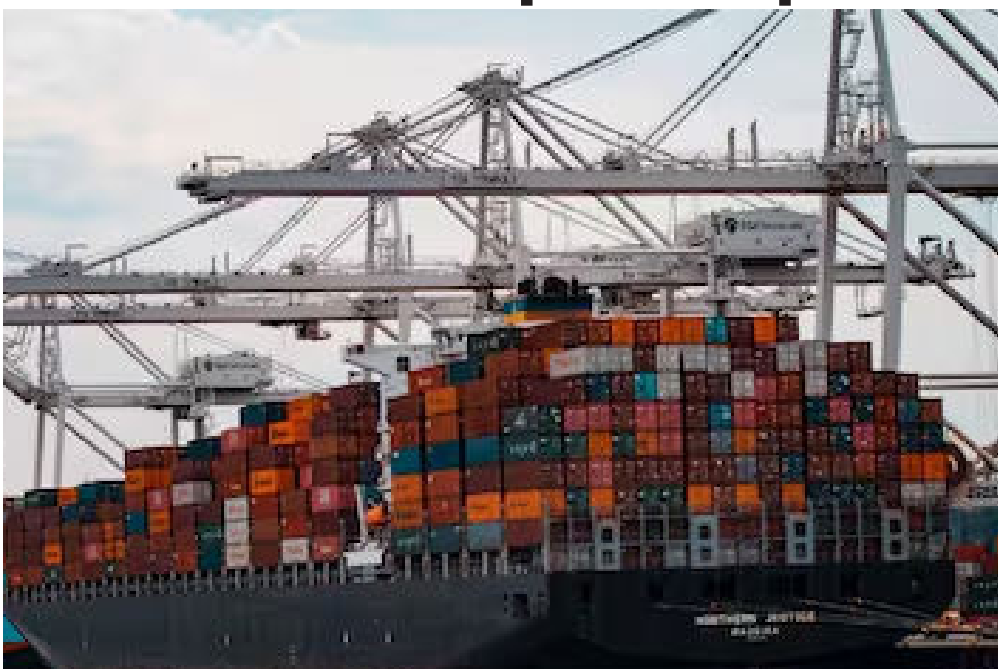
The fuel and power sector also experienced a deflation of 5.83% in November, slightly worse than the deflation of 5.79% in October. In the manufactured goods category, inflation rose to 2% in November, up from 1.5% in October.

Senior economist Rahul Agrawal from ICRA Limited explained that the easing of WPI inflation was primarily driven by a favorable base effect, with primary food articles, especially vegetables, contributing significantly to the decline. Despite the moderation in food prices, other categories, such as manufactured goods, saw an uptick in inflation readings.

Core inflation (non-food manufacturing) inched up to 0.5% in November from 0.3% in October, continuing its subdued trend below 1.0% for the fourth consecutive month. This has helped mitigate the rise in headline WPI inflation, despite persistent food inflation.

Looking ahead, ICRA expects WPI inflation to rise to around 2.5-3.0% in December 2024, driven by increased food prices and slight changes in global commodity and crude oil prices. However, the robust outlook for the rabi crop and favorable seasonal trends in food inflation offer hope for continued moderation.

India's Exports Contract 4.85% to \$32.11 Billion in November; Imports Up 27%



India's merchandise exports saw a decline of 4.85% in November 2024, totaling \$32.11 billion, compared to \$33.75 billion during the same month last year. This contraction in exports comes despite efforts to boost overseas trade. However, imports surged by 27% to \$69.95 billion in November, up from \$55.06 billion in the previous year, leading to a widening trade deficit.

The significant rise in imports was largely driven by the country's demand for gold, with gold imports hitting a record high of \$14.8 billion in November, marking a notable increase. This rise in gold imports contributed heavily to the overall surge in total imports. Additionally, the increase in oil and other essential commodities further fueled the rise in overall imports for the month.

The widening trade deficit for No-

vember stood at \$37.84 billion, which represents a significant gap between imports and exports, highlighting the ongoing challenges facing the Indian trade sector.

Looking at the fiscal year from April to November 2024, India's total exports grew by 2.17% to \$284.31 billion, while imports increased by 8.35% to \$486.73 billion. The higher import growth rate compared to exports has been a consistent trend, contributing to an expanded trade deficit over the past months.

This trend reflects both global economic challenges and domestic demand patterns, particularly the increasing consumption of gold and energy resources. With a continued focus on exports, it will be critical for the government and businesses to address the trade imbalance and enhance export performance in the coming months.

