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Pushpa 2 Stampede: Cases On Allu Arjun Fans

- Cases against Allu Arjun fans for offensive posts on CM Revanth Reddy.
- Sandhya Theatre stampede killed a woman and left her son critical.
- Allu Aravind visited the victim's son Sri Tej in KIMS Hospital.

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Dec 19

The tragic stampede at Sandhya Theatre during the premiere of Pushpa 2 has taken a new turn, with police filing cases against several fans of actor Allu Arjun. The incident, which led to the death of a woman named Revanthi and left her son Sri Tej in critical condition, has sparked controversy on social media. Following Allu Arjun's arrest on December 13, a section of his fans shared offensive posts targeting Telangana CM Revanth Reddy, alleging that the CM had caused trouble for the actor after he failed to mention his name at the success meet of Pushpa 2.



Congress leaders and other political figures lodged complaints against the offensive posts, which led to the police registering cases against several of Allu Arjun's fans. After being arrested on December 13, Allu Arjun was granted interim bail on December 14. However, it has now been reported that the police are preparing to file a petition in court seeking to quash his bail.



In addition to the action against fans, Hyderabad police have also issued show-cause notices to Sandhya Theatre management, questioning why they allowed such a large crowd for the Pushpa 2 pre-

miere despite prior warnings regarding crowd control issues. The stampede that occurred at the theatre has raised serious concerns about safety measures at

public events. Meanwhile, Allu Aravind, the actor's father, visited KIMS Hospital in Hyderabad to meet the victim's son, Sritej, who remains in critical condition following the incident. Allu Aravind spoke to doctors and extended support for the boy's treatment. In a statement to the media, he said, "We are praying for Sritej's speedy recovery. My son Allu Arjun desperately wanted to meet him personally, but his legal team has advised against it. On his behalf, I sought permission from the State Government, and after receiving it, I am here to meet Sritej's family."

₹4,000 Cr Misused in Jal Jeevan Mission by Previous YCP Govt

TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Dec 19:

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has leveled serious allegations against the previous YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government, accusing it of misusing ₹4,000 crore allocated under the Jal Jeevan Mission. He made these remarks during a state-level workshop on the implementation of the mission, organized by the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Department in Vijayawada.

Pawan Kalyan emphasized the need to strengthen the Jal Jeevan Mission to address the pressing water issues faced by the people of Andhra Pradesh. He highlighted the mission's primary objective: ensuring a continuous supply of clean drinking water to all. "The problem of water scarcity must be treated as a top priority," Pawan said, adding that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the mission would be finalized by the end of January and submitted to the Union Jal Shakti Minister for approval.

He commended the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stating that the mission aims to provide an average of 55 liters of clean water per day to every individual. He also revealed that after the coalition government took office, he had requested the central government to sanction an additional ₹70,000 crore to further bolster the initiative.

Pawan's statements underline the government's commitment to addressing water scarcity and ensuring accountability for the alleged financial irregularities in the past administration. The coalition government aims to restore trust and accelerate progress toward achieving universal access to clean water.

Toll Tangle in AP: Pay Every Time You Pass!

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Amaravati, Dec 19:

Motorists in Andhra Pradesh are feeling the pinch as toll plazas implement new rules that require payment every time they pass, regardless of the number of trips made in a day. The updated toll system, applied across 65 toll plazas on national highways in the state, has drawn sharp criticism for its financial burden on commuters. Under the previous system, drivers could pay a one-time toll fee and make unlimited trips within 24 hours without incurring additional charges. However, the new rules have scrapped this convenience. Now, commuters must pay the full fee for the first trip and half the fee for every subsequent trip on the same day, significantly increasing costs for frequent travelers.

For instance, earlier, traveling from Vijayawada to Kasari and back would cost ₹160 for a car, with a discounted return fee of ₹80. Under the revised rules, the same journey could cost substantially more depending on the number of trips.

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YSR Congress's Selective Caste Politics

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YSR Congress has come under fire for its selective outrage over the treatment of BC leaders in the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). The party's social media teams have been vocal about the alleged insult to MLA Gouthu Sirisha and Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy, after TDP leaders forced an apology from them for sharing the stage with YSR Congress leader Jogi Ramesh at a recent event. Sirisha and Parthasarathy, both BC leaders, were reportedly reprimanded by Nara Lokesh for this association, considering Ramesh's controversial involvement in the 2019 attack on Chandrababu Naidu's house. However, critics argue that YSR Congress, which is now decrying caste-based treatment, conveniently overlooked its own mistreatment of BC leaders like Sirisha and Parthasarathy in the past. Kolusu Parthasarathy, a loyalist of former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, was reportedly sidelined within YSR Congress despite his experience and qualifications, with the party denying him both a cabinet post and an MLA ticket for 2024.

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Andhra Police Seize Rs 8.5 Cr in Red Sandalwood Smuggling Ops

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Amaravati, Dec 19

In a significant operation against red sandalwood smuggling, Andhra Pradesh police have made a major breakthrough by seizing illegal logs worth Rs 8.5 crore. The operation, led by the Tirupati Red Sandalwood Task Force, resulted in the recovery of red sandalwood logs worth Rs 3.5 crore, following a previous operation in Gujarat where logs valued at Rs 5 crore were seized.

The operation has drawn praise from the state's leadership, with Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu asserting a zero-tolerance stance on red sandalwood smuggling. "We will take a strict approach to combat red sandalwood smuggling in our state. Those who attempt to exploit our natural resources will face severe consequences," said CM Naidu. He lauded the efforts of the Tirupati Red Sanders Task Force for their diligence and commitment to curbing this illegal activity. The seizure is a direct result of enhanced security measures, including intensified checking and combing operations across key regions to prevent smuggling. Under the guidance of Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan and Forestry Minister Pawan Kalyan, the task force is determined to root out red sandalwood smuggling operations in the state. The government's firm approach reflects its dedication to preserving Andhra Pradesh's valuable forest resources and ensuring that offenders face harsh penalties. The success of this operation serves as a testament to the collective effort of law enforcement and the administration in safeguarding the environment from illegal exploitation.

AP Government Revamps Mid-Day Meal Scheme with Zone-Wise Menu

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Amaravati, Dec 19

The Andhra Pradesh government has introduced a revamped mid-day meal scheme with significant changes to benefit students in government schools. Under the direction of Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, the scheme has been renamed as the Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme. The revised menu, which will be implemented district-wise, aims to provide a nutritious and balanced diet tailored to different zones across the state. The new menu will come into effect after the Sankranti holidays and includes specific food combinations for each day, designed to ensure variety and health benefits for students. To streamline implementation, the state has been divided into four zones:

- **Zone 1: Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Visakhapatnam.**
- **Zone 2: East Godavari, West Godavari, and Krishna.**
- **Zone 3: Guntur, Nellore, and Prakasam.**
- **Zone 4: Chittoor, Kurnool, Kadapa, and Anantapur.**

The menu for junior colleges has also been adjusted to suit the dietary needs of older students. Key highlights of the new zone-wise menu include:

- **Monday: Rice, greens with lentils, boiled egg, and chickpeas in Zone 1; Rice, greens with lentils, egg fry, and chickpeas in Zone 2.**
- **Tuesday: Rice, egg curry, lentils, juice, and ragi java in Zone 1; Pulihora, chutney, boiled egg, and ragi java in Zone 2.**



- **Wednesday: Vegetable pulao, potato kurma, boiled egg, and chickpeas in Zone 1; Rice, vegetable curry, egg fry, and chickpeas in Zone 2.**
- **Thursday: Rice, sambar, egg fry, and ragi java in Zone 1; Vegetable pulao, sweet potato kurma, boiled egg, and ragi java in Zone 2.**
- **Friday: Pulihora, chutney (gongura or vegetable), boiled egg, and chickpeas in Zone 1; Rice, greens with dal, egg fry, and chickpeas in Zone 2.**
- **Saturday: White rice, vegetable curry, juice, ragi java, and sweet pongal in Zone 1; Rice, vegetable curry, sweet pongal, and ragi java in Zone 2.**

The government has emphasized that the revised scheme is part of its broader effort to reform the education system and provide quality nutrition to students. Officials have assured that the menu will be closely monitored for consistency and effectiveness, with provisions to address any challenges in implementation.

The initiative has been well-received, with educators and parents expressing optimism that the enhanced meal program will improve student health and academic performance.

₹30 Crore Sanctioned for Nuzvid Market Yard Development

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Nuzvid, Dec 19

The Andhra Pradesh government has sanctioned ₹30 crore for developing infrastructure facilities in the Nuzvid Market Yard, a significant step aimed at supporting mango farmers and boosting the region's agricultural economy. Housing, Information, and Public Relations Minister Kolu Parthasarathy announced the initiative, highlighting the government's commitment to addressing farmer concerns.

During a review meeting with farmers, traders, and officials, the Minister emphasized the national and international recognition of Nuzvid mangoes. However, he acknowledged the challenges faced by farmers due to declining quality in recent harvests. The government aims to restore the glory of Nuzvid mangoes by improving transportation, enhancing infrastructure, and providing export assistance.

Key Initiatives:

- **Market Yard Development: The ₹30 crore allocation will be used to improve facilities,**



enhance the image of Nuzvid mangoes, and ensure better transportation for farmers.

- **Air Cargo Services: Subsidized air cargo services will be introduced to facilitate mango exports, enabling farmers to access international markets more efficiently.**
- **Food Processing Units and Food Park: Plans are underway to establish food processing units and a food park in the Nuzvid region, ensuring a robust future for the local agricultural economy.**
- **Crop Insurance: The previously neglected crop insurance scheme for mangoes will soon be implemented,**

providing financial security to farmers.

The Minister also stressed the importance of quality mango cultivation and urged scientists from the Mango Research Institute to provide actionable recommendations. "Field-level visits and practical suggestions are crucial for achieving high-quality mango production," he said. Minister Parthasarathy reiterated the government's commitment to supporting Nuzvid mango farmers. "Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu prioritizes the development of agriculture and allied sectors. Our government will ensure all necessary facilities are provided to farmers, from crop insurance to export subsidies," he added.

YSR Congress's Selective...

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He eventually joined TDP, which gave him a ticket for Penamaluru and included him in the cabinet. Meanwhile, Gouthu Sirisha, who served as an MLA in the YSR Congress, faced harassment and intimidation from the ruling party in her constituency. In 2022, she was even detained for several hours by the CID in a politically motivated case. YSR Congress's social media teams also subjected her to personal attacks for her association with TDP. The allegations of caste-based discrimination have sparked debate, with opponents accusing YSR Congress of engaging in "convenient caste politics" and seeking to divert attention from its own internal issues. The 2024 elections, they argue, were a clear rejection of such tactics by the people.

Swearing-In of Sri Allada Swaminaidu as AMUDA Chairman

TPN Correspondent
Amalapuram, Dec 19

The swearing-in ceremony of Sri Allada Swaminaidu, popularly known as Sombabu, as the new Chairman of the Amalapuram Urban Development Authority (AMUDA) took place today in a grand event attended by several prominent leaders and party officials. State Minister Achcham Naidu was present at the ceremony and extended his best wishes to the new AMUDA Chairman and TDP ranks. Speaking at the event, Sri Swaminaidu expressed his gratitude for the opportunity and reiterated his commitment to improving the urban development in the region. He vowed to work towards enhancing the infrastructure, providing better amenities, and fostering sustainable growth for Amalapuram. Minister Achcham Naidu praised Swaminaidu's leadership and experience, empha-



sizing that his appointment would bring new energy and focused efforts to the urban development sector. He also urged TDP cadres and supporters to continue their hard work for the betterment of the region and the party.

The event marked an important milestone for AMUDA as it plans new developmental projects aimed at the holistic growth of Amalapuram under Swaminaidu's leadership.

Meteorological Department Issues Heavy Rainfall Alert in AP

TPN Correspondent
Visakhapatnam, Dec 19

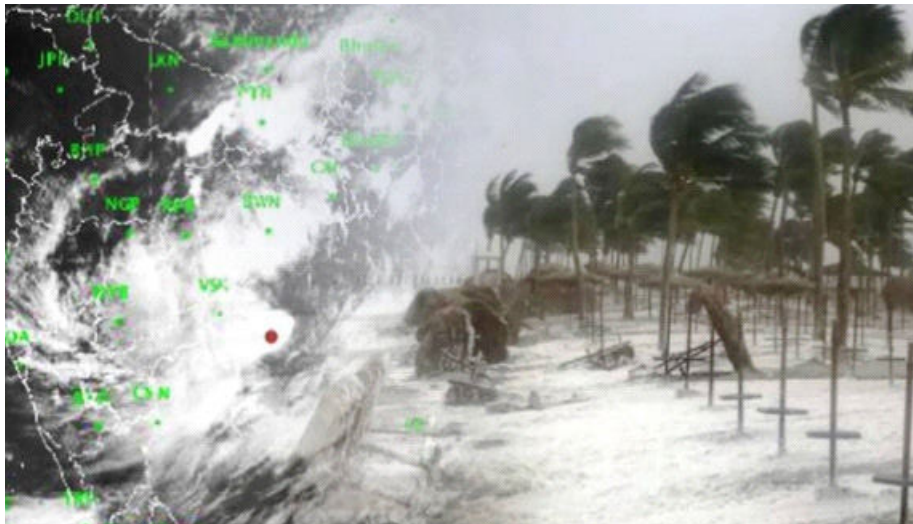
Andhra Pradesh braces for a weather challenge as the Visakhapatnam Meteorological Center warns of heavy rainfall due to a developing low-pressure system in the southeast Bay of Bengal. This system is expected to intensify over the next two to three days and move toward the Tamil Nadu coast, bringing heavy rains to AP, Tamil Nadu, and Yanam.

