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## Actor Allu Arjun Interrogated More than 3+ Hours in Theater Case

- Actor Faces Intense Police Questioning
- Sandhya Theater Incident Footage Reviewed
- Allu Arjun Assures Full Cooperation
- Investigation Draws Public Attention



TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Dec 25

the theater. Sources revealed that video footage of the incident was shown to the actor, causing him to become emotional. He admitted to making some mistakes and assured the police of his full cooperation in the ongoing investigation.

Despite the intense scrutiny, Allu Arjun refrained from addressing the media gathered outside the station. His car left the premises amidst tight security as the police escorted him back to his residence. The actor reportedly consumed water three times during the session and had biscuits and dry fruits in his car, along with tea, during breaks.

The police have recorded the entire session on video as part of the investigation. While details of the

Sandhya Theater incident remain undisclosed, this high-profile interrogation has drawn significant public and media attention. The police have yet to reveal the next steps in the case but emphasized their commitment to uncovering all relevant facts.

This questioning underscores the seriousness of the case and highlights Allu Arjun's cooperation with the authorities. The actor assured the police of his availability for any future inquiries, as necessary.

The investigation into the Sandhya Theater incident continues, with updates expected in the coming days. Both fans and the general public are closely following the developments in this case, which has cast a spotlight on the actor's involvement.

## Film Development Chairman Dil Raju Visits Sritej, Pledges Support for Revathi's Family

We'll Meet CM Revanth By Today Or Tomorrow



TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Dec 25

Telangana Film Development Corporation Chairman Dil Raju visited Sritej, the 9-year-old boy injured in the recent stampede at Sandhya Theater, who is currently undergoing treatment at KIMS Hospital. During his visit on Tuesday, Dil Raju consoled Sritej's father, Bhaskar, and expressed his condolences for the tragic incident that led to the death of Revathi in the stampede.

Dil Raju emphasized that the government and the film industry are committed to supporting Revathi's family during this difficult time. He assured Bhaskar that he would meet with Chief Minister Revanth today or tomorrow to discuss the incident in detail. Additionally, he revealed plans to meet with actor Allu Arjun to further address the situation. "I came from America on Monday night. We are ready to provide support to the family," said Dil Raju.

Regarding the stampede, Dil Raju also offered Bhaskar permanent employment in the film industry, should he be interested. He stressed that the film industry will stand by the family in this time of grief.

Meanwhile, Sritej's health is improving. According to a health bulletin from KIMS Cuddles, the young boy's vital signs are stable, and he is no longer on oxygen or a ventilator. His fever spikes have reduced, and his blood tests are showing improvement. The doctors also noted that he is tolerating food well, and his neurological status remains unchanged. Sritej's family has received continuous support from Allu Arjun's team and others in the industry, with frequent visits and updates on his health. Sritej's recovery is being closely followed by the film fraternity, and his family has expressed gratitude for the assistance and well wishes.

## ACB Files Case Against Former CID DG N. Sanjay Over Misuse of Funds

TPN Correspondent Andhra Pradesh, Dec 25

The Andhra Pradesh Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered a case against former CID Director General (DG) N. Sanjay, accusing him of misusing funds during his tenure in the previous government. An FIR has been filed under various sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act, with Sanjay named as the prime accused (A1), along with Sautrika Technologies (A2) and Kritvyap Technologies (A3).

The case stems from allegations that Sanjay mismanaged funds by awarding contracts to companies that failed to deliver on their obligations. During his tenure, Sanjay allegedly handed over the contract for developing and managing the Agni NOC website and mobile app to Sautrika Technologies. Despite receiving payments totaling Rs. 59.93 lakh, no work was done on the project. Similarly, the CID, under Sanjay's leadership, contracted Kritvyap Technologies to organize awareness seminars for Dalits and tribals about the SC and ST Atrocities Prevention Act. The company was paid Rs. 1.19 crore, but no seminars were conducted, and cash payments were issued under false pretenses.

The Vigilance and Enforcement Department conducted an investigation into these activities, uncovering evidence of corruption. A report was submitted to the government, which led to Sanjay's suspension. The case was subsequently referred to the ACB, which found sufficient evidence to register the FIR.

The ACB is now investigating who withdrew the funds deposited in the accounts of Sautrika Technologies and Kritvyap Technologies. Further investigation has revealed that both companies share the same address, and Kritvyap Technologies appears to be a shell company. ACB officials are continuing to probe the ownership and management of these companies, as well as the ultimate destination of the funds.



## GV Reddy Announces Removal of 410 Employees Appointed by Previous Govt in AP Fiber Net

TPN Correspondent Andhra Pradesh, Dec 25

Chairman of AP Fiber Net, GV Reddy, announced on Tuesday that the company is undergoing a significant cleanup, including the removal of 410 employees appointed by the previous government. Speaking to the media in Vijayawada, Reddy expressed concerns over the irregularities in the appointments made by the YSRCP-led government.

Reddy claimed that the previous administration had appointed unqualified personnel to AP Fiber Net, with many individuals allegedly working in the homes of YSRCP leaders, ministers, and MLAs. He further criticized the misuse of funds, stating that crores of rupees had been wasted under the guise of salaries, which had pushed the organization to the brink of bankruptcy.

"We are not dismissing employees out of malice. We are issuing legal notices to the employees and will seek their explanations," Reddy said. He emphasized that the removals are in line with the organization's requirements and a broader effort to streamline operations. Reddy also addressed the issue of a financial dispute with film director RGV, claiming that Fibernet had paid money to RGV illegally. He stated that the company has given RGV 15 days to repay the amount or face a police complaint. Reddy reiterated that AP Fiber Net is committed to restructuring and hiring employees based on merit and organizational needs.