Rupee Hits New Record Low, Falls 9 Paise to 84.89 Against US Dollar

The Indian rupee hit a fresh all-time low on Monday, declining by 9 paise to close at 84.89 against the US dollar, continuing its downward trend. The rupee's fall came amid weak domestic market conditions and rising US bond yields. On the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 84.83 and touched a low of 84.89 during the day's trade.

The decline in the rupee was attributed to several factors, including a weak tone in the domestic markets and higher US bond yields, which increased the demand for the dollar. However, traders noted that a softer US dollar helped cushion the downside. On Friday, the rupee had rebounded slightly, gaining 8 paise to close at 84.80.

The Indian rupee's previous record low was reached on December 12, when it ended at 84.88 against the dollar. Analysts suggest that the rupee may continue to trade with a negative bias due to rising expectations of a rate cut by the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), coupled with the weak domestic economic sentiment. Additionally, elevated crude oil prices may put further pressure on the rupee.

Despite these challenges, the inflow of foreign institutional investment (FII) and the cooling off of inflation may offer some support for the rupee. On the domestic economic front, wholesale price-based inflation dropped to 1.89% in November, a three-month low, mainly due to cheaper food items. Retail inflation also eased to 5.48%, coming within the Reserve Bank of India's comfort zone, providing room for a possible rate cut in the upcoming meeting.

Looking ahead, traders are focused on data from the US, including the PMI and the Empire State Manu-

facturing Index, and the upcoming FOMC meeting. The USD-INR spot price is expected to trade between 84.65 and 85.05 in the near term. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six major currencies, was down 0.14% at 106.85. Brent crude prices also dropped slightly by 0.78% to \$73.91 per barrel.

In the domestic equity markets, the Sensex fell by 384.55 points (0.47%) to close at 81,748.57, while the Nifty lost 100.05 points (0.4%) to settle at 24,668.25.





Flesh-Eating Human Parasite Resurfaces, Raises New Concerns



U.S. officials have issued warnings following the resurgence of the New World screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*), a flesh-eating parasite that primarily affects livestock but can also infect humans. Once thought to be nearly eradicated from the U.S. and Central America through sterilization programs in the mid-20th century, recent reports of detections in Mexico and an uptick in cases across Central America since 2023 have raised concerns about a troubling comeback.

Impact on Livestock and Humans

The screwworm's lifecycle begins when female flies lay eggs in open wounds or bodily orifices of warm-blooded animals. The hatched larvae then burrow into the host's flesh, feeding on the tissue and causing painful, enlarging wounds. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that a single female can lay up to 300 eggs, and the parasite's lifecycle allows for multiple egg-laying cycles. There are no approved medical treatments for these infestations, and the only method of dealing with them is the physical removal of the larvae.

Panama has been particularly affected, with cases skyrocketing from 25 annually before 2023 to more than 22,600 confirmed instances by December 2024. Costa Rica has also reported an increase in human cases, including a fatality earlier this year, according to the U.S. Embassy in Costa Rica.

Preventative Measures and Monitoring

In response to the threat, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has imposed restrictions on livestock imports from Mexico to prevent the parasite's spread into the U.S. Additionally, a barrier zone between the U.S. and Panama, established in 2006, is being closely monitored. Authorities are urging residents in affected areas to protect open wounds, use insect repellents, and report any signs of screwworm infestations in animals.

The resurgence of the screwworm parasite serves as a stark reminder of the importance of vigilance in controlling this dangerous pest, which threatens both animal and human health.

Those Who Give Money To Beggars In Indore Will Now Face Police Case



Indore, known as India's cleanest city, has set its sights on becoming beggar-free by implementing an extreme measure to curb begging on its streets. Starting from January 1, 2025, the district administration will register FIRs against individuals who give money to beggars, aiming to eliminate the practice and discourage donations.

District Collector Ashish Singh emphasized the seriousness of the initiative, stating that an official order banning begging has already been issued. "Our awareness campaign against begging will continue until the end of this month. From January 1, anyone found giving alms will face legal action," Singh said. He further urged residents to refrain from aiding beggars, calling the act "a sin" that perpetuates the issue.

The drive to make Indore beggar-free is part of a pilot project by the central government to rehabilitate beggars across 10 major cities, including Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Indore, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, and Ahmedabad. The project focuses on rehabilitation and social reintegration, aiming to provide a long-term solution rather than

just addressing the visible problem.