The state government has urged officials to evacuate people from low-lying areas to safer locations. Heavy rainfall is forecast for Prakasam, Bapatla, Krishna, and Vizianagaram districts on Wednesday, with very heavy rains expected in Tirupati, Nellore, Kakinada, Anakapalle, and

Visakhapatnam. Farmers are especially concerned as the rains could disrupt their harvesting plans ahead of Sankranti.

The government has issued directives to purchase paddy with up to 25% moisture content to support farmers affected by the adverse weather. Farmers are requesting further assistance, including remunerative prices for their crops and investment support for future cultivation.

The State Disaster Management Organization and district collectors have been placed on high alert. The Meteorological Department has also alerted the Railway Department about possible disruptions. Strong winds of up to 55 kilometers per hour are expected along the south coast, prompting advisories against fish-



ing. Fishermen currently at sea have been urged to return immediately. With the state gearing up to face the challenges of heavy rains and strong

winds, the government's response and support for farmers will be crucial in mitigating the impact of this weather event.

Toll Tangle...

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At the Kaza toll plaza between Vijayawada and Guntur, one of the busiest routes, this change has particularly affected motorists, many of whom rely on the road for daily commutes. While there are 69 toll plazas on AP's national highways, only four — at Venkatchalam, Sullurpet, and Boodaram on the Nellore-Chennai highway, and Keesara on the Vijayawada-Hyderabad route — continue to operate under the old rules. The remaining 65 have adopted the new system, which will reportedly remain in effect until 2031. Critics argue that the new guidelines amount to a financial burden on the common man, with many accusing toll plaza operators of exploiting the public. "It's as if the roads themselves have turned into toll traps," lamented a frequent traveler. Motorists have called for a rollback of these changes, citing rising travel costs and the inconvenience caused. However, toll plaza authorities have maintained that the new rules are here to stay, leaving commuters to grapple with the "pay-per-pass" policy.



Jagan Govt Weakened Irrigation Projects - Minister Anam

TPN Correspondent
 Andhra Pradesh, Dec 19

AP Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy has lashed out at the YSR Congress Party (YCP), accusing the previous government of neglecting irrigation projects and failing to prioritize farmers' welfare. Responding to YCP leaders' criticism regarding irrigation association elections, the minister dismissed their allegations as baseless and lacking merit.

Reddy claimed that the YCP government did not have the courage to conduct irrigation association elections during its tenure. "The Jagan-led government showed no sincerity towards farmers, and its actions weakened critical irrigation infrastructure," he remarked.

The minister particularly criticized the YCP government for the deterioration of significant projects like the Somasila and Annamayya irrigation systems. He blamed the Jagan administration for failing to allocate even a single rupee for the maintenance of the gates of the Annamayya project. According to Reddy, this negligence led to mismanagement and severe damage to the project. He further alleged that the YCP government's apathy was responsible for the weakened state of the Somasila project, emphasizing that such neglect had serious repercussions for the state's farmers and agricultural development.



Reddy's statements have added to the ongoing political debate over the state's irrigation policies and the role of past administrations in ensuring agricultural sustainability. He urged the current leadership to take responsibility for the lapses and address the damage caused to Andhra Pradesh's irrigation systems.

The minister's strong remarks are likely to fuel further discussions about the accountability of successive governments in handling the state's critical irrigation infrastructure.

Former MP Margani Bharath Alleges Corruption and Criticizes TDP Leaders

TPN Correspondent
 Rajamahendravaram, Dec 19

YSRCP official spokesperson Margani Bharat, in a media conference, launched a scathing attack on the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and its leaders. He alleged widespread corruption, particularly targeting a TDP MLA, and criticized the opposition's treatment of Dalits and Backward Classes (BCs). Bharat revealed that the National Scheduled Castes Commission is scheduled to conduct an inquiry in January into attacks on Dalits since the NDA-led coalition came to power in Andhra Pradesh. He accused the government of not only attacking Dalits but also harassing BC communities.

Referring to recent controversies, Bharat questioned TDP leaders Nara Lokesh and Chandrababu Naidu, demanding an explanation for their alleged double standards. "On one hand, they apologize to their own leaders, Parthasarathy and Gauthu Sirisha, and on the other, they criticize social interactions involving our leaders. Is meeting at a social event worse than your leaders going abroad with ours to play in casinos? This is national arrogance," he remarked.

Bharat leveled serious allegations against a TDP MLA from Rajahmundry, whom he referred to as the "EVM MLA." He accused the MLA of earning Rs. 24 lakhs daily



through illegal sand mining and running poker clubs, liquor rackets, and land-grabbing operations. "This MLA, who once roamed around with goons, is now exploiting the people with the power of EVMs," Bharat alleged, further calling the MLA the "collection king" for extorting traders and contractors.

On a positive note, Bharat announced the "YSRCP Cricket League," a tournament to be held from December 21 to the first week of January, commemorating former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's birthday. He invited sports enthusiasts to participate and celebrate the occasion.

Bharat concluded by asserting that the YSRCP is focused on development, contrasting it with the alleged "collection agenda" of the TDP-led alliance.

Tirupati Turning into a Haven for Anti-Social Activities - Bhumana

TPN Correspondent
 Andhra Pradesh, Dec 19

Former TTD Chairman Bhumana Karunakar Reddy expressed grave concerns over the deteriorating sanctity of Tirupati, accusing the coalition government of fostering anti-social activities in the temple town. Addressing the media, he criticized the administration for allowing practices that tarnish the spiritual essence of the city.

Reddy alleged that despite promises by TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu to protect the sanctity of Tirupati, the reality under the coalition government has been quite the opposite. "Instead of upholding the divine nature of Tirupati, the seeds of an evil culture — alcohol, drugs, dancing, and DJs — are being sown here," he stated.

Highlighting the rampant liquor trade, Reddy claimed that liquor shops in Tirupati operate from as early as 7 AM until midnight under the supervision of excise officials. "This unchecked promotion of alcohol is deeply disturbing, especially in a city revered as a spiritual capital," he said.

He urged government and police officials to take strict measures to curb these activities. "The sanctity and



uniqueness of Tirupati must be protected at all costs. Authorities cannot turn a blind eye to this cultural erosion," Reddy emphasized.

Reddy's remarks come amidst growing concerns from religious groups and citizens about the changing social landscape in Tirupati. His appeal highlights the need for stricter governance to preserve the town's spiritual and cultural heritage.

YS Sharmila Demands JPC Inquiry Against Adani

TPN Correspondent
 Andhra Pradesh, Dec 19

AP PCC chief YS Sharmila has demanded that the Modi government establish a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to investigate bribery allegations involving prominent industrialist Gautam Adani. Leading a protest under the "Chalo Raj Bhavan" program called by the All India Congress Committee (AICC), Sharmila also urged the Andhra Pradesh government to deploy the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) to investigate claims that YSRCP chief and former CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy accepted bribes from Adani.

Speaking during the protest in Vijayawada, which was blocked by the city police, YS Sharmila strongly condemned the authorities' actions and accused both the central and state governments of negligence in addressing the allegations. She cited a report by the US investigation agency FBI, which allegedly states that the Adani Group paid Rs. 1,750 crore in bribes to Jagan.

Sharmila expressed frustration over the Modi-led central government and former CM Chandrababu Naidu's silence on the issue, criticizing them for failing to act against Adani or investigate Jagan's alleged involvement. She accused Adani of damaging the nation's global reputation and claimed Jagan had tarnished Andhra Pradesh's image by accepting bribes and burdening the state with a debt of Rs. 1.50 lakh crore.



Sharmila pointed out that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) had previously called the issue a massive scam but is now silent, allegedly due to fear of Adani and Prime Minister Modi. She reiterated the Congress party's demand for accountability and transparency.

The AICC's "Chalo Raj Bhavan" program was conducted across several states, including Telangana, where Telangana CM Revanth Reddy also participated. Sharmila vowed to continue the fight until justice is served.

Konakalla Narayana Clarifies Controversy Over Jogi Ramesh's Presence at Statue Unveiling

TPN Correspondent
 Andhra Pradesh, Dec 19

The presence of YSRCP leader and former minister Jogi Ramesh at the statue unveiling ceremony of Sardar Gouthu Lachchanna in Nuzvid has sparked a major controversy within the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). During the event, Ramesh shared the stage with TDP leaders, including RTC Chairman Konakalla Narayana, Minister Parthasarathy, and MLA Gouthu Sirisha. Additionally, Ramesh was seen traveling in a vehicle with TDP leaders, prompting outrage among party workers.

TDP activists have questioned how leaders could associate with Jogi Ramesh, who is accused of orchestrating an attack on former CM Chandrababu Naidu's residence. Demanding strict disciplinary action, they accused the leaders of compromising party principles.

Reacting to the backlash, RTC Chairman Konakalla Narayana clarified that his participation in the event was unintentional and urged party

members to understand his position. "I attended the program on an invitation from the organizing committee.

I had no knowledge that Jogi Ramesh would be present. Even though he attended, I joined the event to avoid disrupting the statue unveiling program," Narayana explained.

He assured party workers that he would never act against the party's interests and promised to provide a detailed explanation to Chandrababu Naidu. "I would never betray the party; this was purely accidental," he reiterated.

Narayana also took the opportunity to criticize a former minister, referred to as "Nani," accusing him of misappropriating ration rice meant for the poor. He emphasized that returning the stolen money would not absolve Nani from accountability. "Punishment is inevitable for those who rob the poor," Narayana said, calling for strict action.

The incident has highlighted internal challenges within the TDP, raising concerns about the party's handling of such controversies.



TDP MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao Sparks Controversy Over His Autocratic Style

TPN Correspondent
 Thiruvur, Dec 19

Thiruvur TDP MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao, known for his controversial behavior, continues to stir trouble within his own party with his authoritative and autocratic approach to governance. Party ranks are increasingly agitated by his actions, with some comparing his behavior to that of a monarch, considering his constituency as a personal empire where his word is law.

Srinivasa Rao, who has been in the limelight for various contentious actions since his election, recently made headlines when he locked liquor shops in Thiruvur, issuing an ultimatum to remove belt shops from the town within 24 hours or face consequences. His decision to take matters into his own hands and bypass official channels has drawn sharp criticism, particularly as TDP leaders in the region question his authority to act in such a manner. Earlier this year, Srinivasa Rao had clashed with a YSRCP leader over the

construction of a building on panchayat land, refusing to adhere to official procedures despite objections from authorities. This incident had already caused an uproar, leading to reprimands from party chief Chandrababu Naidu. However,

his behavior remained unchanged, culminating in another public scandal where he insulted a fellow party representative over poker camps, leading to a personal tragedy when the public representative's wife attempted suicide.

His latest action of locking liquor shops, most of which are managed by

coalition leaders, has raised concerns among local business owners. Some have pointed out that many shop owners have invested significant sums in their businesses, taking loans and leasing properties, and argue that the MLA's actions are detrimental to their livelihoods. Despite calls for official intervention, the MLA's unyielding behavior continues to cause tensions within the party, leaving many to question his leadership style and its impact on local governance.



Bhavani Deeksha 2024 Vijayawada Authorities Review Arrangements for Devotees

TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Dec 19

With the Bhavani Deeksha Kshetra program set to begin on December 21, 2024, and culminate with the Maha Poornahuti program on December 25, 2024, Vijayawada authorities are making extensive arrangements to accommodate lakhs of devotees who are expected to participate. The program, which draws devotees from across Andhra Pradesh and neighboring states, will see worshippers offer maladhara to the Goddess, perform Irumul (Deeksha), and seek darshan at the Bhavani Deeksha Kshetra. On Wednesday, City Police Commissioner Sri S.V. Rajasekhara Babu IPS, along with District Collector Sri Lakshmitha IAS, Municipal Commissioner Sri Dhyan Chand IAS, and other senior officials, conducted a review of the preparations. The team inspected critical areas such as queue lines starting from the Vinayaka Temple, the holding area near the feet of Sita, the Keshakhandana Shala, water points at bathing ghats, prasad counters, and the surroundings of Durga Ghat. They discussed measures to ensure smooth



movement of devotees and reduce crowding, aiming to facilitate a swift darshan experience for all attendees. Speaking at the review, Police Commissioner Rajasekhara Babu emphasized the strong coordination between departments to ensure that devotees face no difficulties during the event. He assured that robust security measures would be in place, and parking arrangements for devotees traveling by vehicle had been thoroughly reviewed. He also encouraged attendees to make use of the "Bhavani Deeksha 2024" app for real-time updates and information. District Collector Lakshmitha shared that an estimated 6 lakh devotees are expected to visit during the program.

In preparation, 15 lakh water bottles have been arranged, and dedicated call centers and command control rooms have been set up to address any issues that may arise. The Collector noted that more than 1 lakh devotees are anticipated to have darshan daily. The officials reiterated their commitment to ensuring the success of the event, highlighting the coordinated efforts and devotion put into every aspect of the arrangements to provide a seamless and spiritual experience for all devotees. The review meeting was attended by key officials including DCP Gauthami Shali IPS, Temple EO K.S. Rama Rao, ADCP G. Rama Krishna, ACP Sri Durga Rao, and other police and temple staff.