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# Awareness on Consumer Rights Act Essential for Protection and Justice: Minister Nadendla

TPN Correspondent  
Vijayawada, Dec 25

Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs, Nadendla Manohar, emphasized the importance of raising awareness about the Consumer Rights Act to prevent frauds and ensure justice for consumers. Speaking at the state-level awareness conference on the Consumer Rights Act, held at Tummalapalle Kala Kshetram in observance of National Consumer Day, he stressed the need to integrate technology in implementing the Act. Minister Manohar outlined the responsibility of everyone to understand and promote consumer rights, highlighting that the Act has undergone various updates over the years to meet the evolving needs of consumers. He noted that the government is focused on creating awareness from the grassroots level, from villages to urban areas. The theme for this year's observance was "Virtual Hearings and Digital Convenience for Consumer Justice," aligning with the government's efforts to incorporate technology for consumer benefit. The Minister also shared the government's efforts in providing immediate benefits to consumers and farmers. He proudly announced that 22.8 lakh metric tons of paddy were procured from farmers through WhatsApp, with Rs. 5,300 crores being deposited in their accounts within 24 hours, ahead of the expected timeframe. He also highlighted the successful distribution of 75 lakh free gas cylinders under the Deepam-2 scheme, despite the logistical challenges. Minister Manohar emphasized that consumer protection is a basic right, urging the need for further education about the law, particularly among women. He stressed that consumer laws are ineffective unless they are implemented at the grassroots level. He also announced plans to discuss with the Chief Minister the establishment of food labs in districts to ensure food quality and safety. Food Commission Chairman Chitta Vijay Pratap Reddy, District Consumer Forum Chairman Chiranjeevi, and other officials attended the event, which also included a stall exhibition and awards for students and consumer voluntary organizations.



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# Minister Narayana Visits New Delhi for Key Discussions on Amaravati Development

## Narayana Met Hudco CEO & Chairman to Explore Potential Investments and Initiatives

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New Delhi, Dec 25

AP Municipal Minister Narayana visited New Delhi for high-level discussions regarding the development of Amaravati, the state's capital. During his visit, he met with Hudco CEO Sanjay Kul Shrestha and Jindal SA Chairman PR Jindal to explore potential investments and initiatives that would benefit the state's infrastructure and waste management systems. The discussions with Hudco focused on the loan mobilization process for Amaravati, with Hudco having already agreed to provide a loan of Rs 11,000 crore for the capital's development. Minister Narayana and Hudco officials discussed ways to streamline the loan process to further accelerate the city's growth. Additionally, Minister Narayana held talks with Prithviraj Jindal on setting up waste-to-energy plants in the state. Jindal's company has already established two such plants in Guntur and Visakhapatnam. Both sides explored the possibility of expanding this initiative by setting up more plants across Andhra Pradesh to tackle the state's waste management challenges and produce renewable energy. These discussions are seen as crucial steps toward fostering further economic development in the state and enhancing its infrastructure.



# Meeting Held on Wage Revision for Paper Mill Workers at the Rajamahendravaram Collectorate

## MP Purandeswari & Minister Durgesh Attended For the Meeting

TPN Correspondent  
Rajamahendravaram, Dec 25

A meeting was convened on Tuesday at the Rajamahendravaram Collectorate to discuss the wage revision issues for 2020 and 2023 for paper mill workers. The meeting was chaired by the District Collector and organized under the auspices of the Joint Labor Commissioner of the Labor Department. During the meeting, Andhra Pradesh State Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister, Sri Kandula Durgesh, addressed the workers and management. He reminded everyone that, in a previous meeting held four months ago, the paper mill management had assured an acceptable solution to the wage revision. He expressed hope for the meeting would be the final one and would bring a conclusive decision. However, he criticized the management's continued reluctance to resolve the issue, which he deemed unacceptable. Minister Durgesh emphasized that the welfare of the workers was not being protected, and there was little record of the mill's contribution to the city's development. Workers expressed their dissatisfaction with the wage revision, noting that although the last meeting had agreed to a wage hike of Rs. 3250, the current proposal only raised it to Rs. 3500. They pointed out that while the management had indicated their willingness to revise wages, it was crucial to reach a solution that was mutually acceptable. Present at the meeting were Ruda Chairman Boddu Venkataramana, MLAs Gorantla Butchaiah Chowdhury, Adireddy Srinivas, and Bathula Balarama Krishna. Also in attendance were Joint Commissioner (Labor) A. Rani, Assistant Labor Officer SK Jobina, DSP AK Subbaraju, and representatives from both the management and various labor unions, including CITU, AITUC, INTUC, and the Staff Worker Association.

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# Obulapuram Mining Case: AP, Telangana Leaders Attend Court Hearing in Vijayawada