The administration's anti-begging campaign has uncovered some surprising facts. Project officer Dinesh Mishra revealed that some beggars possess homes and even receive substantial sums of money. In one case, a beggar was found to have ₹29,000 in their possession, while another was involved in loaning money for interest. Mishra also reported that certain begging rings, including those involving children, were found to be organized in hotels. These discoveries have prompted the city administration to take a firmer stance on the issue.

In support of the initiative, Madhya Pradesh's Social Welfare Minister Narayan Singh Kushwaha announced that an Indore-based organization will assist in rehabilitating beggars. The organization will provide shelter and support for six months, helping them find employment and integrate into society.

Indore's ambitious plan, with its focus on legal action and rehabilitation, aims to end begging while offering solutions to improve the lives of those affected.

Apple Set to Revamp Magic Mouse with New Design and Charging Port Update

Apple is reportedly working on an updated version of its Magic Mouse, the wireless accessory designed to complement Mac computers. The current model, which was last updated in 2015, could soon receive a significant redesign, according to Bloomberg's Mark Gurman in his latest Power On newsletter. The most notable change in the upcoming version of the Magic Mouse will be a new location for the charging port, addressing one of the most common complaints from users.



Sources have informed Gurman that Apple is developing prototypes for the new Magic Mouse, with the goal of overhauling its design. The redesigned model is expected to address several longstanding issues with the current version, particularly the charging port's placement. Since Apple switched to built-in rechargeable batteries in 2015, the Lightning charging port has been located at the bottom of the mouse, making it unusable while charging. This design flaw has been widely criticized by users, as it forces them to wait for the mouse to charge before using it again.

If the claims are accurate, Apple could launch the third-generation Magic Mouse within the next few years. The first-generation Magic Mouse debuted in 2009, followed by the second generation in 2015. The second-generation model featured the Lightning port at the bottom, which many users found inconvenient.

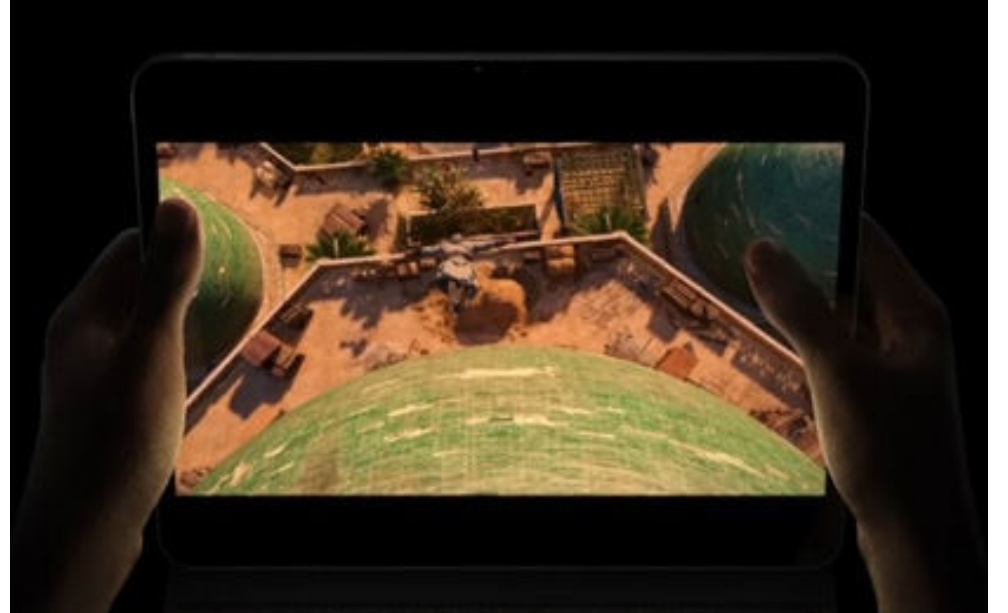
In compliance with European Union regulations, Apple has already transitioned the Magic Mouse to use a USB Type-C port, but the location of the port remains a point of frustration.

Alongside the charging port relocation, the updated Magic Mouse is expected to have a more modern approach in terms of ergonomics, addressing criticisms that the current model isn't as comfortable as similarly priced alternatives from companies like Logitech.

Though Apple has not officially confirmed the release date of the updated Magic Mouse, Gurman suggests that it won't launch within the next 12 to 18 months. The product is still in development, with software and hardware work expected to take several more months or even years before its official release.