MLA Kagita Krishna Prasad Visits Paidamma Thalli Shrine with Family

TPN Correspondent
Pedana, Dec 19

On Wednesday, Pedana constituency MLA Kagita Krishna Prasad visited the Paidamma Thalli shrine with his family. The MLA offered prayers and paid obeisances to the goddess, seeking her blessings. Temple priests warmly welcomed him with a Poornakumbha and performed special pujas as part of the visit. After receiving the blessings, the MLA was presented with a portrait of the goddess and prasad. He also took time to visit the control room situated opposite the temple and instructed police officers to ensure that all precautionary measures were in place to facilitate a smooth and safe experience for the devotees.



Speaking to the media, MLA Krishna Prasad expressed that the goddess Paidamma Thalli's blessings were invaluable and extended his best wishes to the people of Pedana constituency on the occasion of the goddess's festival. The visit was attended by Temple Executive Officer Thikkisetty Veera Venkata Mohan Rao, Temple Trustee Thota Venkata Rama Rao, the temple festival committee, and numerous devotees.

TDP Leaders Express Support for New Waqf Board Chairman

TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Dec 19

The newly appointed Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Waqf Board, Former Nellore Mayor Abdul Aziz, was felicitated by Mohammad Fataullah, General Secretary of the State Telugu Desam Party (TDP) Minority Cell, at the Waqf Board State Office in Kaleswara Rao Market Center, Vijayawada. During the ceremony, Fataullah conveyed his best wishes to Abdul Aziz and emphasized the significant role of the TDP in safeguarding Waqf properties. Speaking on the occasion, Mohammad Fataullah praised Abdul Aziz's appointment, calling it a boon for Muslims in the state. He highlighted that only a government led by the Telugu Desam Party could ensure the protection of Waqf properties and facilitate the development of the community. Fataullah expressed confi-



dence that under Abdul Aziz's leadership, not only would Waqf properties be protected, but efforts would also be made to eliminate the corruption that has long plagued the Waqf Board. Fataullah urged Abdul Aziz to focus on liberating Waqf lands from the influence of powerful individuals ("Bada Babus") and ensure that these properties benefit the poor Muslim population. He further requested Abdul Aziz to prioritize the completion of pending mosque and dargah committees, stressing the importance of honest and service-oriented individuals taking charge of these committees. The ceremony underscored the support of the TDP for Abdul Aziz's leadership and the party's commitment to the welfare of the Muslim community in Andhra Pradesh.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Launches Special Drive Against Single-Use Plastic

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Vijayawada, Dec 19

In response to the growing concern over the widespread use of single-use plastic, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) Commissioner Dhyana Chandra has initiated a special drive to curb plastic pollution in the city. The drive, aimed at enforcing the plastic ban, saw sanitary inspectors conducting inspections at various shops and business establishments across the city. During the inspections, businesses found violating the ban by using single-use plastic were fined as part of the enforcement measures. Commissioner Dhyana Chandra stressed the importance of reducing plastic waste and appealed to the public to opt for environmentally friendly alternatives. He emphasized that strict action would be taken against those who continue to use single-use



plastic, particularly in business operations. The VMC's initiative is part of a broader effort to protect the environment and promote sustainable practices throughout the city. The public was urged to cooperate and adopt eco-friendly products to ensure a cleaner and greener Vijayawada.

13 Accused in Ravi Venkateswara Rao Store Attack Brought for Medical test in Gudivada



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Gudivada, Dec 19

The 13 accused involved in the attack on Ravi Textile, a clothing store owned by former Gudivada MLA and current State Warehouse Corporation Chairman Ravi Venkateswara Rao, were brought to Gudivada Government Hospital for a medical examination on December 18, 2024. The attack occurred on December 25, 2022. The accused, who had been remanded in Nellore Central Jail for 14 days, were transferred to Gudivada for two days of police custody. They underwent the necessary medical checks at the Gudivada Government Area Hospital before being transported in an RTC bus to court for further legal proceedings. The hospital was crowded with family members and relatives of the accused, who provided them with food and other necessities during the visit. Many of the accused were seen speaking with their families, who had gathered to support them. This marks another significant development in the ongoing case.

MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao Closes Belt Shops in Thiruvur Town

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In line with the directives of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao has taken significant steps to eliminate belt shops in Thiruvur town and surrounding rural areas. The Chief Minister's policy, which aims to ensure that no belt shops operate anywhere in the state, was enforced by the MLA during a recent Manaur-Thiruvur program. During the event, several women raised their concerns with the MLA about the presence of belt shops in the area. Acting swiftly, MLA Srinivasa Rao personally led a raid to shut down these illegal outlets. The MLA also targeted the



wine shops that were supplying alcohol to the belt shops in rural areas, further enforcing the government's stance on alcohol distribution. The decision to close the belt shops has been welcomed by the local women, who ex-

pressed their happiness and appreciation for the MLA's prompt action. Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao emphasized that everyone in the area should adhere to the government's decision to shut down belt shops, reinforcing the commitment to maintaining law and order in the constituency. This move by the MLA underscores his alignment with Chief Minister Naidu's vision for a safer and more regulated environment, particularly when it comes to curbing the illegal sale of alcohol through belt shops. The closure of these establishments is expected to positively impact the community, particularly in terms of improving safety and reducing social issues associated with illegal alcohol sales.

Congress Leaders Arrested at Andhra Ratna Bhavan Over Alleged Adani Deal Scam

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Several Congress leaders were arrested by the Governor Peta Police at Andhra Ratna Bhavan in Vijayawada while protesting against the controversial power purchase agreement signed by Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's government with Adani Group. The Congress party has demanded the immediate cancellation of the agreement, accusing it of burdening the people of Andhra Pradesh with an alleged debt of Rs. 1.5 lakh crores over the next 25 years. The Congress party has claimed that the power purchase agreement was a "fraudulent deal" that has severely impacted the state's finances and the welfare of its people. They further allege that Jagan Mohan Reddy received a bribe of Rs. 1,750 crore from Adani, as proven by American investigative agencies. The party has called for an investigation, either by the CBI or by a sitting judge, into the allegations of



corruption surrounding the deal, highlighting that the American court has already filed serious charges related to the bribery. According to the Congress, the deal with Adani was signed under suspicious circumstances, with approvals given in a record time of just 7 hours without public consultation or proper examination. The party has also accused the former Chief Minister and his government of facilitating the deal with the aim of furthering their own interests at the expense of the



state's resources. Congress leaders have demanded that the power purchase agreements with Adani be immediately canceled and that the company be blacklisted to prevent further exploitation of Andhra Pradesh's natural resources. They argue that the actions taken by Jagan Mohan Reddy during his tenure have caused irreparable harm to the state's financial health and its reputation.



Minister Narayana Inaugurates Petrol Station Built by Municipal Corporation in Rajahmundry

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 Rajahmundry, Dec 19

A new petrol station built under the auspices of the Rajahmundry Municipal Corporation at a cost of Rs. 1.96 crore was inaugurated by Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Dr. P. Narayana. This initiative aims to generate additional revenue for the municipal corporation through its operation.

Minister Narayana stated that petrol stations are being set up in 123 municipalities across the state, with the goal of helping municipal corporations improve their financial resources. The station, a collaboration between the Rajahmundry Municipal Corporation (RMC) and Indian Oil Company, is expected to serve as an inspiration to other corporations.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by several dignitaries, including District Collector P. Prashanthi, RMC Special Officer



Ketan Garg, Ruda Chairman Boddu Venkataramana Chowdhury, Rural MLA Gorantla Butchaiah Chowdhury, City MLA Adireddy Srinivas, and Rajanagaram MLA Bathula Balaramakrishna.

During the event, Minister Narayana highlighted the significance of the new petrol station, which will save the RMC Rs. 25.54 lakh monthly on vehicle fuel expenses. The establishment of the station is

expected to generate a turnover of Rs. 3 lakh per day. He also emphasized that the initiative will help municipal corporations save costs and generate income, unlike the previous government's tax hikes. MLA Adireddy Srinivas noted that women from self-help groups will be involved in the management of the petrol station, providing employment opportunities and empowering local communities.

Zika Virus Scare in Venkatapuram Village in Nellore

A Zika virus scare has emerged in Venkatapuram village of Marripadu mandal, Nellore, after a six-year-old boy showed symptoms of the virus. Concerned family members took the boy to a private hospital in Nellore, where doctors suspected the possibility of a Zika virus infection.

As a precaution, the doctors sent the boy's blood samples to a laboratory for testing. Given the nature of the symptoms, the boy was lat-



er transferred to Chennai for further treatment and observation.

In response to the situation, a team of district doctors is scheduled to visit Venkatapuram today to assess the situation and conduct necessary investigations. The district health authorities are taking preventive measures to ensure that the virus does not spread and are closely monitoring the situation. The public is advised to stay vigilant and report any unusual symptoms to local healthcare authorities.

Yanamala Ramakrishnudu Visits Vadapalli Venkanna Temple in Konaseema



TPN Correspondent
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Former Minister Yanamala Ramakrishnudu, visited the Vadapalli Venkateswara Swamy temple in Atrayapuram mandal, Ambedkar Konaseema district. His visit to the revered "Konaseema Tirumala" was marked by a warm and grand reception.

Under the leadership of Kothapet MLA Bandaru Satyananda Rao, coalition leaders organized a ceremonial welcome for Yanamala. The temple authorities, along with priests, greeted him with Poornakumbham honors. After having darshan of the deity, Vedic scholars performed rituals and bestowed blessings upon Yanamala. Additionally, the temple authorities presented him with the Swami's portrait and prasada as a

token of reverence.

During his visit, Yanamala highlighted the importance of preserving and developing the temple as a prominent spiritual hub. Referring to the Vadapalli temple as a "seven-day Venkanna Kshetra," he praised local leaders and administrators for their selfless contributions to its growth.

Yanamala emphasized the need for strategic development that accounts for future growth. "The development plans should consider the traffic and infrastructure needs for the next decade, not just the current situation," he said. He assured his full support in driving sustainable development for the temple, ensuring it flourishes as a center of spirituality and devotion. The visit reinforced the temple's cultural and religious significance and underscored the collaborative efforts needed to ensure its growth as a landmark of spiritual heritage in Konaseema.

Government School Workers Protest in Prakasam District

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 Prakasam, Dec 19

Under the banner of the Center of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), government school watchmen and sanitation workers staged a protest at the Markapuram Sub-Collector's office, demanding resolution of their long-pending grievances.

The workers raised their voices against the delay in salaries, some of which have been pending for six months. They also demanded the provision of two pairs of uniforms for school workers, as promised, and sought job security for those employed in schools.

Key Demands

- Immediate payment of pending salaries for the past six months.
- Provision of two pairs of uniforms for school workers.
- Assurance of job security for



watchmen and sanitation workers.

- Resolution of all legal issues affecting their employment status.

CITU leaders, along with protesting workers, criticized the authorities for neglecting their plight. They emphasized the urgent need for the government to address the financial and legal challenges faced by these employees. "These workers ensure the cleanliness and safe-

ty of schools, yet their basic needs and rights are being ignored," a CITU leader stated.

The protesters called on the authorities to resolve these issues immediately and ensure justice is delivered to the affected workers. Their demands highlight the critical need for improved working conditions and support for essential school staff who play a vital role in maintaining the education system.

Minister Anam Responds to Zika Virus Outbreak

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 Nellore, Dec 19

Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy has commented on the recent Zika virus scare in Venkatapuram village of Marripadu mandal, Nellore. In response to the outbreak, the Minister confirmed that officials have been alerted, and immediate precautionary measures are being taken to prevent the spread of the virus.

Sanitation work is actively underway in the village, with local authorities ensuring that the area is being cleaned and treated. Public awareness campaigns are also being conducted to educate the residents about the symptoms of the virus and necessary precautions.

Minister Anam further assured that if required, random tests will be conducted to detect any other potential cases. Meanwhile, the six-year-old boy suspected of



being infected with the Zika virus is receiving treatment at a super specialty hospital in Chennai, with his condition being closely monitored.

The government is committed to controlling the outbreak and ensuring the safety and health of the local population.

Tirupati District Leads State in Mobile Phone Recovery Through CEIR

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 Tirupati, Dec 19

Tirupati district has achieved a remarkable milestone by ranking first in Andhra Pradesh for recovering lost mobile phones using the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) platform. The efforts of the district police, especially through the "Mobile Hunt" initiative, have yielded outstanding results, bringing relief to victims who lost their mobile devices.

In the past month alone, 435 mobile phones worth Rs. 87 lakh were recovered. Across 11 installments, a total of 3,840 mobile phones were successfully retrieved and returned to their rightful owners. In the latest 12th installment, 4,275 phones worth Rs. 7.56 crore were recovered and handed over to victims, marking a significant achievement in the district's recovery efforts.

Tirupati District SP Subbarayudu praised the Cyber Crime Police for their diligent work in recovering lost phones using the Mobile Hunt application. He highlighted the importance of their efforts in ensuring justice for victims in a district renowned for its spiritual significance. The effective use of technology has not only resulted in the recovery of valuable devices but has also enhanced public trust in the police force.

Official Website Launched

In a move to improve public accessibility and transparency, SP Subbarayudu also launched the official website of the Tirupati District Police. This new platform aims to provide better services to the community and facilitate effective communication with the police department. The success of the Mobile Hunt initiative and the proactive measures by the Tirupati police underline the district's commitment to leveraging technology for public welfare and maintaining its reputation as a leader in citizen-centric policing.