TPN Correspondent  
Vijayawada, Dec 25

Public representatives from both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana attended the hearing at the Vijayawada Public Representatives Court on Tuesday concerning the long-running Obulapuram mining case, which dates back 17 years. The case involves 21 leaders who had inspected the Obulapuram Mining operations in 2007, raising concerns over alleged irregularities. The investigation led to charges for violating Niksheda orders. Although three of the accused leaders have passed away, the remaining representatives appeared in court after a special court judge issued an order for their presence. Among those present at the court were prominent TDP leaders, including Minister Acham Naidu, former Ministers Nagam Janardhan Reddy, and Devineeni Uma, along with other public figures such as Nimmakayala Chinarajappa, Errabelli Dayakar, Amarnath Reddy, Babu Rajendra Prasad, Kolla Lalitha Kumari, Polam Nagaraju, and Gurumurthy. The court premises were filled with a mix of political leaders from both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, many of whom once belonged to the Telugu Desam Party but had since shifted allegiances. The case stems from large-scale allegations of illegal mining by the Obulapuram Mining Company, owned by Gali Janardhan Reddy, during the Congress-led government between 2004 and 2009. At that time, TDP, led by the accused, strongly opposed the mining irregularities, with a legislative committee also formed to probe the matter. Leaders from various political parties, including TDP, played key roles in the movement against the company. During the hearing, former TDP senior leader and current BRS member Nagam Janardhan Reddy, who was actively involved in the anti-mining movement, greeted former party colleagues. The ongoing case continues to draw attention as political leaders from different parties engage with the issue. The defense lawyers representing the accused leaders included Gudapati Lakshminarayana, Gottipati Ramakrishna Prasad, and M. V. V. Satyanarayana.



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# Union Minister Rammohan Naidu Exposes Alleged Corruption in YSRCP Government



TPN Correspondent  
Andhra Pradesh, Dec 25

Union Minister Rammohan Naidu made sensational claims on Tuesday, alleging significant discrepancies in the official figures related to the Jal Jeevan Mission and housing schemes under the YSRCP government. Naidu asserted that the field-level work did not align with the reported data, suggesting possible corruption within the state administration. Speaking at a Disha review meeting, attended by 20-point scheme chairman Lanka Dinakar and public representatives, Naidu emphasized that many undemocratic decisions were made during the tenure of the YSRCP government. He remarked that the failures of the current government continue to impact the state, as the discrepancies in implementation reflect poor governance. Naidu also discussed the utilization of central government funds, stating that an investigation is ongoing regarding the corruption in the Jagan government. He expressed his belief that the presence of the NDA government, both at the state and central levels, would be beneficial for Andhra Pradesh and lead to effective problem-solving through coordination. Furthermore, the Union Minister highlighted the upcoming Atal Bihari Vajpayee Jayanti celebrations in Delhi, where Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu will participate. Naidu praised Vajpayee as a visionary reformer and acknowledged the contributions of both Vajpayee and Chandrababu Naidu in initiating key reforms during their tenure. This statement from Naidu is likely to fuel ongoing political debates as the YSRCP government faces mounting criticism over alleged administrative inefficiencies and corruption.



## YS Jagan Meets Kadapa Corporators, Assures Support Amid Political Shifts

TPN Correspondent  
Kadapa, Dec 25

YSR Congress Party (YCP) chief and Andhra Pradesh Former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy held a special meeting with Kadapa municipal corporators amidst reports of defections to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Addressing the gathering, Jagan assured the corporators of his unwavering support and emphasized that good days lie ahead for the party.



Speaking at the meeting, Jagan said, "Some corporators have recently shifted their allegiance to the TDP. We should leave them to their own discretion. However, I question what the coalition government has achieved that has prompted these defections."

Jagan urged the remaining corporators to bring any issues to the attention of Kadapa MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy. "No matter what the problem may be, I will always stand by you. If there are challenges, let Avinash Reddy know, and we will address them together," he said. Reflecting on his personal struggles, Jagan recounted his 16-month imprisonment and the challenges faced by his family. "I have endured immense pain, and no

one else in this world has suffered as much as I have. My wife went through great difficulty to secure my bail," he said, adding that there is no need for anyone to consider switching parties.

Jagan also assured the corporators of a brighter future under his leadership. "If I become the Chief Minister again, it will be like a family member becoming the CM in your household. Good days are ahead for all of us," he remarked.

After addressing the group, Jagan held private discussions with individual corporators to understand their concerns and reaffirm his commitment to their welfare.

## AP High Court Objects to Hearing Perni Nani's Petition, Bail Plea Postponed Again

TPN Correspondent  
Andhra Pradesh, Dec 25

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Tuesday raised objections to hearing the petition filed by former minister Perni Venkataramaiah (Perni Nani) and his son Perninani Krishnamurthy, challenging the notices issued by the Machilipatnam police. The notices required their appearance for an inquiry on the 22nd of this month regarding the alleged destruction of Public Distribution System (PDS) rice stored in a leased godown.

The court reminded the petitioners that the police notices were still valid and expressed reservations about hearing the case before the deadline expired. Lawyers representing the petitioners requested permission to withdraw the case, with the liberty to approach the court again if further notices were issued. The court granted the request, allowing the petition's withdrawal.

The controversy stems from allegations that ration rice stored in a godown leased by Perninani's wife, Jayasudha, to the Civil Supplies Department in Machilipatnam was illegally moved and destroyed. Reports indicate that approximately 187 tons of PDS rice went missing in March and April this year. Following these revelations, police registered a case against Jayasudha based on a complaint by Civil Supplies officer Chintam Kotireddy.



Jayasudha's bail plea, linked to the rice destruction case, was postponed for the fourth time. The Special Public Prosecutor (SPP), who was expected to file a counter, was on leave, prompting the court to adjourn the hearing to the 27th of this month. The judge expressed dissatisfaction with the police's repeated delays in filing a counter.

The police have issued lookout notices for Jayasudha, who has reportedly been in hiding for ten days. Notices pasted at her residence urged her to cooperate with the investigation. As of now, the case remains unresolved, with further legal proceedings awaited.

## BJP Commitment to 'One Nation - One Election' - MP Daggubati Purandeswari

TPN Correspondent

Rajamahendravaram, Dec 25

BJP State President and MP Daggubati Purandeswari addressed the media, emphasizing the party's dedication to the Jamili (One Nation - One Election) initiative. She announced the introduction of the Jamili Elections Bill and highlighted the formation of a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to discuss and finalize comprehensive procedures with all stakeholders.