Apple's First Foldable iPad, Larger Than MacBook Pro

Apple is reportedly developing its first foldable device, a groundbreaking iPad that will feature an impressive 18.8-inch display when fully opened, according to a Bloomberg report published on Sunday. This would make the device larger than even the biggest MacBook Pro, surpassing the current 13-inch iPad Pro M4. The foldable iPad is expected to transform into a screen size equivalent to two iPads placed side by side.



This bold move marks Apple's entry into the foldable market, which has been dominated by brands like Samsung and Huawei. The report also suggests that Apple has successfully addressed one of the biggest challenges faced by foldable devices: the crease. Traditionally, foldable phones and tablets suffer from visible creases along their folding lines, but Apple is said to have found a solution that makes the crease nearly invisible, offering a smoother experience for users.

In addition to the foldable iPad, Apple is reportedly working on a foldable iPhone with a flip-style design, but this device may not be released until at least 2026. This further strengthens the idea that Apple is slowly but steadily entering the foldable market, taking its time to refine the technology before launching new devices.

With this new foldable iPad, Apple appears to be pushing the boundaries of tablet design, combining larger screen sizes with foldable flexibility. If successful, this could revolutionize how users interact with tablets and open up new possibilities for productivity and entertainment.

Apple's focus on fixing the foldable design issues that have plagued competitors could provide them with a significant edge in the growing foldable device market. Fans and tech enthusiasts are eagerly awaiting more details on this ambitious project, which is expected to shake up the tech industry in the coming years.

Viral Video Shows Dubai Sheikhs Sipping Tea On Two-Wheeled Luxury Car

A viral video from Dubai is captivating the internet, offering a rare glimpse into the extravagant lifestyle of the city's royal Sheikhs. The footage, which has taken social media by storm, shows two Sheikhs casually sipping tea from an ornate golden vessel, perched on a unique two-wheeled luxury vehicle. This unusual sight has sparked widespread curiosity and admiration for the opulence that defines the lifestyle of Dubai's elite.



In the video, the two Sheikhs are seen enjoying their tea beside a sleek, two-wheeled luxury vehicle, offering a striking contrast to the typical four-wheeled cars seen in the region. Their golden tea vessels add to the scene's luxurious aura, with another pair of Sheikhs in a nearby luxury car performing the same tea ritual, further emphasizing the grandeur on display.

Dubai has long been a symbol of lavish wealth, with its Sheikhs often making headlines for their extravagant tastes and ostentatious displays of luxury. From extravagant celebrations to jaw-dropping architectural feats like the Burj Khalifa – the world's tallest skyscraper – the city is renowned for its grandeur. However, this new viral video offers a fresh perspective on the Sheikhs' love for the finer things in life, showcasing an unexpected yet stylish form of transport.

While the sight of two-wheeled luxury cars might seem unusual to many, it perfectly reflects the penchant for the extraordinary that Dubai's royals are known for. Whether it's the latest in high-end automobiles or unique modes of transportation, the Sheikhs' indulgence in life's finest experiences continues to fascinate and inspire admiration from around the world. This video is just another example of how the rulers of Dubai push the boundaries of luxury and redefine what it means to live in extravagance.



Hasan's Final Over Secures Bangladesh's Seven-Run Win Over West Indies in First T20I



Hasan Mahmud delivered a sensational final over as Bangladesh clinched a thrilling seven-run victory over the West Indies in the first T20 International at Arnos Vale Stadium in St. Vincent on Sunday. Defending a modest total of 146 for seven, Bangladesh looked set to fall victim to the explosive batting of West Indies captain Rovman Powell, who had brought his side back into contention with a blistering 60 off 35 balls, featuring five fours and four sixes.

At one point, West Indies were in dire straits at 61 for seven in the 12th over, but Powell's remarkable partnership with all-rounder Romario Shepherd (22) turned the tide. Together, they put on 68 runs off 38 balls, giving their team a real shot at victory. Despite Shepherd's dismissal in the 19th over, Powell remained at the crease with Alzarri Joseph, and with just nine runs needed for victory, the match was finely poised as Mahmud began the final over.

Rising to the occasion, Mahmud struck twice in the over. First, he had Powell

caught behind by Bangladesh captain Litton Das off the third ball, then, just two balls later, he bowled Joseph to uproot his middle stump, leaving Obed McCoy stranded at the other end. McCoy had earlier made an impact with the ball, taking two wickets for 30 runs and claiming his 50th T20I wicket on his return to the West Indies team.