Collector Conducts Surprise Inspection at RIMS Hospital in Kadapa

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 Kadapa, Dec 19

Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri, the District Collector of Kadapa, conducted a surprise inspection at the RIMS Sarvajana Hospital in the district headquarters on Wednesday morning to evaluate the functioning and facilities of the hospital.

Dr. Cherukuri began his visit by inquiring with the outpatient (OP) staff about the outpatient registration process in the OP block. He then proceeded to inspect the Arogya Mitra Registration Center and the Pharmacy Center, ensuring that the services were being delivered efficiently.

Following this, the District Collector visited the male and female examination and surgery units in the orthopedic department. He interacted with the heads of the relevant departments, reviewing their operational procedures and the quality of care provided to patients.

Dr. Cherukuri also inspected the Central Laboratory and Microbiology departments, where he inquired from the doctors about the tests being conducted and the facilities available. His inspection was aimed at assessing the overall functioning of these departments and ensuring they met the required standards for patient care and service delivery.

Unanimous Elections Held for Water Distributary Committee in Penugonda Mandal

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The elections for the Water Distributary Committee in Penugonda Mandal, West Godavari District, were held unanimously, marking a significant step in strengthening the local irrigation system.

Thammineedi Ramakrishna Varapasada was elected as the Chairman of the Siddhantam Water Distributary Committee, while Bobbili Srinivasa Rao of the Jana Sena Party was unanimously chosen as the Vice Chairman.

Speaking at the event, Chairman Ramakrishna Varapasada criticized the previous government's handling of the irrigation system, stating that under Jagannathan Reddy's five-year rule, the system had been left in ruins. He highlighted the coalition government's efforts, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, in organizing the Water Commission elections as part of their commitment to re-



viving the irrigation system. Ramakrishna Varapasada pledged to work as a bridge between the farmers and the government, ensuring that the issues of the farming community are addressed. He also emphasized his dedication to working hard to bring recognition to MLA Pithani Satyanarayana and Minister for Human Resources Nimmala Ramanaidu. The election results reflect a strong collective effort towards improving irrigation infrastructure and supporting the farming community in the region.

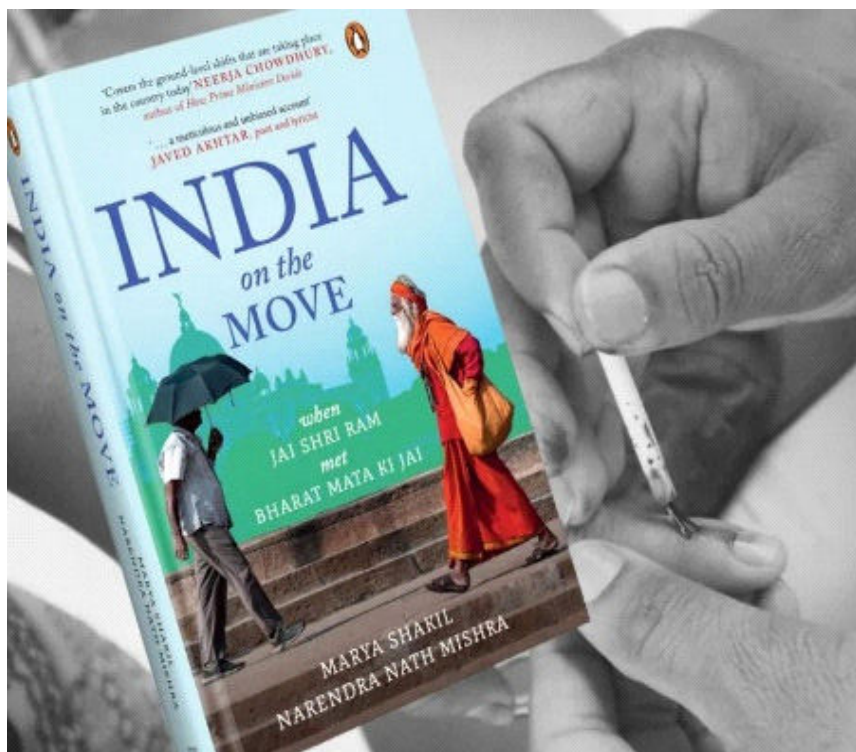


India on the Move: A Deep Dive into the 2024 Lok Sabha Verdict

India on the Move by Marya Shakil and Narendra Nath Mishra offers a nuanced analysis of the complex 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The book explores the election results through diverse methods—WhatsApp group chats, long train journeys, conversations with political leaders, and much more. This honest attempt to understand the election's multi-layered nature stands out for its objectivity, providing insights into the events without imposing the authors' biases, a rare feat in today's polarized world.

The book captures the political landscape by focusing on key moments, like the role of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in the resurgence of nationalist discourse in India. The authors note how JNU's influence sowed seeds of discord among the youth, eventually shaping the country's political narrative. They also reflect on how the Covid-19 pandemic tested India's healthcare systems while amplifying existing prejudices. The pandemic, according to the authors, served as a catalyst for a larger ideological shift, where nationalism played a significant role, often intertwining with governance strategies.

The chapters in the book are filled with intriguing insights, including titles such as "When a Deadly Virus Meets Viral Nationalism", "Nationalism Goes Global", and "Popular Culture: The New Battleground". My personal favorite delves into the shifting political



narratives during the Covid-19 pandemic. The authors' observation that "the new plan of benevolent statesmanship linked with nationalism has now become an inevitable part of politics" offers a thought-provoking take on the evolving political climate.

In analyzing the 2024 election, the authors emphasize the multiplicity of the verdict. They highlight how the election seemed to reflect a series of state-level elections rather than a singular national result. For example, the outcome in West Bengal contrasted sharply with that in Bihar, while Uttar Pradesh offered surprises. Voters in Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Rajasthan rewarded and punished parties

differently, showcasing the diverse political sentiments across the country.

A central theme of the book is the people's dissatisfaction with political parties taking them for granted. As a friend aptly put it after the election results, "Logon ne aukat dikha di" (people showed a mirror to all). The book argues that the 2024 verdict was not a simple mandate but a multi-layered one, representing a triumph of individualism and diverse political voices.

This thoughtful analysis of the 2024 elections presents a compelling picture of a changing India, where multiple political narratives shape the country's future.



Myanmar & Bangladesh in Flux: India's 'Act East Policy' Must First Look Closer East

India's "Act East Policy" has been a cornerstone of its foreign diplomacy for over a decade, with the goal of strengthening ties with Southeast Asia and the broader Indo-Pacific region. Initially coined as "Look East" before 2014, the policy was rebranded by the Modi government to signal India's proactive approach to deepening strategic, economic, and diplomatic engagements with ASEAN and neighboring countries.

One of the key successes of the Act East Policy has been the upgrading of India's relationship with ASEAN, which is now a strategic partnership. Since 2015, India's bilateral trade with ASEAN has nearly doubled, accompanied by a significant boost in exports and foreign direct investment (FDI) from ASEAN countries. Additionally, India's diplomatic presence and engagement in Southeast Asia have seen remarkable strides, solidifying the region's importance in India's foreign policy.

However, recent developments in Myanmar and Bangladesh have raised questions about the long-term viability of this policy. In Myanmar, the political instability caused by the military coup and the subsequent humanitarian crisis has created a volatile environment that challenges India's interests in the region. New Delhi's traditional

role as a diplomatic partner and stability provider is being tested as Myanmar's situation grows increasingly unpredictable. In Bangladesh, India has lost its strategic edge, with the new caretaker government under Muhammad Yunus showing a preference for closer ties with Pakistan, complicating India's diplomatic standing in its neighbor's affairs.

As India faces these challenges, the question arises whether it will continue to rely solely on diplomacy or be willing to leverage its hard power to secure its interests in the region. While India's approach has largely been one of soft power, trade, and diplomacy, the shifting dynamics in Myanmar and Bangladesh demand a reevaluation of its strategy. With both countries in flux, India may need to adopt a more nuanced approach, balancing its economic, political, and security interests while carefully navigating the evolving geopolitical landscape. In conclusion, while India's Act East Policy has certainly brought success in many areas, it must adapt to the complexities of the changing geopolitical situation closer to home, particularly in Myanmar and Bangladesh. The challenge for India lies in ensuring its influence in the region, whether through diplomacy or a more assertive foreign policy stance.

One Nation, One Election Will Propel India Towards Viksit Bharat

The government's proposal to implement the "One Nation, One Election" initiative through the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth) Amendment Bill and the Union Territories Law Amendment Bill 2024 seeks to address one of the pressing challenges of Indian democracy. By aligning the schedules for national and state elections, this initiative aims to streamline the electoral process, reduce costs, and ensure greater citizen participation in the democratic system.

The projected cost for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections is estimated to exceed Rs 1 lakh crore, a figure that underlines the inefficiency of the current system, where elections are held frequently at different levels, causing significant financial and logistical burdens on the nation. Frequent elections not only disrupt the everyday functioning of the government and the economy but also place a strain on voters who are required to participate in multiple electoral processes within short intervals.

The "One Nation, One Election" proposal intends to address these issues by consolidating the electoral cycles. This would ensure that elections for the Lok Sabha and state assemblies are held simultaneously, thus reducing the administrative burden, saving substantial costs, and providing a more efficient and streamlined process. The move is expected to increase citizen participation, as the

frequency of elections would be reduced, leading to greater engagement with the democratic process. By aligning elections across the nation, the bill aims to strengthen democracy by focusing on people's welfare and their participation in shaping the country's future.

India has a long history of democratic practices, even in ancient times. Monarchies like the Cholas and Kalingas practiced forms of democracy long before the Western world embraced such ideas. The foundations of Indian democracy were laid by our forefathers, who built a system that ensures universal adult suffrage, a right that has empowered millions across the country. However, the frequent elections in recent decades have proved to be burdensome, both for citizens and the economy.

It is time to modernize the electoral system. The implementation of "One Nation, One Election" would mark a significant step towards realizing the vision of "Viksit Bharat", or a developed India. To make this transition successful, it is essential for the opposition to set aside their differences and collaborate with the government. Together, they can ensure the unanimous approval of this important bill, safeguarding the fundamental right to vote and enhancing the overall democratic process for every citizen in the country.



The Evolving Debate on Fair Use in the Age of Generative AI

In the mid-1970s, Sony Corp introduced the Betamax video recorder, a groundbreaking technology that allowed users to record TV programs and watch them later. Although revolutionary, this innovation sparked controversy, particularly with media companies like Universal Studios, which sued Sony, arguing that the device would enable users to infringe upon copyright by recording and redistributing content.

The case ultimately reached the United States Supreme Court, and in 1984, the court ruled in favor of Sony. The court decided that the "time-shifting" feature of the Betamax recorder had substantial non-infringing uses, which qualified it for protection under the fair use doctrine. This landmark decision marked a victory for innovation, recognizing that new technologies should not be stifled by outdated copyright laws. However, it also left unresolved questions about how copyright law should evolve to address future technological advancements.

Fast forward to today, and a similar legal battle is unfolding in the realm of Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen AI). AI models like OpenAI's ChatGPT, Google's Bard, Microsoft's Azure OpenAI, and Meta's LLaMA are revolutionizing industries by generating content based on vast datasets scraped from billions of pages of text, images, and other online content — often without permission from the original creators. This has raised a pressing question: does the fair use doctrine still apply in the age of AI, or is it due for a reexamination?

Across the globe, from the United States to the United Kingdom and India, courts are grappling with the limits of fair use, a prin-



ciple originally designed to allow limited use of copyrighted material for purposes like education, research, and criticism. In 2023, the New York Times filed a lawsuit against OpenAI and Microsoft, accusing them of using its copyrighted material without permission to train AI models that directly compete with its content. The newspaper argued that OpenAI's large language models (LLMs) are not "transformative" in nature and that they unfairly pull content from behind paywalls. Among the specific allegations, the NYT cited the unauthorized use of its Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation into predatory lending in New York's taxi industry.

As the legal landscape surrounding AI continues to evolve, the debate over fair use is intensifying. With rapid advancements in technology, there is growing concern about whether traditional copyright laws can keep pace, and if not, how they should adapt to protect creators' rights while fostering innovation.



Sharad Pawar Meets PM Modi After MVA Defeat in Maharashtra Elections

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Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Sharad Pawar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday in a meeting that followed the significant defeat of the Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in the recent state assembly elections. The meeting took place in the Prime Minister's office in Parliament, with Pawar accompanied by two farmers from Phaltan in western Maharashtra, who presented Modi with a box of pomegranates from their farm.

The meeting comes weeks after the BJP-led MahaYuti alliance triumphed in the Maharashtra elections, securing 235 out of 288 seats, while the Congress-NCP-Shiv Sena (UBT) alliance, or MVA, was left with just 46 seats. This defeat has been a major blow to the MVA, which had hoped to retain control of the state.

During the meeting, Pawar did not discuss political matters related to the election result or the current political landscape in Maharashtra. Instead, he focused on the presentation of the pomegranates and shared a cordial interaction with the Prime Minister. Pawar also conveyed an invitation to Modi in a letter, urging him to inaugurate the 98th Marathi Sahitya Sammelan, a major literary event scheduled to take place in February at Talkatora



Stadium in New Delhi.