Purandeswari assured that the BJP would follow a transparent and inclusive process. "Once the discussions are complete, a comprehensive bill will be introduced. If necessary, we will hold a vote. Our slogan is 'One Nation - One Election,' and we are committed to making it a reality," she said.

Reiterating the BJP's respect for Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Purandeswari countered allegations by opposition parties, stating, "The opposition has falsely claimed that constitutional changes will be made during elections. The Constitution can only be amended in Parliament, following the will of the people. The BJP has never altered the Constitution for its benefit during its tenure."

She also highlighted the BJP's initiatives, including the amendment that ensured 33% reservation for women. Criticizing the Congress, she re-

marked, "Congress changed the Constitution for its advantage but did not dare to honor Ambedkar with the Bharat Ratna. It was during the BJP government that Ambedkar was awarded the Bharat Ratna, correcting this historical oversight."

Purandeswari further noted the party's significant achievement in expanding its membership base in Andhra Pradesh. "We have successfully enrolled 25 lakh members in the state. This reflects the growing support for the BJP," she stated.

The BJP leader concluded by urging people to trust the party's vision and reject the misinformation campaigns led by opposition parties.

## YCP Will Not Join Any Alliance, Focuses on State Interests - Vijayasai Reddy

TPN Correspondent

Andhra Pradesh, Dec 25

YSR Congress Party (YCP) MP Vijayasai Reddy has clarified the party's stance on national alliances, asserting that the YCP will not join any coalition, including the NDA or the INDIA alliance. He emphasized the party's neutral position, stating that as a regional entity, its primary focus is on the welfare and interests of Andhra Pradesh.



Speaking to the media, Vijayasai Reddy said, "We will maintain an equidistant stance from both the NDA and the INDIA alliances. We have no plans to join any coalition. Our priority is the state's interests, and we will present our views on the Jamili elections before the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) based on the vision of our party chief, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy." He further underscored the party's

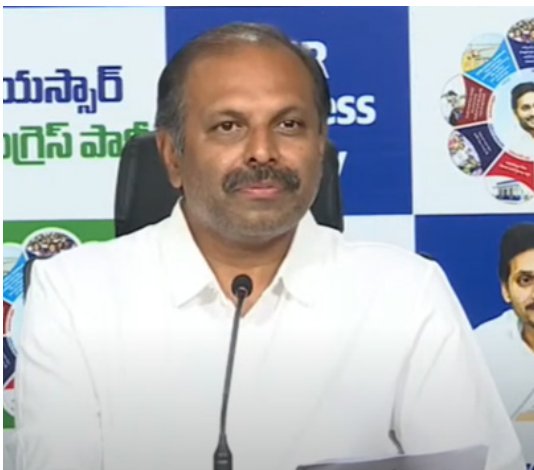
commitment to addressing critical issues affecting the people of Andhra Pradesh. "We will continue to fight to reduce the electricity burden on the people and ensure their well-being," he added.

Meanwhile, former minister Gudivada Amarnath launched a sharp critique of TDP chief and former CM Chandrababu Naidu, accusing him of failing to deliver on his promises throughout his 40-year political career. "Chandrababu has repeatedly betrayed the people, and this is the fourth time they have been cheated by him," said Gudivada. The statements from YCP leaders highlight the party's focus on regional priorities and its decision to distance itself from national political alignments, while continuing to challenge its opposition on governance and public welfare issues.

## Gadikota Srikanth Reddy Criticizes Coalition Govt

TPN Correspondent  
Rayachoti, Dec 25

YSR Congress Party (YCP) State General Secretary Gadikota Srikanth Reddy praised YSR Congress Party (YCP) Chief & Former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for fulfilling every promise made in the party's manifesto, calling him the "Manifesto CM." He contrasted this with the alleged failures of the current coalition government, accusing them of burdening the public and renegeing on their commitments. Srikanth Reddy claimed that the coalition government came to power with a promise to increase electricity charges and has since acted against the interests of the people. "Within seven months of their formation, the coalition government spent ₹16,000 crores recklessly. They promised better governance but are now burdening the middle class with skyrocketing prices of essential commodities," he said.



He also criticized the government's approach to electricity subsidies. "Under Y.S. Jagan's leadership, 200 units of free electricity were provided to SC and ST colonies. But today, the coalition

government is removing electricity connections in these colonies and causing hardship, stating there's nothing free to offer. This is a betrayal of the marginalized communities," he alleged.

The YCP leader emphasized that Jagan's governance has always prioritized the welfare of all sections of society, contrasting it with the coalition government's alleged mismanagement and insensitivity towards the poor and middle-class.

## Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy Accuses TDP of Partisan Actions to Eliminate YCP in State

TPN Correspondent  
Guntur, Dec 25

YSR Congress Party (YCP) leader Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy has launched a scathing attack on the ruling Telugu Desam Party (TDP), accusing it of acting in a partisan and oppressive manner to target the YCP and its leaders. He alleged that the TDP is misusing its power to eliminate political opposition.



Reddy expressed outrage over the treatment of former MP Nandigam Suresh, who has been in jail for the past four months on what he claimed were "fabricated and baseless charges." He accused the TDP of exploiting legal loopholes to keep Suresh incarcerated and criticized the lack of basic facilities provided to him in jail. "Even water bottles are not being allowed for him. The Chief Minister's son is directly influencing how Suresh is treated in jail," Reddy alleged.