Earlier in the match, Bangladesh's batting was anchored by Soumya Sarkar, who top-scored with 43. Despite a strong spell from left-arm spinner Akeal Hosein, who took 2 for 13 off four overs, Bangladesh managed to push their total to 146, thanks to contributions from Jaker Ali, Shamim Hosein, and Mahedi Hasan.

Hasan, who had earlier contributed an unbeaten 26 with the bat, was named "Man of the Match" for his brilliant bowling effort of 4 for 13, which ultimately derailed the West Indies' late fightback. Despite Powell and Shepherd's valiant efforts, Bangladesh held on to secure the win.

AC Milan and Fiorentina Slip in Serie A with Disappointing Loss

AC Milan's 125th anniversary celebration was soured by a frustrating goalless draw with Genoa on Sunday, leaving the seven-time European champions far behind Serie A's top teams. Despite the occasion drawing over 70,000 fans, including club legends, the performance was underwhelming. Milan's attacking efforts were disjointed, and although Alvaro Morata came close with a shot that hit the crossbar late in the game, the match ended without a goal. The disappointing result left Milan in eighth place with just 23 points, eight behind the Champions League spots and 14 adrift of leaders Atalanta.

Milan coach Paulo Fonseca tried to remain positive, stating, "The players played with desire... the only thing that was missing was the goal." He noted that his team was aggressive, won the ball back high up the pitch, and had plenty of shots but couldn't convert them. However, the fans were not as forgiving, chanting "we're not Americans" at the club's US owners, Redbird, and displaying a banner that read, "We honour our heroes, symbols of a Milan



which no longer exists." The disappointment was palpable, given the pre-match ceremony celebrating Milan's rich history.

The anniversary match also saw Milan's vintage kit and a parade of club icons, including Ruud Gullit, Marco van Basten, Frank Rijkaard, and Andrea Pirlo, who played in some of Milan's greatest teams. Unfortunately, the contrast between the legends and the current squad was stark, with an injury crisis and Fonseca's dissatisfaction with his players contributing to the lackluster display.

Meanwhile, Fiorentina's title hopes took a hit as they lost 1-0 at Bologna, their first league defeat in three months. Bologna's victory moved them into seventh place, three points behind Juventus. Fiorentina's setback left them six points behind Atalanta, with a game in hand.

In other Serie A action, Como secured a surprise 2-0 win over Roma, with two stoppage-time goals, while Roma's struggles continued under coach Claudio Ranieri, leaving them just two points above the relegation zone.

India Struggles at 51/4 on Rain-Affected Day Three of 3rd Test Against Australia



India's top-order woes continued as they ended day three of the third Test against Australia in a precarious position at 51 for 4, following a challenging day of cricket marred by rain. The Indian batters struggled once again against the relentless Australian pace attack, with only KL Rahul showing some resistance at the crease, remaining unbeaten on 33 at stumps.

Earlier, India bowled Australia out for 445 in their first innings. The hosts managed to add 40 more runs to their overnight total, with Alex Carey playing a key role in the morning session. Carey struck a quickfire 70 off 88 balls, contributing to Australia's already substantial lead. His knock followed solid centuries by Steve Smith and Travis Head on day two, which had put Australia in a commanding position.

The Indian bowling attack, led by the ever-reliable Jasprit Bumrah, worked hard in the face of challenging conditions. Bumrah finished

with impressive figures of 6 for 76, continuing his excellent form with the ball. His efforts helped India restrict Australia from amassing a larger total, but the early dismissals in their batting innings left the team struggling to make any headway.

With the rain interruptions making it a stop-start affair, the Indian top-order failed to stand up to the pressure. Apart from Rahul, none of the other Indian batters showed the resilience needed to face the Australian bowlers. Rahul's knock, though promising, was not enough to steady the ship as India found themselves on the back foot once again.

The conditions, particularly the difficulty of playing against the red Kookaburra ball, which has become notoriously challenging since the 2020 ball change, only added to India's struggles. With a day and a half left in the match, India faces a daunting task to turn things around and avoid another collapse.

Southampton Sack Manager Russell Martin After 5-0 Defeat to Tottenham

Southampton have parted ways with manager Russell Martin following a humiliating 5-0 home defeat to Tottenham on Sunday. The club, currently sitting at the bottom of the Premier League table with just one win in 16 matches, made the decision after the dismal performance left them nine points from safety.