Following the meeting, Pawar mentioned that he did not raise the issue of the Sahitya Sammelan during his conversation with Modi but reiterated the invitation that he had previously extended.

Despite the electoral setback, Pawar's meeting with Modi signals the ongoing political engagement between region-

al leaders and the central government. Pawar has often been known for his political acumen, balancing his role in state politics with his presence on the national stage. As Maharashtra continues to adjust to the new political reality after the elections, Pawar's meeting with the Prime Minister highlights the shifting dynamics of Indian politics, where regional parties continue to play significant roles in national discussions.

Congress Stung By Shah's Expose On Its Insults Of Ambedkar: PM

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday defended Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remarks on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, stating that the Congress party had been stung by Shah's expose regarding its history of insulting the architect of the Indian Constitution. Modi, responding to the opposition's attacks, said the Congress had long attempted to obscure its misdeeds, particularly its treatment of Ambedkar and the marginalized communities he championed.

"If the Congress and its ecosystem think their malicious lies can hide their misdeeds, especially their insult towards Dr. Ambedkar, they are gravely mistaken," Modi remarked, emphasizing that the people of India have seen through the Congress party's actions over the years. The controversy stemmed from Shah's remarks in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, during a debate on the Constitution, where he criticized Congress for undermining Ambedkar's legacy. Shah's comments led to a parliamentary uproar, with both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha being adjourned temporarily.

Modi further highlighted the Congress party's long-standing disrespect towards Ambedkar, listing several instances where the party had mistreated him. These included efforts to defeat Ambedkar in elections on multiple occasions, a campaign by Jawaharlal Nehru to ensure his loss, and the denial of the Bharat Ratna to Ambedkar despite his significant contributions to the nation. Additionally, Modi pointed out that Congress had refused to place a portrait of Ambedkar in Parliament's Central Hall, underscoring its neglect of his contributions.

The Prime Minister also accused the Congress of being complicit in the worst atrocities against Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) during its time in power, calling it an undeniable part of the party's history.

Tamil Nadu CM Stalin Takes Veiled Jibe At BJP, Modi Over Ambedkar Remarks

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DMK President and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin criticized the ruling party at the Centre for targeting Congress over its stance on the Constitution and for attacking the party regarding its historical relationship with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Stalin's comments came in the wake of recent remarks made by senior leaders of the ruling party, though he refrained from directly naming them.

In a cryptic post on 'X' (formerly Twitter), Stalin wrote in Tamil, "Only those who commit more sins should be concerned about 'punya.' Those who are concerned about the country, its people, and the protection of the Constitution will only utter the name of Babasaheb." This statement followed the contentious remarks made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who both recently listed allegations against Congress related to its treatment of Ambedkar.

Modi had sharply criticized Congress, accusing the party of undermining Ambedkar's legacy, pointing out that he was defeated in elections by Congress twice, and alleging that Pandit Nehru made his loss a prestige issue. Modi also accused Congress of denying Ambedkar the Bharat Ratna and refusing to honor his portrait in Parliament's Central Hall. Home Minister Shah, on the other hand, questioned Congress for now invoking Ambedkar's name while it had previously opposed his views and policies, including his stance on Article 370. Shah's remarks also touched upon how the BJP, since coming to power, had built several memorials dedicated to Ambedkar, suggesting that the party had been more proactive in preserving his legacy.

BJP and Congress Leaders to Join Joint Parliamentary Committee on 'One Nation, One Poll'

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BJP leaders Anurag Thakur and Anil Baluni, along with Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, will be part of the newly formed Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to examine the 'One Nation, One Poll' proposal. The JPC will consist of 21 Members of Parliament (MPs) from the Lok Sabha and 10 MPs from the Rajya Sabha.

The JPC has been tasked with evaluating the feasibility and implications of conducting simultaneous elections across the country. The committee will explore various aspects of the proposal, which aims to hold general and state elections at the same time, potentially streamlining the election process and reducing costs.

The committee is expected to submit its report to Parliament by the first day of the last week of the next session. This JPC comes at a crucial time as the debate over



'One Nation, One Poll' has gained significant momentum in recent months, with strong opinions on both sides. Supporters argue that it would bring efficiency and reduce the electoral burden, while critics raise concerns over the practicality and potential consequences for regional political dynamics. As part of the JPC's mandate, it will consider various inputs from political parties, experts, and other stakeholders to build a comprehensive understanding of the proposal. The members,

including prominent figures from the BJP and Congress, are expected to bring diverse perspectives to the table. This move is seen as a step towards addressing one of the key political reforms in India, with wide-reaching implications for the democratic process. Once the JPC finalizes its report, it will be presented before Parliament for further discussion and consideration, potentially paving the way for legislative changes that could alter the future of elections in India.

Free Treatment For Senior Citizens At All Delhi Hospitals: Arvind Kejriwal



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In a significant move ahead of the upcoming Delhi elections, scheduled for February 2025, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal has announced free treatment for senior citizens at all government and private hospitals in the national capital. The initiative, called the "Sanjeevani Yojana," aims to provide healthcare benefits to all people above the age of 60, should the party retain power in the Delhi Assembly.

Kejriwal, addressing the announcement, emphasized the party's responsibility to care for senior citizens, recognizing their contribution to the country. "It is now our duty to take care of you. You people have worked hard to take the country forward," Kejriwal stated.

Under the Sanjeevani Yojana, there will be no upper limit on the cost of treatment, signaling the party's commitment to providing comprehensive healthcare services to senior citizens. Registration for the program is expected to begin in the coming days, with AAP workers visiting households to help seniors sign up. Once registered, senior citizens will be given a card, which they should keep safe. The policy will be implemented as soon as AAP assumes power in the Delhi Assembly after the election results.

In addition to announcing this welfare measure, Kejriwal confirmed that he will be contesting the election from his New Delhi constituency. Chief Minister Atishi will also contest from Kalkaji. The AAP has already released the list of candidates for all 70 Delhi Assembly seats, signaling its preparedness for the upcoming polls.

Meanwhile, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has scheduled a preparatory meeting this week to discuss the logistics and framework for the Delhi elections. Sources indicate that the dates for the much-anticipated elections will be announced shortly after this meeting. The announcement of the Sanjeevani Yojana is likely to boost AAP's appeal among the senior citizen demographic, further intensifying the political campaign ahead of the polls.



Fadnavis Aide Ram Shinde Set To Become Legislative Council Chairperson

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BJP leader Prof. Ram Shinde is poised to become the new Chairperson of the Maharashtra Legislative Council. The 55-year-old leader, who enjoys close ties with Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, filed his nomination papers before Maharashtra Legislature Secretary Jitendra Bhole during the ongoing Nagpur winter session. Prof. Shinde's candidacy is expected to be a mere formality, with his election widely anticipated. He was accompanied by several prominent political figures during the nomination process, including Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, NCP President, and senior BJP leaders such as Chandrashekar Bawankule, Chandrakant Patil, Jaykumar Rawal, and Uday Samant from the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena.

Hailing from the Dhargar community and Ahilyanagar district (formerly part of Ahmednagar), Prof. Shinde is a two-time Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA), having won the Karjat-Jamkhed seat in both 2009 and 2014. From 2014 to 2019, he served as a minister in the BJP-Shiv Sena government led by Fadnavis. However, in both the 2019 and 2024 state elections, he faced defeat at the hands of Rohit Pawar, who contested on behalf of the NCP. The Maharashtra Legislative Council Chairperson's position had been vacant for over two and a half years following the retirement of NCP's Ramraje Naik-Nimbalkar. With Shinde's expected election, the BJP will now hold key positions in both the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council. Last week, BJP's Rahul Narwekar was unanimously elected as the Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.



Leaving India-US Relationship In Strong Place, Expect Continuity In Trump Era: Biden



WASHINGTON: The Biden administration has expressed confidence in leaving the India-US relationship in a strong position, emphasizing that this partnership will continue to thrive under the incoming administration of President-elect Donald Trump. Kurt Campbell, the Deputy Secretary of State, stated during a conference call on Tuesday that the Biden administration remains ambitious about strengthening ties with India and anticipates high-level engagement in the remaining weeks of Biden's term.

Campbell highlighted the significance of the India-US relationship, underscoring that both nations have seen substantial progress in various areas, including trade, defense, and strategic cooperation. He noted that the ongoing efforts to deepen bilateral ties reflect the shared interests and common values between the two countries.

Looking forward, Campbell expressed optimism that the India-US relationship would remain a key focus in the Trump administration. He em-

phasized that the partnership has always enjoyed bipartisan support in the United States, suggesting that this alignment would continue under Trump's leadership.

The Biden administration's final weeks are expected to see continued diplomatic engagement with India, with efforts aimed at further solidifying the strong foundation that has been built over the years. The strategic partnership between India and the United States has grown increasingly important in addressing global challenges such as regional security, economic collaboration, and climate change.

As the U.S. transitions to a new administration, both nations are likely to maintain a robust dialogue, with continued cooperation on various fronts. The Biden administration's final push to enhance ties with India reflects its commitment to ensuring that the relationship remains a cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy in the years to come, regardless of political transitions.



Canada Expands Aerial Border Surveillance To Appease Donald Trump

BLOOMBERG: In response to US President-elect Donald Trump's concerns about migrants and fentanyl trafficking across the northern border, Canada has unveiled a C\$1.3 billion (\$908 million) plan, including the deployment of an "aerial intelligence task force." The initiative aims to enhance border security and appease Trump's threat of imposing 25% tariffs on all Canadian goods unless the country strengthens its borders.

The task force, led by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), will utilize helicopters, drones, and mobile surveillance towers to monitor the border more effectively. This measure is part of a broader effort to address issues at the northern border, which have been overshadowed by the larger concerns at the US-Mexico border.

The Canadian government's announcement comes after the resignation of Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, who accused Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of inadequate preparation for a Trump presidency. Freeland was replaced by Dominic LeBlanc, the new Public Safety Minister, who introduced the plan. LeBlanc emphasized the need for robust support

for border law enforcement agencies, ensuring they are equipped to handle national security issues effectively.

The plan also includes expanding the intelligence-gathering capabilities of the RCMP and Canada's cybersecurity agency, Communications Security Establishment. The government intends to increase penalties for money laundering and create a joint task force with the financial sector. There are also plans to enhance collaboration between Canadian and US officials to combat transnational organized crime, including a proposal for a "North American Joint Strike Force" focused on fentanyl trafficking. Additional measures include the deployment of artificial intelligence tools, new canine teams, and a specialized health department unit to prevent the import of precursor chemicals used in the production of illegal drugs. The government also plans to crack down on immigration practices like "flagpoling" and streamline the process for banning dangerous chemicals. LeBlanc expressed confidence that the new plan would align with the objectives of the incoming Trump administration and strengthen Canada-US border security cooperation.

Russia Develops mRNA Cancer Vaccine, Set To Distribute For Free

RUSSIA: Russia has developed an mRNA vaccine targeting cancer, with plans to offer it free of charge to cancer patients, according to reports from TASS. The vaccine, which is set to be released to the public by early 2025, was created in collaboration with multiple research centers and is expected to offer significant benefits in the fight against cancer.



The vaccine's pre-clinical trials have shown promising results, particularly in suppressing tumor development and reducing the potential for metastases. Andrey Kaprin, the General Director of the Radiology Medical Research Center of the Russian Ministry of Health, confirmed that the vaccine would be provided to patients without cost, marking a major step in cancer treatment accessibility.

The vaccine's development utilizes mRNA technology, similar to the one used in COVID-19 vaccines. mRNA vaccines work by instructing cells in the body to produce a protein that triggers an immune response, which helps the body identify and fight the cancer cells. This innovative approach to cancer treatment has the potential to revolutionize how cancers are prevented and treated.

In addition to this, Russia is exploring the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to create

personalized cancer vaccines. Alexander Gintsburg, Director of the Gamaleya National Research Center for Epidemiology and Microbiology, revealed that AI-powered neural networks could dramatically shorten the time needed to develop personalized vaccines, reducing it from hours to less than an hour. This advancement could further accelerate cancer treatment development, providing tailored therapies for patients in a fraction of the time.

This breakthrough highlights Russia's commitment to using cutting-edge technology, including mRNA and AI, in the fight against cancer. If successful, it could pave the way for more affordable and accessible cancer treatment options for patients worldwide.

If They Tax Us, We Tax Them Same Amount: Trump Threatens India With Reciprocal Tariff

WASHINGTON DC: US President-elect Donald Trump has once again emphasized his plan to impose reciprocal tariffs in response to India's high tariffs on certain American imports. Speaking to reporters on Monday, Trump expressed frustration with what he described as unfair trade practices, particularly targeting India and Brazil for imposing high duties on US products.



"Reciprocal. If they tax us, we tax them the same amount. They tax us, we tax them. Almost in all cases, they're taxing us, and we haven't been taxing them," Trump said, reaffirming his stance on trade imbalances. His remarks came in response to a question about potential trade agreements with China, but he extended his criticism to India, noting that countries like India and Brazil impose significant tariffs on US goods.

Trump pointed out the disparity in trade practices, saying, "The word reciprocal is important because if somebody charges us — India, we don't have to talk about our own — if India charges us 100 percent, do we charge them nothing for the same? You know, they send in a bicycle and we send them a bicycle. They charge us 100 and 200. India charges a lot."