Drawing a comparison to the YCP's

tenure, he said, "During our rule, the law was allowed to take its course. We did not act vindictively as the TDP is doing today. They are using power to settle scores, which is not what governance is about." Reddy also criticized the government for targeting individuals for their social media posts. "They are arresting people who merely commented on Naxalite arrests from 30 years ago. This is factional behavior aimed at intimidation and harassment," he said.

He further warned that such actions

could backfire. "The power given by the people should be used for their welfare, not vendettas. The coalition government is setting a dangerous precedent. The YCP has the strength to respond harder if needed. If we come to power in four years, even our own leaders might struggle to listen to us due to the bitterness created now," he remarked. Reddy's comments reflect the growing tensions between the YCP and the ruling coalition, escalating the political discourse in Andhra Pradesh.



## MP Kesineni Shivanth Urges Youth to Seize Mega Vikasita Bharat Job Mela Opportunity

- **Mega Vikasita Bharat Job Mela on 28th December**
- **A Platform for Job Opportunities from SSC to B.Tech and PG**

**TPN Correspondent  
Vijayawada, Dec 25**

Vijayawada MP Kesineni Shivanth urged unemployed youth in NTR district to take full advantage of the upcoming Mega Vikasita Bharat Job Mela, which will be held on the 28th of December in Vijayawada. The event aims to connect job seekers with multiple employment opportunities from SSC level to B.Tech and PG qualifications.

MP Kesineni Shivanth, along with District Collector Dr. G. Lakshminsha and officials from various departments, unveiled the detailed information posters for the Mega Vikasita Bharat Job Mela at the Collectorate on Tuesday. The job fair is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 28th December, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Veeramachaneni Peddiah Siddhartha Public School, Mogalrajapuram, Vijayawada. MP Kesineni Shivanth and Collector Dr. G. Lakshminsha shared that preparations are underway to ensure a smooth and successful event, with information being disseminated through multiple channels to encourage youth participation.

The job mela will offer over 3000 job vacancies across more than 50 companies, with positions

available for individuals who have completed SSC, Inter, ITI, Diploma, any degree, B.Tech, and PG qualifications. Vikasa Project Director K. Lachcha Rao emphasized that candidates must register for the event through the link [https://vikasajobs.com/jobmela\\_register.php?id=690](https://vikasajobs.com/jobmela_register.php?id=690). Registration is free of charge.

**For further information, interested candidates can contact 77993 76111 or 93815 30964.**

The event is being organized to provide stable job



opportunities for the youth, and officials emphasized that there are no fees for participation. AP Building and Other Construction Workers Advisory Committee Chairman Gottumukkala Raghurama Raju, TNTUC State Vice President Parchuri Prasad, TNSS NT District Chief Secretary P. Charan Sai Yadav, and other officials were present at the launch event.

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## Alla Venkata Gopalakrishna Rao and Farmers' Leaders Thank Minister Nimmala for Irrigation Committee Positions

**TPN Correspondent  
Vijayawada, Dec 25**

Alla Venkata Gopalakrishna Rao, newly elected Vice Chairman of the Joint Krishna District Nagarjuna-sagar Left Canal Project Committee, was felicitated by state leaders at the camp office of Water Resources Minister Dr. Nimmala Ramanaidu in Vijayawada. The event was attended by state farmers' association leaders, including Gundapaneni Uma Varaprasad, Vemulapalli Srinivasa Rao, and Moolpuri Saikalyan Gopalakrishna Rao, who expressed their gratitude to Dr. Nimmala Ramanaidu for providing vital positions in the irrigation association elections.

Gopalakrishna Rao, who is also the State President of the Federation of Irrigation Users' Associations of Krishna District and Gannavaram constituency, thanked various leaders for their support. He expressed special gratitude to the state Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh, Dr. Nimmala Ramanaidu, State TDP President Palla Srinivasa Rao, and other prominent leaders, including Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao, for their invaluable assistance.

In his address, Minister Dr. Nimmala Rama-



naidu urged the members of the Nagarjuna-sagar Left Canal Project Committee to work collaboratively to ensure that Sagar water reaches the farthest areas of the ayacut, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in improving irrigation. He acknowledged the contributions of all involved in this critical project.

The ceremony also saw participation from State TDP Water-Tree Grievances Department members Chennupati Sridhar, Kavuluri Rajachandramouli, and other key stakeholders in the irrigation sector.

This event marked a significant step in strengthening the coordination among irrigation associations and improving water management in the Krishna district.

## Bonda Umamaheswara Rao Congratulates Roller Skating Champions at TDP Office



**TPN Correspondent  
Vijayawada, Dec 25**

On Tuesday morning, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) office in Singhnagar, Central Constituency, hosted the 62nd National Roller Skating Federation of India event. The occasion celebrated the achievements of local skaters who excelled in the national competitions held from December 5 to 15 in Mysore, Karnataka.

Anchita R PAI won a bronze medal in the Road One event in the girls' category (above 17), while K. Dinesh Kumar Chowdhury secured a bronze in the 14 to 17 boys' category. K. Vignesh also won a bronze in the 11 to 14 boys' category. M Kaushik stood out by winning two gold medals in the 9 to 11 special category.

Government Whip and Central Constituency MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao congratulated the medalists, presenting them with shawls and medals in recognition of their achievements. The felicitation ceremony was attended by Roller Skating Association of Amaravati (RSAA) Skating Club Coach MD. Khaja, as well as the skaters' parents, who expressed pride in the young athletes' accomplishments. Bonda Umamaheswara Rao praised the skaters for their hard work and dedication, encouraging them to aim for international-level achievements. He also emphasized the importance of skill development, urging every citizen to improve their abilities and bring honor to their constituency and the country.