In a statement, Southampton confirmed the move, acknowledging the challenges they faced in adjusting to life in the top flight after promotion last season. "We all knew the challenges that we would face this year as we readjusted to life in the top flight, competing in the best and most competitive league in the world," the club said. Despite these difficulties, the club expressed their disappointment with the results, emphasizing the urgent need for improvement. The board had backed Martin and his staff, but after repeated poor performances, the decision was made to make a change.

Martin's tenure came to an end after the team conceded five goals in the first half against Tottenham, a performance that left fans and club officials frustrated. Speaking after the match, Martin reflected on his team's struggles. "I was hurt in the first



half," he said. "We did not respond very well to the setbacks as a group. We have seen that all too often this season. After the first goal, our response was very poor."

Despite the heavy loss, Martin remained determined and vowed to continue working hard. "We have no choice but to keep working and fighting," he said, adding that he would continue to do so until told otherwise.

Simon Rusk, the current Under-21s coach, will take over as interim manager as the club searches for a permanent replacement for Martin.

Indian Football In 2024: A Disastrous Year Of Heartbreaks And Controversies

For the Indian men's football team, 2024 was arguably the worst year in its history, marked by disappointing results and internal controversies. The year began with high hopes for a strong AFC Asian Cup campaign, but the team's performance quickly turned into a nightmare. With just four goals scored and 15 conceded across eleven matches, India's year ended without a single victory.

The AFC Asian Cup proved to be a harsh reality check, as India failed to score in all three group-stage matches, suffering losses to Australia, Syria, and Uzbekistan. The team's offensive struggles were evident, as they managed only five shots on target throughout the competition. These results sealed their exit from the tournament in the group stages.

The misery continued with a 1-2 loss to Afghanistan in a FIFA World

Cup qualifier, a match where Sunil Chhetri scored but India's missed chances proved costly. A subsequent draw against Kuwait gave a glimmer of hope for qualification, but a controversial 1-2 defeat against Qatar ended any dreams of advancing, following a glaring refereeing error.

In the aftermath of the Qatar defeat, coach Igor Stimac was dismissed by the All India Football Federation (AIFF), sparking a public feud between him and AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey. The termination of Stimac's contract, along with a \$400,000 compensation, only added to the turmoil.

Manolo Marquez was appointed as the new head coach, inheriting a team low on confidence and reeling from the loss of their talismanic striker, Chhetri, who bid an emotional farewell. Despite