He argued that if countries like India choose to impose high tariffs, the US would respond in kind, imposing similar duties on their products. The remarks reflect a broader frustration with trade policies that Trump believes disadvantage American businesses. Trump's incoming Commerce Secretary pick, Howard Lutnick,

echoed this sentiment, emphasizing that reciprocity would be a central focus for the Trump administration. "How you treat us is how you should expect to be treated," Lutnick stated, underlining the administration's intent to adopt a more assertive stance in international trade relations.

The threat of reciprocal tariffs adds another layer of complexity to US-India trade relations, as the two countries continue to navigate their economic ties under the incoming Trump administration. The focus on tariffs signals a shift toward protectionist trade policies, with India and other countries facing the potential for retaliatory measures.

Yoon Suk Yeol Fails To Appear For Questioning Over Martial Law Declaration

SEOUL: South Korea's impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol failed to appear before the Corruption Investigation Office (CIO) on Wednesday, which had summoned him for questioning over his controversial martial law declaration. Yoon, who was stripped of his presidential duties by the National Assembly following his brief December 3 martial law announcement, is under investigation for charges of insurrection and abuse of power.

The CIO had called Yoon to its office in suburban Seoul at 10:00 am (0100

GMT) for questioning. However, Yoon did not show up, and an official from the CIO confirmed to AFP that he had failed to comply with the summons. His legal team had previously stated that they do not believe the insurrection charges are legally valid, but they assured they would cooperate with the investigation.

In response to the summons, the CIO revealed that a notice had been sent to Yoon, but it was returned "undelivered" after an unidentified individual at the presidential office refused to

accept it. As a result, Yoon's failure to appear on Wednesday was treated as non-compliance with the initial summons.

The investigation into Yoon is being conducted by South Korean prosecutors, with the involvement of a joint task force of police, the defense ministry, and anti-corruption investigators. Reports also indicated that the Presidential Security Services had blocked the joint investigation team's attempt to raid a computer server at the presidential compound.





Markets Slide Amid Global Uncertainty

Sensex Falls 502 Points, Nifty Closes Below 24,200

Domestic stock markets have been volatile for the third consecutive session. Investors are on alert in the backdrop of the US Fed meeting and US economic data. Expectations of tariff hikes during the upcoming Trump administration and the surging dollar have hurt market sentiment. Moreover, the high valuations of companies are another reason. Nifty closed below 24,200 as selling pressure increased for heavyweights. Sensex lost 502 points and settled at 80,182.



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The BSE Sensex, which closed at 80,684 in the previous session, opened at 80,666 today. It touched an intraday low of 80,050. It reached an intraday high of 80,868. It finally closed at 80,182, down 502 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,297 on Wednesday, touched a low of 24,149 and a high of 24,394. It closed at 24,198, down 137 points. The Bank Nifty fell 695 points to settle at 52,139.

In the Nifty50, 17 companies gained while 33 lost. Trent, Dr. Reddy's, Cipla, Wipro, and Reliance were the top gainers. Tata Motors, Power Grid, BEL, NTPC, and JSW Steel suffered the most losses. Today, buying was seen in the pharma, healthcare, and IT sectors. Selling pressure was seen in the defense, media, PSE, CPSE, bank, metal, finance, commodities, and energy sectors.

Market breadth turned in favor of sellers on NSE today. Out of 2895 shares traded, 881 gained and 1932 lost. Shares of 94 companies reached 52-week highs while 34 reached 52-week lows. Investors can buy shares of Veegard, StarHealth, Mankind, Dr. Reddy's and Godrej Industries in the short term.



Rupee hits record low of 84.95 against dollar. Nuama has given a buy rating to Berger Paints and Indigo Paints. Citi has maintained neutral rating with a target price of Rs. 300 for M&M Finance. Sai Life Sciences gained 40% on the day of listing. Vishal Megamart rose 40% and Mobikwik rose 90%. Bharti Hexacom shares surge 5%. Sebi to tighten controls to deal with suspicious trading activities. Shriram Finance raises \$1.28 billion in multi-currency funds. Jefferies gives buy rating to Caffeine Technologies on potential expansion in Asian countries. Shares rally. 13 lakh shares of Canara exchange hands in a block deal. Citi gives buy rating to LIC Housing Finance.

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited (DRREDDY)
Strong revenue growth, robust R&D spending (~9% of revenue), and leadership in generics

and biosimilars. Regulatory challenges and dependency on global market conditions. Suitable for long-term investors seeking exposure to the healthcare sector with strong growth and profitability prospects.

V-Guard Industries Limited (V-GUARD)

Strong revenue growth driven by increasing urban and rural penetration. Expanding product portfolio, including kitchen appliances and water heaters. Leadership in voltage stabilizers, diversified product mix, and growing brand visibility. Seasonal demand fluctuations and high competition in consumer electronics. A stable pick for medium- to long-term investors look-

ing to capitalize on India's growing consumer electronics market.

Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited (STARHEALTH)

Market leader in retail health insurance with a robust distribution network. High competition in the health insurance sector and regulatory changes. Suitable for long-term investors betting on the growth of India's health insurance market.



Mankind Pharma Limited

Strong domestic market presence, growing consumer healthcare portfolio, and expansion in US generics. Heavy reliance on Indian market and potential pricing pressures in exports. Ideal for long-term investors looking for a mix of pharma and consumer healthcare growth.



Godrej Industries Limited (GODREJIND)

Strong presence in consumer products through Godrej Consumer. Growing real estate portfolio under Godrej Properties. Diversification into agrochemicals and chemicals. Diversified business model with exposure to multiple high-growth sectors. Complex business structure and cyclical risks in some segments (e.g., real estate and chemicals). A diversified long-term pick, suitable for investors looking for balanced exposure across industries.



Isuzu Motors India Achieves Major Milestone with One Lakh Vehicle Rollout from Sri City facility

- The one lakh unit milestone was achieved with the rollout of the popular Isuzu D-MAX V-Cross from its Sri City Plant, Andhra Pradesh
- The company has successfully doubled its vehicle production over the last two years



18 December 2024: Isuzu Motors India announced their milestone achievement of rolling out one lakh vehicles from its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility at Sri City, Andhra Pradesh. This remarkable achievement underscores Isuzu's steadfast commitment to the Indian market and reflects its growing presence in the country's automotive market. The one lakh vehicle milestone achievement was marked with the rollout of the popular Isuzu D-MAX V-Cross model that has consistently garnered trust and recognition for its durability and reliability.

Dr. N. Yuvaraj, Secretary to Government, Industries Commerce & Food Processing Department, Andhra Pradesh was the chief guest of the event. The guests of honour were Dr. Ravindra Sannareddy, Founder & MD, Sri City along with Makoto Sado, Chairman, Sri City Japanese Company Group.

Isuzu Motors India began its operations in 2016 by setting up its manufacturing facility in Sri City. Bringing synergy in manufacturing operations, the company commenced its Phase-II operations in 2020 with the inauguration of the state-of-the-art Press Shop facility and engine assembly plant. Since then, more than 14,00,000 pressed parts have been rolled out from the facility.

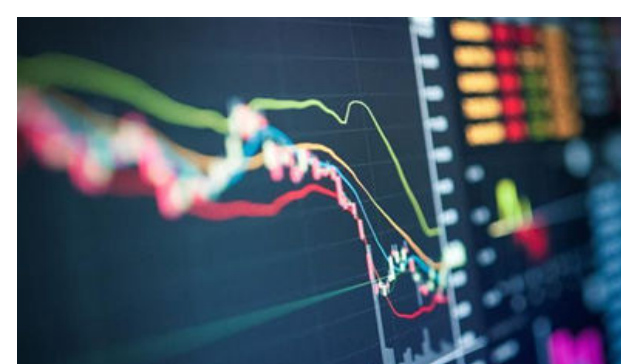
Driven by the growing market demand, Isuzu Motors India has doubled its vehicle and engine production in the last two years, showcasing the company's ability to adapt to evolving customer needs, while adhering to the same global levels of quality for which Isuzu is known for. Aligning with its long-term 'Make in India' strategy, Isuzu Motors India has strengthened its operations for the domestic market and has contributed towards expanding Isuzu's footprint globally.

Sharing his thoughts, Mr. Rajesh Mittal, President & Managing Director, Isuzu Motor India, said, "At Isuzu Motors India, we take immense pride in our journey here in India. Over the years, the company has achieved significant milestones in both production and exports. One key highlight is that around 22% of our production line workforce comprises talented women. This showcases our commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion. Additionally, 100% of our production workforce are diploma engineers and they make world-class vehicles adhering to the same global standards of Isuzu's manufacturing and operational excel-

lence. This has enabled us to become the leading exporter of commercial vehicles from India. As we continue to grow, we remain committed to provide products and services of the highest level of quality in India and in the overseas market."

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Toru Kishimoto, Deputy Managing Director of Isuzu Motors India, said "Achieving this milestone is a testament to the trust our customers place in delivering vehicles of reliable and versatile products of the highest quality that are made for India. This is a proud moment for us and it reflects our unwavering commitment to India, a market of immense potential and strategic importance to Isuzu. We remain focused on delivering value-driven, reliable, and innovative mobility solutions to the delight of our customers."

In addition to ramping up production, Isuzu Motors India has significantly expanded its reach across the country this year. Going forward, the company is looking to increase its touch points for taking the brand much closer to its customers for a seamless ownership experience.



The market correction reflects the broader global uncertainties, as investors adjust their portfolios in response to shifting economic signals. As the market remains sensitive to both domestic and international developments, all eyes are now on the outcome of the U.S. Federal Reserve's meeting and its potential impact on global markets.

India Can Double Global Trade Share with Enhanced Trade Strategies: CII

India can more than double its share in global trade, currently at 2 percent, by focusing on deeper integration into global value chains, improving digital trade infrastructure, and enhancing the competitiveness of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), according to the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

Sanjay Budhia, Chairman of the CII National Committee on EXIM, emphasized the chamber's commitment to collaborating with the government to overcome critical challenges impeding the growth of manufacturing and exports. He outlined that India's growth in global trade would rely heavily on integrating into global value chains, which would foster better collaboration and open new markets for Indian businesses.

Additionally, Budhia highlighted the need for enhanced digital trade infrastructure, which could streamline trade processes and improve efficiency. The development of a robust digital infrastructure will not only make trading easier but also more cost-effective, thereby strengthening India's position in international markets.

A major part of India's trade growth strategy involves boosting the competitiveness of its MSMEs, which play a vital role in the economy. By providing MSMEs with better access to global markets and supporting their growth with modern tools and technologies, India can significantly improve its export performance.

Budhia also called for the adoption of best practices followed by developed countries, particularly in the area of customs regulations. He specifically pointed to the CAARR (Customs Authority on Advance Ruling) Regulation, 2021, which aims to provide certainty in duty liabilities and reduce global trade costs. Implementing such regulations will help Indian exporters navigate trade hurdles with greater clarity and confidence.

The roadmap laid out by CII emphasizes both systemic improvements and practical initiatives that could propel India into a more competitive position in the global trade arena, setting the stage for significant economic growth in the coming years.

BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty Decline Sharply Amid Selling Pressure and FII Outflows

Benchmark indices BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty 50 experienced a significant correction on Tuesday, dropping by over 1 percent each, primarily due to widespread selling across sectors.

The 30-share Sensex plunged by 1,064.12 points, or 1.30 percent, closing at 80,684.45. The broader NSE Nifty 50 also ended lower, falling by 332.25 points, or 1.35 percent, to settle at 24,336.

The volatility index, India VIX, surged by 3.31 percent to 14.49, signaling heightened market volatility. The sharp decline in the indices came amid ongoing concerns over global economic conditions and the uncertainty surrounding the U.S.

Federal Reserve's interest rate decisions. Investors were particularly cautious ahead of the Fed's expected rate cut announcement, scheduled for Wednesday.

Market analysts pointed to continuous selling by foreign institutional investors (FIIs) as a major factor contributing to the market fall. Brokers noted that the foreign outflows created additional pressure on the markets, resulting in widespread declines across stocks. The Fed's rate cut decision, which is widely anticipated to provide economic relief, could influence investor sentiment globally and trigger further market volatility.



OpenAI Expands ChatGPT Search to All Users, Challenging Google

OpenAI has expanded its ChatGPT-powered internet search functionality to all users, marking a significant step in the ongoing competition with Google's long-standing dominance in the search engine market.

OpenAI



Initially introduced in October 2023, the search feature in ChatGPT was available only to paying subscribers. However, OpenAI's latest upgrade now makes this tool accessible to free users as well. The enhancement allows users to access real-time information and provides direct links to relevant sources, positioning ChatGPT as a strong contender against traditional search engines.

The key improvement in this update is the ability for ChatGPT to deliver fast, up-to-date answers sourced in real time from the web. This is a major shift from the previous version, which was limited by data cutoffs, leaving it unable to provide current information. With the new integration, ChatGPT can now offer users accurate and timely responses, reducing the need to rely solely on conventional search platforms for information.

Kevin Weil, OpenAI's Chief Product Officer, made the announcement in a video statement on YouTube, highlighting the global rollout of the search feature. "We're bringing search to all logged-in free users of ChatGPT," Weil said, emphasizing that it would now be available across all platforms where ChatGPT is used.

This expansion aligns with OpenAI's strategy to enhance ChatGPT's utility and increase its competitive edge in the AI-driven market. By offering real-time search capabilities, ChatGPT is poised to challenge Google, which has long been the dominant force in the search engine industry. As users continue to seek faster, more accurate answers, this move could reshape how individuals access and consume information on the internet.