## Ensure Adequate Arrangements for Devotees During Bhavani Diksha Khairat

**TPN Correspondent  
Vijayawada, Dec 25**

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyana Chandra has instructed officials to ensure that there is no shortage of essential services for the devotees participating in the Bhavani Diksha Khairat. During a teleconference held on Tuesday morning, the Commissioner emphasized the need for heightened vigilance and coordination among the staff responsible for providing services during the event.

As of now, a total of 6,50,000 bottles and 6,30,000 packets of drinking water have been distributed to ensure that the devotees do not face any water shortages. The city's sanitation efforts are also in full swing, with 42 vehicles and 1,400 sanitation workers deployed to remove about 100 tons of waste daily. Additionally, 40 tons of fasting clothes from devotees have already been collected and disposed of.

In response to the needs of the devotees, the municipal corporation has also set up 200 mobile toilets at 15 different locations to maintain cleanliness. Free slippers and cloakrooms have been provided at six locations to store personal belongings. The Commissioner further assured that drinking water supply is being monitored regularly, with stock levels be-



ing checked every hour through a command control room.

The Commissioner's efforts ensure that the Bhavani Diksha Khairat event is organized smoothly, providing comfort and convenience to thousands of devotees while maintaining hygiene and public safety. The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation remains committed to ensuring that no devotee faces any inconvenience during this spiritual event.

## AP Transport Employees Association Zone 2 Backs A Vidyasagar for State General Secretary



**TPN Correspondent  
Vijayawada, Dec 25**

The AP Transport Employees Association Zone 2 has expressed its full support for A Vidyasagar, the NTR District President of AP NGVOS, in his bid to become the State General Secretary. M. Raju Babu, the Zonal President of the Association, highlighted Vidyasagar's tireless efforts for the welfare of employees and his commitment to resolving their issues.

During a program organized with the NTR District Transport Employees at the DTC office in Vijayawada on Tuesday, Raju Babu spoke highly of Vidyasagar's leadership qualities and experience. He emphasized that Vidyasagar, who has been actively working with the NGVOS district association, understands the concerns of employed teachers and pensioners. He further

praised Vidyasagar's ability to effectively communicate with the government to resolve long-pending financial dues for employees.

Raju Babu expressed confidence that with Vidyasagar's leadership, the employees' problems will be addressed. He reassured the employees of Zone 2's complete support for Vidyasagar in the upcoming election for the post of State General Secretary, which will be vacated at the end of this month.

The program was also attended by Zonal Association Co-Chairperson G. Usha Sundari and Zonal Committee Leaders Satyanarayana, Ramachandra Raju, and Venkateswara Rao. The employees collectively voiced their commitment to ensuring Vidyasagar's success in the election.

## Strict Action to be Taken Against Illegal Soil and Sand Transport in Mangalagiri - SI Venkat

**TPN Correspondent  
Mangalagiri, Dec 25**

Mangalagiri Rural SI Chirumamilla Venkat has warned of stringent action against those involved in the illegal transportation of soil and sand in the rural areas, particularly in Navuluru, as per the law. Speaking to the media, SI Venkat stated that individuals found transporting soil and sand without the proper permits from the Revenue and Mining Departments will be legally prosecuted.

The authorities have already taken action against several violators. People from Navuluru and surrounding rural areas, who were found transporting soil and sand illegally, were summoned to the MRO office and bound over with a bond of Rs 5 lakh. Venkat made it clear that if any of the bound individuals repeat the offense, the

bond amount will be confiscated.

He further emphasized that cases have been registered against 15 people involved in illegal soil and sand transportation in Navuluru and other villages of Mangalagiri Mandal Rural. These individuals have already been produced in court. Venkat stressed that such illegal activities violate the law and must stop, as transportation of soil and sand without the proper mining or revenue permits is prohibited.

SI Venkat reiterated that strict legal action will be taken in all rural areas under the jurisdiction of Mangalagiri Mandal, in line with the directives of higher authorities. He urged the public to follow legal procedures and obtain necessary permits from the relevant departments before transporting soil or sand.



## Dr. Mondithoka Jaganmohan Rao Unveils YSRCP Porubata Poster in Nandigama



**TPN Correspondent  
Nandigama, Dec 25**

Former MLA Dr. Mondithoka Jaganmohan Rao unveiled the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) Porubata wall poster at the YSRCP office in Nandigama town. Speaking at the event, he strongly protested against the government's decision to increase electricity charges, which he claimed violated its election promise. He criticized the government for burdening the poor by raising electricity tariffs after coming to power. Dr. Jaganmohan Rao demanded an immediate reduction in the increased charges, empha-

sizing that the hike had significantly affected the common people. He further announced that as part of the YSRCP Porubata program, a statewide protest would be organized on the 27th of this month. The party will submit petitions to officials at all electricity department offices and hold protest programs at substations across Andhra Pradesh.

He urged the YSRCP members of Nandigama constituency to actively participate in the protest and ensure its success, reinforcing the party's commitment to standing up for the people's rights.

## TTD Governing Council Meeting

# Key Decisions Announced by Chairman BR Naidu



TPN Correspondent, Tirumala : The TTD Governing Council meeting, chaired by TTD Chairman BR Naidu, concluded after a marathon six-hour session at Annamaiya Bhavan in Tirumala. Addressing the media, BR Naidu outlined the major decisions taken during the meeting, emphasizing that they were made in accordance with the directives of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

operational needs. Hiring 258 personnel for the Anna Prasadam Department on a contract basis to enhance service efficiency.