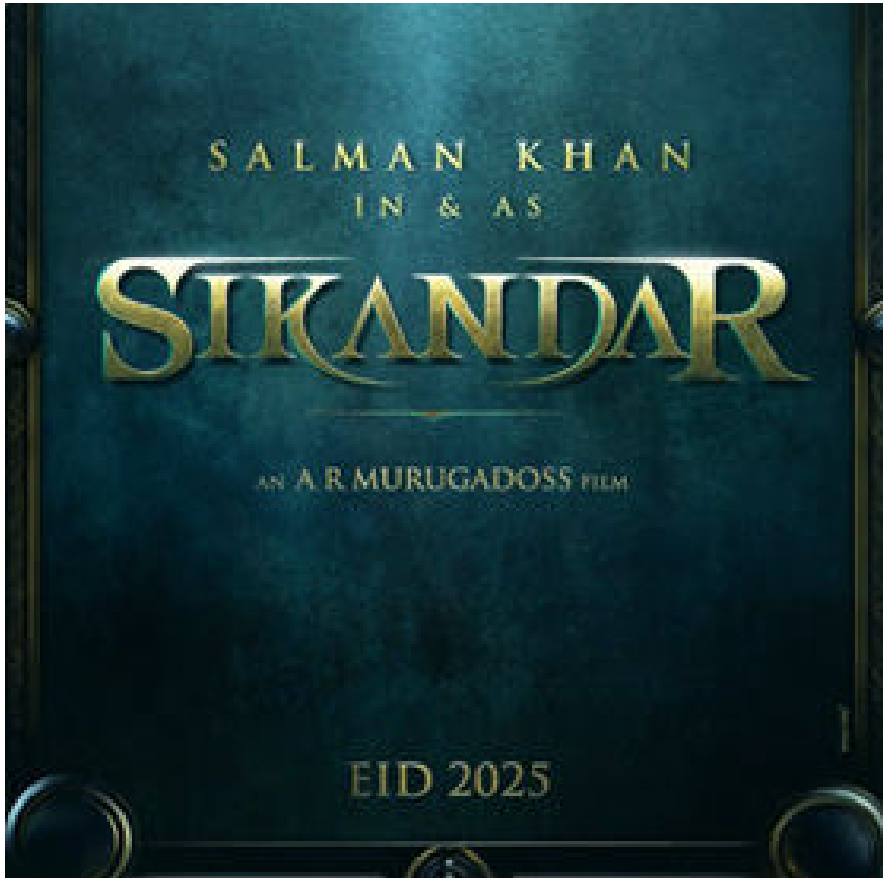


focusing on attacking play and set-pieces, Marquez's tenure saw little improvement in terms of results. India drew three of their four matches under him, including two 1-1 draws against Vietnam and Malaysia, but the team struggled to find the back of the net.

As the year ended, India faced a daunting challenge in 2025: securing their first win in over a year and solving the striker crisis. While the team's future under Marquez holds some promise, it remains clear that the road ahead is long and uncertain.



Salman Khan's Sikandar Teaser Release Date Announced: A Treat for Fans



Bollywood superstar Salman Khan is all set to take the lead in the much-anticipated film *Sikandar*, directed by Kollywood maestro AR Murugadoss. The film is gearing up for a grand theatrical release worldwide during Eid 2025, although the exact release date is yet to be revealed. Movie buffs and fans of Salman Khan have been eagerly awaiting updates, and exciting news has finally arrived.

The makers of *Sikandar* have officially announced the teaser release date: December 27, 2024, coinciding with Salman Khan's birthday. This announcement has sparked immense excitement among the actor's fanbase, who will now get a glimpse of the high-octane action and gripping storyline. But the celebration doesn't stop there—fans are in for a double treat, as the teaser release is coupled with Salman's birthday festivities.

In *Sikandar*, Salman Khan plays the titular role of a man battling corruption and crime in society, showcasing both intense emotions and action-packed sequences.

His character is expected to resonate deeply with audiences, with a narrative that promises to highlight the fight against societal injustice. The film also promises thrilling action sequences, set to give viewers a goosebumps-worthy experience.

Joining Salman Khan in this highly awaited project are talented co-stars like Rashmika Mandanna, who plays the female lead, and Kajal Aggarwal, who portrays a pivotal role. Renowned actor Sathyaraj also plays a key character, adding to the star power of the film. The movie is produced by Sajid Nadiadwala under the Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment banner, and with AR Murugadoss at the helm, *Sikandar* is set to be a major cinematic event.

With all these exciting elements coming together, *Sikandar* is poised to captivate audiences with its action, emotion, and star-studded cast. Fans are eagerly awaiting December 27 for their first look at the teaser, marking the beginning of what is sure to be an epic cinematic journey.

Mohan Lal's First Look as Kirat in Kannappa Unveiled

The eagerly awaited film *Kannappa*, a grand project from the Manchu family, has just released the first look of Malayalam superstar Mohan Lal in the role of Kirat. This prestigious venture, which carries a budget of around ₹100 crores, is being produced by the renowned actor and producer Manchu Mohan Babu. The film stars Manchu Vishnu in the lead role, and is one of the most ambitious projects in recent times.

Kannappa is set in a historical and mythological backdrop, promising a rich narrative filled with intense drama and larger-than-life characters. Directed by Mukesh Kumar Singh, who is best known for his work on the *Mahabharata* serial, the film boasts a stellar ensemble cast, including top actors from both Bollywood and Kollywood. With its grand scale and intriguing story, *Kannappa* has been the talk of the town since its announcement.

Recently, the film team shared the first look of Mohan Lal, known fondly as Laletan, as Kirat, a character that is expected to have a powerful presence in the film. His inclusion in the project has generated immense excitement among fans, as his role is pivotal to the plot. The first look image has further elevated the anticipation surrounding the film, as Mohan Lal's intense persona as Kirat hints at the film's high-stakes drama.

Amidst some family struggles and conflicts within the Manchu family, the film is moving forward as a dream project for them. With the combined star power of Mohan Lal, Manchu Vishnu, and other top stars, *Kannappa* is shaping up to be a major historical epic that promises to captivate audiences. Fans are eagerly awaiting its release, as the team continues to tease more exciting updates.



Dacoit Poster Sparks Speculation, Mrunal Thakur Likely to Join Adivi Sesh

The much-awaited film Dacoit, starring Adivi Sesh and directed by Shaniel Deo, has caused a stir among fans with the release of a new poster featuring a mysterious female lead. The poster, unveiled recently, shows a new heroine alongside Adivi Sesh, reigniting speculation about the identity of the actress.