Plant-Based Meat Alternatives to Increased Depression Risk in Vegetarians

A recent study published in *Food Frontiers* has raised concerns about the potential mental health effects of plant-based meat alternatives (PBMA) on vegetarians. Researchers at the University of Surrey analyzed data from over 3,300 vegetarians, revealing that those who consumed PBMA had a 42% increased risk of depression compared to vegetarians who avoided these alternatives.

The study also identified higher levels of inflammation and blood pressure, along with lower levels of 'good' cholesterol (HDL) in vegetarians who ate plant-based meat substitutes. The research compared two groups: one that consumed PBMA, made from plant-based proteins like soy, and the other that did not.

While PBMA is often promoted as a more sustainable choice for reducing the environmental impact of meat production, it is considered an 'ultra-processed food.' These products are often high in additives and chemicals that help them mimic the taste and texture of meat. Despite the potential environmental benefits, the study found no clear health benefits from consuming PBMA.

The findings suggest that PBMA consumption may be linked to increased inflammation, as indicated by elevated C-reactive protein (CRP) levels and lower HDL cholesterol, raising concerns about its long-term effects. However, the researchers stressed that further studies are needed to fully understand the relationship between



these foods and mental health.

Co-author Anthony Whetton acknowledged that PBMA can serve as a useful transition for people adopting a vegetarian diet, supporting sustainable agricultural practices. However, he emphasized that more research, particularly longitudinal studies with diverse populations, is required to confirm the findings and explore the connection between PBMA and mood disorders.

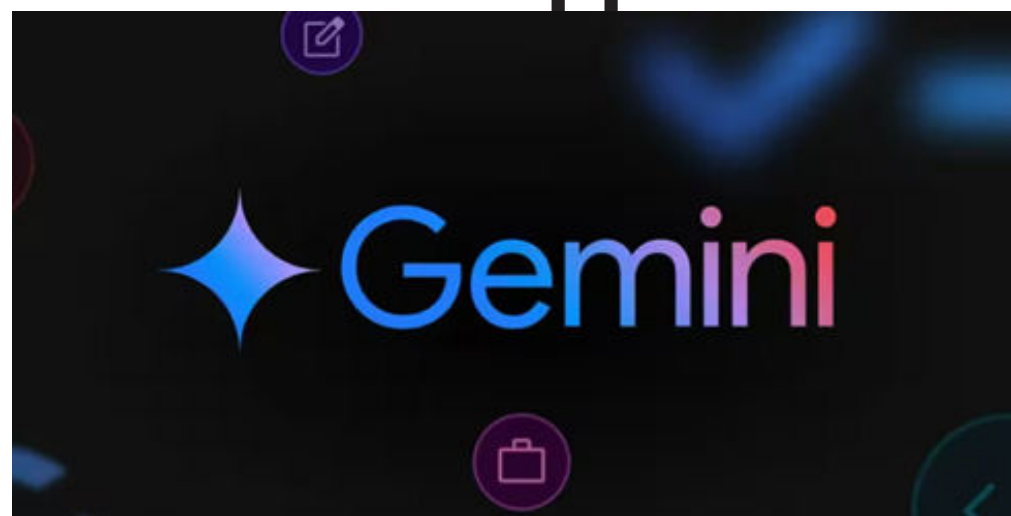
Interestingly, the study also found that vegetarians consuming PBMA had a 40% lower risk of irritable bowel syndrome compared to those who avoided it. Despite these mixed findings, the study concludes that PBMA may be a safe option as part of a balanced diet, although the possible link to depression and inflammation warrants closer investigation.

Google Tests AI-Powered Suggestions Feature for iOS App

Google is reportedly testing a new AI feature for its iOS app that offers intelligent suggestions while typing search queries. According to a recent report from Android Authority, the tech giant is working on a feature designed to enhance search results by providing real-time AI suggestions based on the context of the query.

This feature, which is still under development, has not yet been made available in the global or beta versions of the app. The new functionality is part of Google's ongoing efforts to integrate AI into its services to make user searches more efficient and personalized. During a teardown of the Google app, Android Authority discovered a new pencil icon located next to the camera and microphone icons in the app's search text field.

Tapping on this pencil icon opens a dedicated AI suggestions interface, allowing users to refine their search by receiving helpful prompts. When users begin typing a query, the feature activates and shows related suggestions that help clarify or narrow down the



search. The suggestions appear in a full-screen interface with three rows of contextually relevant options. These rows are categorized by themes such as budget, occasion, or the relationship with the person for whom the search is intended.

For example, if a user types "buying a birthday gift," the AI may generate suggestions like "less than Rs. 5,000" for budget, "anniversary" for occasion, and "wife" for relationship. Users can select relevant filters, such as "less than

Rs. 5,000," "anniversary," and "wife," which would refine the search results to show information from websites catering specifically to those criteria.

This AI-powered feature is expected to offer users a more personalized and accurate search experience, making it easier to find exactly what they are looking for with minimal effort. While this feature is still in development, it holds potential to improve search accuracy and user engagement within the Google app on iOS.

Antioxidant Inspired by 'Conan the Bacterium' Could Shield Humans from Radiation



New research inspired by *Deinococcus radiodurans*, a bacterium known for its remarkable ability to withstand extreme levels of radiation, has led to the creation of a synthetic antioxidant that could potentially protect humans from ionising radiation. This bacterium, often referred to as "Conan the Bacterium," can endure radiation doses that would be lethal to most life forms, making it a subject of intense scientific interest.

A study published on December 12, 2024, in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (PNAS) explored how *D. radiodurans* survives under extreme conditions that typically cause DNA damage, protein oxidation, and cellular destruction. The bacterium's resilience is attributed to its robust cell wall, efficient DNA repair mechanisms, and antioxidant properties that neutralise harmful free radicals.

Inspired by these features, researchers led by Michael Daly, a geneticist at the Uniformed Services University in Maryland, developed a synthetic antioxidant designed to mimic the bacterium's protective capabilities. The resulting compound, called manganese-dependent peptide (MDP),

combines manganese ions, phosphate ions, and a peptide based on the amino acids found in *D. radiodurans*. According to co-author Brian Hoffman, a chemistry professor at Northwestern University, this complex interacts to form a highly effective radioprotective compound that can withstand radiation levels more than 12,000 times higher than the lethal dose for humans.

The antioxidant's potential applications in space exploration and healthcare have garnered significant interest. Daly emphasized that astronauts on long-duration missions, such as to Mars, could benefit from this compound to mitigate the risks of prolonged exposure to cosmic radiation. Additionally, MDP could aid in treating acute radiation syndrome and may even offer benefits in combating metabolic aging. However, the researchers note that further studies are required to assess the compound's safety and efficacy for human use.

As the team continues to refine the structure of MDP, the potential of this synthetic antioxidant grows, offering a promising new approach to protecting humans from the harmful effects of ionising radiation.

Waymo Explores Expansion into Japan with Self-Driving Test Vehicles

Self-driving car startup Waymo is preparing to test the waters for international expansion by embarking on a fact-finding mission to Tokyo, Japan. The company, which has primarily operated within the U.S., is looking into the feasibility of extending its autonomous vehicle services beyond its home market for the first time.



To gain insight into how its self-driving technology could operate in a different cultural and regulatory environment, Waymo is sending over 25 Jaguar I-PACE SUVs to Japan. These vehicles will be deployed starting in 2025 as part of a comprehensive exploration of how autonomous services might function in Japan's dense urban settings.

Waymo's vehicles have so far been tested extensively in the U.S., but the company recognizes that challenges such as local traffic laws, infrastructure,

and consumer preferences may differ significantly in Japan. The fact-finding mission aims to understand these factors and assess the potential for launching a self-driving car service in the country.

The move represents a significant step for Waymo as it seeks to expand its reach and capitalize on global demand for autonomous transportation. Japan, known for its technological innovation

and high interest in self-driving vehicles, offers a promising market for the company to explore.

Waymo's international ambitions are set to be shaped by how its vehicles can adapt to Japan's unique driving conditions and regulatory framework. By sending vehicles to Japan for testing, the company hopes to refine its autonomous systems and determine how to roll out a successful service in one of the world's most advanced automotive markets.

This move reflects a broader trend of self-driving companies eyeing international markets, as the technology continues to evolve and gain traction around the world. For Waymo, this expansion is a pivotal step towards broadening its global footprint and potentially bringing its autonomous vehicles to new markets in the near future.



Ace spinner Ashwin announces retirement from international cricket

India's premier off-spinner, Ravichandran Ashwin, shocked the cricketing world on Wednesday by announcing his immediate retirement from international cricket in the midst of the ongoing Test series against Australia.

Ashwin, who has been a key figure for India in Test cricket, retires as the second-highest wicket-taker for India in the format, with an impressive tally of 537 wickets from 106 Test matches. The only player ahead of him on the list is the legendary Anil Kumble, who holds the record with 619 wickets. While Ashwin has retired from international cricket, he has confirmed that

he will continue to play in club cricket, keeping his passion for the game alive.

At the end of the drawn third Test against Australia, Ashwin made the announcement during a joint press conference with Indian captain Rohit Sharma. In a brief statement, Ashwin said, "I won't take too much of your time. Today will be the last day for me as an India cricketer." After making his announcement, he declined to take any questions and left the stage.

The 38-year-old spinner's retirement marks the end of an illustrious career in international cricket, which saw him play crucial

roles in India's successes across various formats. In the most recent day-night Test in Adelaide, Ashwin claimed one wicket. Following his announcement, Rohit Sharma, the Indian captain, expressed his support, stating, "He was very, very sure of his decision. We should stand by what he wants."

Ashwin's retirement leaves a significant void in Indian cricket, but his contribution to the team, particularly in Test matches, will be remembered for years to come. His remarkable achievements on the field and his leadership off it have made him a true legend of Indian cricket.

India vs Australia: Rain gods play spoilsport again as 3rd Test ends in draw



India managed to escape with a vital draw in the weather-affected third Test against Australia, with intermittent rain throughout the day severely disrupting play. The match ended in a stalemate, leaving the five-match series intriguingly tied at 1-1.

Resuming the final day at 252 for nine, India added just 8 more runs, getting all out for 260 in their first innings. With little time remaining in the day due to the rain-impacted morning session, Australia came out aggressively with their batting, but India's bowlers kept them under pressure. Australia's batters managed to score 89 runs for seven wickets in just 18 overs before captain Pat Cummins made a bold declaration, setting India a target of 275 runs with 54 overs left to chase.

However, rain continued to play spoilsport. Bad light and worsening weather forced an early tea break, with India at 8 for no loss from 2.1 overs. Unfortunately, as the rain intensified, no further play was possible, and the match was called off with India still in pursuit of the target.

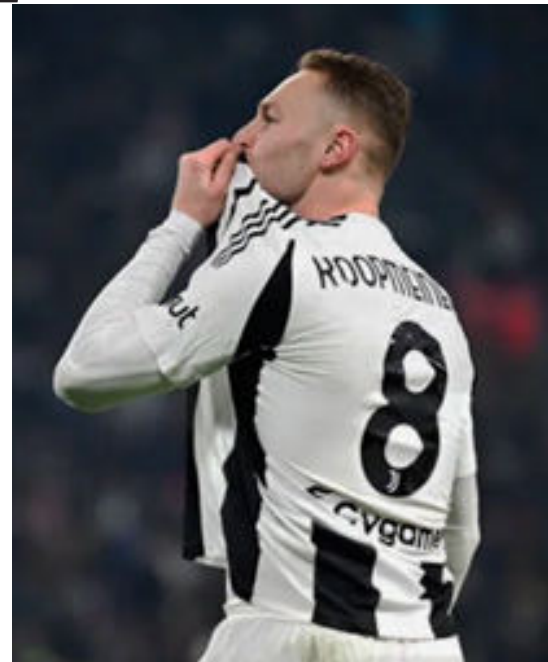
The drawn result keeps the series finely balanced as both teams now head into the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne, where the outcome of the next match will be crucial. With the series tied 1-1, the remaining Tests promise to be full of drama and anticipation. The unpredictable weather may have impacted the final day, but it has only added to the excitement as the series heads toward its next chapter.

Teun Koopmeiners Stunner Sends Juventus Into Italian Cup Quarter-Finals

Holders Juventus secured their place in the quarter-finals of the Italian Cup with a commanding 4-0 victory over Cagliari at home on Tuesday. The win saw the 15-time champions progress confidently to the next stage, thanks to a standout performance, including a sensational free-kick by Teun Koopmeiners.

The match got off to a strong start for Juventus, with Dusan Vlahovic opening the scoring just before halftime. In the 44th minute, Vlahovic showed great composure, swiveling to receive a pass from Kenan Yildiz and calmly slotting the ball into the far corner, giving Juventus a 1-0 lead.

In the second half, Koopmeiners delivered a moment of brilliance in the 53rd minute. The summer signing from Atalanta struck a powerful left-footed free-kick from 25 meters out that left Cagliari's goalkeeper with no chance, doubling Juventus' advantage. This goal was his second for the club, and it underscored his growing influence in the team.



Despite Juventus continuing to press forward, Vlahovic had two more goals ruled out for offside. However, the hosts weren't finished. Francisco Conceicao extended the lead to 3-0 in the 80th minute, cutting in from the right flank and finishing with a clinical shot. Nico Gonzalez added a fourth just before the final whistle, chipping the ball over the goalkeeper in the 89th minute to seal the dominant victory.