### Key Decisions:

#### 1. Temple Construction in State Capitals:

A decision was made to construct Venkateswara Swamy temples in every state capital to expand spiritual outreach.

#### 2. National Status for SWIMS Hospital:

The council resolved to send a proposal to the Central Government requesting national status for the Tirupati-based Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SWIMS). This would enable broader healthcare services for the poor.

#### 3. Staff Recruitment in Medical and Anna Prasadam Departments:

Recruitment of additional staff in the TTD Medical Department to address

operational needs. Hiring 258 personnel for the Anna Prasadam Department on a contract basis to enhance service efficiency.

**4. AI Technology for Quick Darshan:** Demonstrations of AI technology from foreign companies were reviewed to reduce waiting times for devotees. A flexible AI-based system is expected to be implemented within 2-3 months.

#### 5. Canteen Tenders for Branded Hotels:

Changes to tender rules were approved, allowing contracts to be awarded to reputed hotel chains to improve food quality and services.

#### 6. Food Safety Measures:

A dedicated Food Safety Department was established in Tirumala to ensure the health of devotees. Regular inspections of food items in private hotels will be conducted.

#### 7. Support for Educational Institutions:

Allocation of ₹2 crores through SV Vidya Dana Trust for the Kanchi Kamakothi Peetham traditional school in Tirupati. Sanction of ₹3.36 crores for constructing six new toilet blocks.

#### 8. Digital Feedback Initiative:

Collaboration with AP Digital Corporation to collect feedback from devotees using digital technology.

#### 9. Sri Padmavati Ammavari Temple in Mumbai:

A resolution to request the Maharashtra government to reduce the lease price of land allotted for the temple's construction from ₹20 crores.

BR Naidu expressed confidence that these decisions would enhance the spiritual and logistical experiences of devotees while upholding the TTD's commitment to social and spiritual welfare.

## Govt Assures Support to Farmers Affected by Untimely Rains - G.V. Anjaneyulu



TPN Correspondent, Palnadu Dist : Government Chief Whip and Senior MLA G.V. Anjaneyulu reassured farmers that the state government would provide full support to those who suffered losses due to the recent untimely rains. During a visit to Kondramutla village in Ipur mandal, Chief Whip G.V. Anjaneyulu inspected paddy crops damaged by the rains that

occurred last Saturday. Accompanied by agricultural officials and Makkena Mallikarjuna Rao, he personally interacted with affected farmers to understand the extent of their losses.

He directed agricultural officials to compile a detailed report on the crop damage caused by the rains and submit it to the government

for further action. "The government stands with every farmer who has faced losses due to these unfortunate circumstances," G.V. Anjaneyulu emphasized. He assured farmers that timely assistance and relief measures would be implemented to mitigate their hardships. Local officials and other representatives also participated in the visit.

## Actor Rao Ramesh Visits Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Tirumala

TPN Correspondent, Tirumala : Renowned film actor Rao Ramesh visited the sacred Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple in Tirumala on Tuesday morning. Accompanied by his family, he participated in the VIP break darshan and offered prayers to the Lord.



After the darshan, Vedic scholars extended their blessings to the actor and his family in the Ranganayakula Mandapam. As part of the temple's tradition, the authorities honored Rao Ramesh with Srivari Tirtha Prasadam and presented him with silk robes as a token of respect. The actor expressed his devotion and gratitude for the opportunity to seek the blessings of Lord Venkateswara, a revered pilgrimage destination for millions of devotees.

## Stolen Cell Phones Worth ₹40 Lakhs Recovered

### SP Ratna Presented Awards of Appreciation to the Police Officers



TPN Correspondent, Puttaparthi : Sri Sathya Sai District SP Ratna announced the successful recovery of 301 stolen cell phones worth Rs. 40 lakhs from across the district. The phones were returned to their rightful owners in a ceremony held at the SP office in Puttaparthi.

During the event, SP Ratna presented awards and certificates of appreciation to the police officers who played a crucial role in recovering the stolen mobile phones.

Addressing the media, SP Ratna advised the public to use mobile phones only for essen-

tial purposes. She issued a stern warning that those involved in anti-social activities using mobile phones would face legal action.

The SP also urged the public to remain vigilant against cybercrimes, especially those involving fraudsters who pose as legitimate callers to extort money. She emphasized the importance of reporting any stolen mobile phones or cybercrimes to the police immediately.

With the cooperation of the public, SP Ratna expressed confidence that the district could effectively curb cybercrimes.

## Ten Families File Complaint for Cheating by Finance Company Voucher Scam

TPN Correspondent, Gajuwaka : Ten families from Sheelanaagar Venkateswara Colony in Gajuwaka district have lodged a complaint with the Gajuwaka police, accusing two individuals, Kaja Venkat Narayana Rao and Baburao, of defrauding them through a finance company voucher scheme. The victims allege that the two men have cheated them out of Rs. 81 lakhs by promising financial returns in exchange for vouchers. The victims, mostly middle-class families, claimed that they had been purchasing vouchers from Narayana Rao and Baburao for the past four years with the hope of buying houses and funding their children's education. However, after the vouchers expired, the families said they have been waiting for their money for over



three years, despite making regular payments. The victims, whose only source of income is from small jobs, expressed frustration over the situation and requested the Gajuwaka police to take action and recover their money. In response to the complaint, the Gajuwaka police assured that they are registering cases against Narayana Rao and Baburao and are actively working on the investigation to bring justice to the victims.