It has already been confirmed that Shruti Haasan, who was initially part of the project, exited the film earlier. While the makers have not provided specific details on her departure, this development created a void that the production team now appears to have filled with a new leading lady. The filmmakers have announced that the identity of the new heroine will be officially revealed tomorrow at 11:30 AM, adding to the intrigue surrounding the project.

Fans and social media users have



been quick to jump to conclusions, with many speculating that Sita Ramam star Mrunal Thakur might be the new female lead in Dacoit. The excitement surrounding this theory has reached a fever pitch, as Mrunal's name has been widely mentioned across fan forums and platforms. However, whether these speculations hold true will be confirmed when the official announcement is made tomorrow.

The film is jointly produced by Supriya Yarlagadda and Suniel Narang, and features music by Bheems Ceciroleo. With Adivi Sesh in the lead role and a fresh face joining him in the female lead, *Dacoit* promises to deliver a thrilling and engaging cinematic experience. The film's release is eagerly anticipated, and fans are keen to learn more about the plot and the rest of the cast as the mystery surrounding the heroine is finally resolved.

Ram Charan Announces Overseas Bookings for Game Changer Ahead of Release

Actor Ram Charan has officially announced that overseas bookings for his highly anticipated pan-India political drama, *Game Changer*, are now open. The film, directed by Shankar, is set to hit theaters on January 10, 2025, as a special Sankranti festive release, and the excitement surrounding it is palpable. Known for his power-packed performances, Ram Charan's collaboration with the renowned director has only added to the hype, ensuring that the movie will open with a grand reception.

Taking to social media on Sunday evening, Ram Charan shared the exciting news with his fans, writing, "A massive global storm has begun! #GameChanger overseas bookings are now open! Experience it in cinemas worldwide from 10-01-2025!" The announcement was met with enthusiasm, and bookings have already begun in key international markets such as the UK and North America. The film's advance bookings are reportedly receiving an overwhelming response, reflecting the high anticipation from fans worldwide.

Game Changer promises to be an action-packed political thriller, with Ram Charan playing a dual role as both father and son, adding an intriguing dynamic to the narrative. The film also stars Bollywood actress Kiara Advani, who plays the female lead, alongside a strong supporting cast including SJ Suryah, Anjali, Srikanth, Naveen Chandra, and Sunil in crucial roles.

Produced by Dil Raju, *Game Changer* is set to captivate audiences with its powerful storyline, high-intensity action sequences, and a memorable soundtrack composed by Thaman. As the release date



draws closer, fans are eagerly awaiting to see Ram Charan's dual performance on the big screen, making this movie a must-watch for fans of both Telugu cinema and beyond.

With bookings now open for international audiences, *Game Changer* is set to make a significant impact worldwide when it releases on January 10, 2025.

Vishwaksen to Dazzle as 'Laila' in Upcoming Film VS12

Tollywood actor Vishwaksen, known for his mass roles, is set to surprise audiences in his upcoming film *VS12*, titled *Laila*. Directed by debutant Ram Narayan, this film marks a unique shift for Vishwaksen as he will be seen in a lady's get-up, adding an intriguing twist to his acting repertoire. The film's first look has already generated significant buzz, sparking curiosity among fans and film enthusiasts alike.

In *Laila*, Vishwaksen is seen sporting a trendy dual pants look paired with stylish goggles, hinting at an entertaining and unconventional character. The fresh look, which has raised expectations, is expected to bring a new dimension to Vishwaksen's performances, breaking away from his usual action-packed roles. His transformation for this film has intrigued many, and fans are eager to see how he adapts to this new role.

The movie, which also stars Akanksha Sharma in a key role, will have music composed by Tanishq Bagchi, adding to the excitement. The film's release date has been confirmed for February 14, 2025, coinciding with Valentine's Day. *Laila* is expected to bring a refreshing mix of drama and entertainment to the big screen,



promising an enjoyable cinematic experience for audiences.

Additionally, the makers have planned to unveil *Laila's* first rose on New Year 2025, marking the beginning of a fresh promotional campaign. This Valentine's Day release is anticipated to be a massive hit, with fans eagerly awaiting Vishwaksen's new avatar and the dynamic performances of the cast.

As *Laila* nears its release, anticipation continues to build around the film's intriguing premise, Vishwaksen's unconventional role, and the catchy music that is sure to add to its charm.