Juventus coach Thiago Motta was pleased with his team's performance, particularly given the challenges they've faced this season. "These lads are going through a tough situation in the right way, giving their all in every training session," he said after the match.

With the win, Juventus join Lazio, Empoli, Bologna, and AC Milan in the quarter-finals. Serie A leaders Atalanta are set to play Cesena on Wednesday, while Roma will face Sampdoria, and Inter Milan will host Udinese to complete the round of 16.

West Indies Level Series with Dominant Win Over India

Hayley Matthews played a sensational knock of 85 not out to guide the West Indies to a commanding nine-wicket victory over India in the second T20I, leveling the three-match series 1-1. Matthews' brilliant performance overshadowed Smriti Mandhana's classy 62 as the West Indies ended their nine-match losing streak against India in T20 internationals.

India posted a competitive 159/9 after Mandhana's 41-ball 62 and a quickfire 32 from Richa Ghosh helped the hosts recover from early setbacks. Despite the strong start, India couldn't capitalize fully, with the West Indies bowling attack proving effective in the final overs.

However, West Indies launched a ferocious assault in their chase. Matthews, who had earlier contributed with the ball,



taking 2/36, took center stage with the bat, blasting 17 fours in her 47-ball 85. The West Indies chased down the 160-run target in just 15.4 overs, reaching 160/1. This victory was particularly sweet for the Caribbean side, as it marked their first win over India since November 2016, breaking a nine-match losing streak.

Qiana Joseph played an important role, contributing 38 runs from 22 balls, including 6 fours and 2 sixes, while Shemaine Campbelle remained unbeaten on 25 as the West Indies comfortably

cruised to their biggest win against India in terms of wickets.

The series now heads into a thrilling decider on Thursday, with India having won the first match by 49 runs. With both teams level at 1-1, the final T20I promises to be an exciting conclusion to the series.

Bumrah Becomes Leading Wicket-Taker in World Test Championship 2023-25 Cycle

Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has become the leading wicket-taker in the ongoing ICC World Test Championship (WTC) 2023-25 cycle. The 31-year-old surpassed his teammate, veteran spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, during the third Test against Australia at the Gabba in Brisbane. Bumrah now has 66 wickets in 13 matches, while Ashwin, who announced his retirement at the end of the third Test, has claimed 63 wickets in 14 Tests.

Bumrah's remarkable performance in Brisbane, where he helped India to a commanding position, was on full display. In Australia's second innings, he dismissed Usman Khawaja, followed by Marnus Labuschagne for just 1, and then cleaned up Pat Cummins with the first ball of his second spell. Across both innings, Bumrah finished with a match haul of 9 wickets for 94 runs in 34 overs, demonstrating his dominance on Australian soil.

Bumrah's rise has put him in contention to break multiple records. If he picks up six more wickets in the remaining two matches of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, he will surpass Ashwin's record of most wickets for India in a single WTC cycle. Ashwin claimed 71 wickets in the 2019-21 WTC



cycle, while Australia's Nathan Lyon topped the previous cycle with 88 wickets in 20 matches.

Additionally, Bumrah became India's leading Test wicket-taker in Australia, surpassing Kapil Dev's record of 51 wickets during the second session of the final day of the Gabba Test. Bumrah has now taken 12 five-wicket hauls in Test cricket, with eight of them coming in SENA countries (South Africa, England, New Zealand, and Australia), making him the first Indian to achieve this feat. This broke the previous record held by Kapil Dev, who had seven five-wicket hauls in Australia.



Exciting Trailer Release for 'RRR – Behind and Beyond' Documentary

The blockbuster film *RRR* has left a lasting impact on the global film industry, and now fans are getting an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at its creation. The documentary *RRR – Behind and Beyond* offers a fascinating glimpse into the making of the film, showcasing the journey that led to its record-breaking success. Set to release on December 20th, 2024, on selected screens, the documentary dives deep into the creative process and personal experiences of the film's makers.

The documentary trailer, released yesterday, highlights key moments from the film's production, including director S.S. Rajamouli's visionary approach to the project. The film's journey began on November 19, 2018, when the first shot was filmed, featuring Rama Raju presenting a 'wanted' picture to Bheem—an iconic scene that set the tone for the blockbuster success that followed. *RRR* hit theaters in 2022, becoming a massive hit, and the song *Naatu Naatu* won an Oscar in 2023, further cementing its place in cinematic history.

In the documentary, Rajamouli reflects



on the challenges and excitement of creating *RRR*. He shares insights into his long-held dream of bringing together two superstar heroes, Ram Charan and N.T. Rama Rao Jr., for a collaboration of this scale. Rajamouli admits that despite the confidence he had in his previous 12 films, *RRR* was different. He expresses that he had never felt as much pressure as he did while making this film, due to the immense

expectations surrounding it.

The documentary offers a unique opportunity for fans to experience the dedication, passion, and challenges that went into creating *RRR*. It sheds light on the minds behind the film, providing a personal connection to the process that resulted in one of the most successful films of recent times.

Siddhu Jonnalagadda's Jack Set To Release on April 10, 2025

Tollywood actor Siddhu Jonnalagadda, known for his impressive performances, is currently working on multiple projects. One of his upcoming films, *Jack*, directed by Bommarillu Bhaskar, has recently made headlines with a major announcement. The movie, which is being produced under the banner of Sri Venkateswara Cine Chitra (SVCC), is set to release on April 10, 2025.



Jasaab, starring Prabhas, which was also slated for the same release date. Reports have hinted at a possible postponement of *Rajasaab*, and in light of this, the makers of *Jack* have strategically unveiled a new poster confirming its release on the same date. The poster showcases a striking image of a jeep in a desolate landscape, with a gun in the foreground, creating a sense of mystery and

intrigue around the film's storyline.

This announcement comes amidst speculation about the release of *Ra-

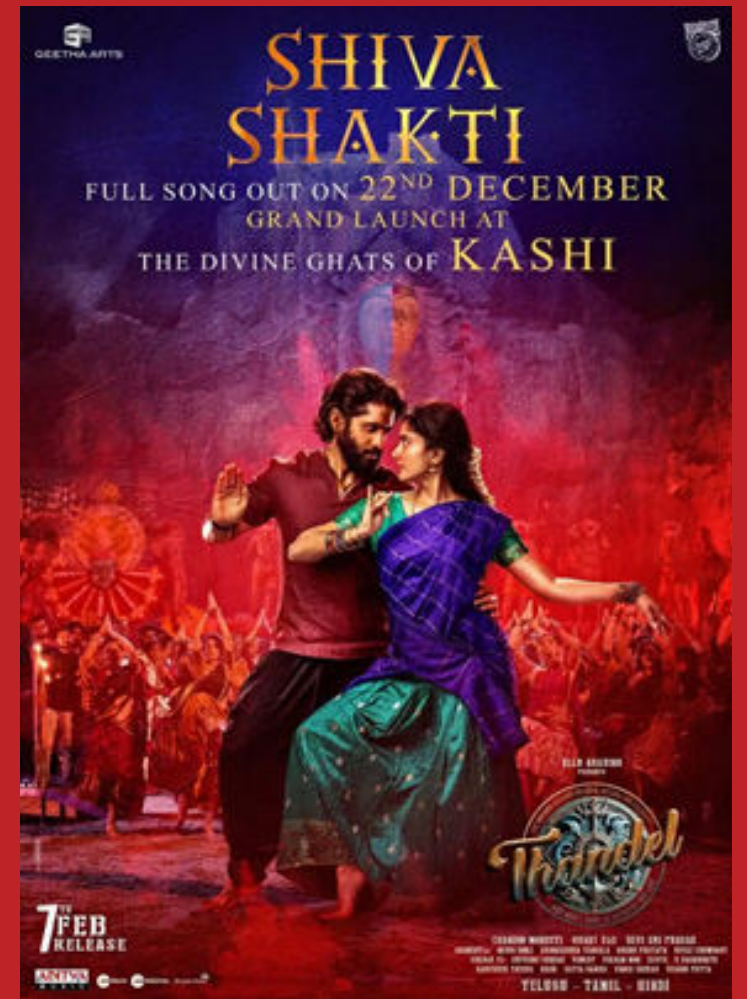
Directed by BVS Prasad, *Jack* promises to be an action-packed thriller

with Siddhu Jonnalagadda in the lead role. The film's music is composed by Achu Rajamani, while the costume design is handled by Neeraja Kona. Fans are eagerly anticipating the movie, and the new poster has only added to the excitement, hinting at a gripping narrative that will keep audiences on the edge of their seats.

In addition to *Jack*, Siddhu Jonnalagadda has other projects in the pipeline, including the highly anticipated *Tillu 3*. The actor's growing fanbase and his back-to-back movie releases are sure to create a significant buzz in the industry in the coming months.

With *Jack* set to release on April 10, 2025, it will undoubtedly be a big date for Tollywood moviegoers. Fans of Siddhu Jonnalagadda and action-packed thrillers are in for an exciting cinematic experience.

Thandel Shiva Shakti Song Launching In Kashi



The highly anticipated film *Thandel*, starring Naga Chaitanya and Sai Pallavi, continues to create a buzz in the industry. Directed by Chandoo Mondeti, the film has already captured the audience's attention with its teaser and the massive success of its first single, Bujji Thalli, which has garnered over 30 million views.

In a recent update, the makers have announced the release date for the film's second single, *Shiva Shakti*. The song, which is a special tribute to Shivaratri, will be launched on December 22nd in the spiritual heart of India – the temple town of Kashi. This spiritual anthem promises to be as powerful as it is electrifying, with deep connections to the cultural heritage of Srikakulam and the ancient Sri Mukhalingam Shiva temple. The song will undoubtedly resonate with the audience, blending devotion with vibrant energy.

The poster for *Shiva Shakti* showcases Naga Chaitanya and Sai Pallavi in powerful poses reminiscent of Shiva and Shakti. Set against the backdrop of a grand Jathara, their fierce expressions and dynamic presence add to the intensity of the visuals. The song's choreography, handled by Sekhar Master, promises to be equally spectacular, while the music, composed by Rockstar Devi Sri Prasad, is expected to further elevate the song's energy.

Produced by Bunny Vas under the Geetha Arts banner and presented by Allu Aravind, *Thandel* is set to be Naga Chaitanya's biggest project to date. The film, which boasts a high budget, is slated for release on February 7th, 2025. Fans are eagerly awaiting the arrival of *Shiva Shakti* and the film's release, as it promises to deliver a unique cinematic experience.

Game Changer To Release Dhop Song on December 21

The much-anticipated political drama *Game Changer*, starring Ram Charan and Kiara Advani, is set to hit theaters on January 10, 2025. Directed by Shankar Shanmugam, the film is creating a massive buzz across the industry, with fans eagerly awaiting its release in multiple languages. To further build excitement, the makers have announced that the fourth single from the film, *Dhop*, will be released on December 21, 2024.

Music composer Thaman has been teasing fans by calling *Dhop* one of his finest creations. With his reputation for delivering chart-topping hits, the anticipation for the song is at an all-time high. *Dhop* promises to be a powerful addition to the film's soundtrack, and fans are eager to see how it complements the film's intense narrative.

Game Changer features an ensemble cast that includes prominent actors like Anjali, SJ Suryah, Srikanth, and Samuthirakani, who will be playing pivotal roles. The film's grand scale and compelling storyline are backed by producer Dil Raju, ensuring that it will be a cinematic experience to remember.

The film is expected to deliver a gripping



political drama filled with high-octane action, drama, and suspense. With the release of *Dhop*, fans are expecting a musical masterpiece to complement the film's powerful themes and performances. As the countdown to the January release continues, *Game Changer* is shaping up to be one of the most awaited films of 2025.

Stay tuned for more updates as *Game Changer* prepares for its grand release, and don't miss the launch of *Dhop* on December 21!

Neha Shetty To Sizzle In Pawan Kalyan's OG with Special Song

Pawan Kalyan's upcoming film *They Call Me OG* is one of the most anticipated releases of 2025. Directed by Sujeeth, known for his work on *Saaho*, the film is currently being shot in Thailand, where the team is working on some crucial action sequences. As the excitement around the film grows, new rumors have surfaced that could further amplify the buzz.

According to sources, *DJ Tilly* fame Neha Sshetty is set to make an appearance in a special song in *OG*. The actress recently posted intriguing stories on her Instagram, hinting at her involvement in a "crazy project" while she is in Thailand. Fans quickly began speculating that the project in question is none other than Pawan Kalyan's highly anticipated film. Although the news has not been officially confirmed, the possibility of Neha Sshetty joining the film has sparked significant excitement among fans.

The movie also stars Priyanka Arul Mohan as the female lead, with Emraan Hashmi playing the antagonist. Alongside the lead actors, the film features a strong supporting cast including Prakash



Raj, Sriya Reddy, Arjun Das, Shaam, and Harish Uthaman, all of whom are expected to bring depth and intensity to their respective roles. The music for *OG* is being composed by Thaman, whose energetic compositions have already raised expectations for the film's soundtrack.

OG, produced by DVV Entertainment, promises to be a high-octane action thriller that will showcase Pawan Kalyan in an intense new avatar. With Neha Sshetty's rumored special song and a talented ensemble cast, the film is set to be a major hit when it releases in 2025. Fans are eagerly awaiting an official confirmation regarding the song and more updates as the film nears its release.