## Chandrababu Should Take a Decision on Movie Ticket Rates - Kethireddy Jagadeeshwar Reddy

TPN Correspondent, Andhra Pradesh : The recent decision by Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to cancel benefit shows and stop increasing movie ticket rates has sparked positive reactions, including from Kethireddy Jagadeeshwar Reddy, the President of the AP Film Producers Council. Reddy lauded the move, describing it as heartening and beneficial for both the film industry and the audience. Reddy stated that many people who trust the film industry have expressed happiness over the announcement, which he believes will help bring back audiences to theaters. He pointed out that the rising ticket prices had previously resulted in a decline in theater attendance. With the cancellation of benefit shows and the freeze on tick-

et price hikes, he believes that more families will feel comfortable returning to the cinema. In light of this, Reddy urged Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to take similar action in the state, thereby ending the practice of increasing ticket prices for each new movie release. He further suggested that an expert committee should be appointed to establish guidelines for the development of the film industry in Andhra Pradesh, ensuring decisions that benefit both the producers and moviegoers. The decision to halt price hikes has been welcomed by many as a much-needed step for the recovery and growth of the industry, with a focus on maintaining audience trust and promoting sustainable cinema-going habits.

## Kadapa Mayor Suresh Babu Clarifies Purpose of Meeting with Women Corporators

TPN Correspondent, Kadapa : Mayor Suresh Babu clarified that the recent meeting held with women corporators in Kadapa was unrelated to the incident that occurred in the corporation the on Monday. Speaking to the media, Mayor Suresh Babu explained, "We met at the request of the women corporators to meet our leader. This meeting has nothing to do with the incident that happened in the corporation on Monday. We came here simply to wish them a Merry Christmas."



He further emphasized that such meetings are common in every district and dismissed any notions that the gathering was intended to appease the corporator by bringing them to Idupulapaya. "It is a mistake to think that we are bringing the corporator to Idupulapaya and appeasing him," he added. The Mayor's comments aim to put to rest any speculation about the true purpose of the meeting, which he described as a routine interaction.

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## MLA Kavya Krishna Reddy Reviews Arrangements Village Fair in Allur

TPN Correspondent, Nellore : The much-awaited Muggurammala village fair in Allur, Nellore district, will be held on the 31st of this month. Kavali MLA Kavya Krishna Reddy inspected the preparations and held a review meeting with officials to ensure the smooth conduct of the event.

The MLA emphasized that the fair is expected to attract a large number of devotees from various regions, and arrangements should be made accordingly to avoid any inconveniences. She stressed that the festival, which is one of the most significant in the area, should be celebrated with great pride.

A key highlight of the festival will be the procession of Ammavar, and MLA Kavya Krishna Reddy urged that it be conducted in a manner that maintains law and order. She also noted the arrival of many prominent figures from across the district and suggested that they be appropriately invited to participate in the celebrations. The MLA called for cooperation from all parties to ensure that the Muggurammala village fair becomes a grand and joyous occasion for all participants.



## The West's Dangerous Naiveté: Al-Jolani's Rebranding and the Risk of History Repeating Itself

The recent rehabilitation of Abu Mohammed al-Jolani, leader of the militant group Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), by Western powers echoes the early days of Osama bin Laden's rise, a time when the West overlooked his radical intentions. In 1993, a feature by the late Robert Fisk in *'The Independent'* depicted bin Laden as a philanthropist focused on Sudanese infrastructure projects. At the time, few could foresee his transformation into the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks. Today, al-Jolani is undergoing a similar rebranding—no longer the Al-Qaeda-linked jihadist warlord, but a “pragmatic” leader of Idlib, Syria, lauded for his governance and moderate stance. The United States, once offering a \$10 million bounty for al-Jolani, now calls him a “dialogue partner,” and this stark shift raises serious concerns about Western foreign policy.

Like bin Laden before him, al-Jolani is being presented as a misunderstood figure, with reports highlighting his abandonment of traditional jihadist attire and his embrace of a “Western-style” wardrobe. Western media increasingly describe him as a “rebel politician,” and HTS is reframed as a force for stability in the region. This narrative is strikingly similar to the “good Taliban vs. bad Taliban” rhetoric that once dominated Western discourse. However, glossing over al-Jolani's deeply entrenched Sala-

fi-jihadist ideology and his brutal governance of Idlib—where human rights abuses, forced conscriptions, and harsh Sharia laws persist—is not only naive but dangerous. It ignores the very same risks that accompanied the West's previous missteps in dealing with jihadist figures.

The West's strategy, viewing HTS as a necessary counterweight to the Assad regime, risks legitimizing a group with violent, extremist roots. In doing so, it may inadvertently pave the way for al-Jolani to reassert control over Syria through an ideology that remains largely unchallenged. While some point to the transformation of figures like Yasser Arafat, who shifted from militant leader to statesman, the key difference here is al-Jolani's persistent adherence to extremist religious views. Unless he publicly renounces this ideology, his rehabilitation could have disastrous consequences, mirroring the tragic mistake made with bin Laden.

Al-Jolani's rebranding might look like a pragmatic shift, but the West must tread carefully. History teaches that today's “rebel politician” could easily become tomorrow's global threat if the ideological roots of extremism are left unaddressed. The West must learn from the past and avoid repeating the same mistakes that allowed figures like bin Laden to flourish unchecked.

## Quantum Computing: Revolutionizing Coastal Defence Against Climate Change



As coastal areas face growing threats from climate change, including rising sea levels, stronger storms, and coastal erosion, innovative solutions are necessary to ensure their resilience. Quantum computing is emerging as a powerful tool to address these challenges by processing complex data, optimizing defences, and simulating environmental dynamics. Its potential in coastal resilience offers new strategies to protect vulnerable coastal regions.

Coastal areas provide vital benefits, such as shoreline protection, carbon storage, fisheries habitats, and tourism opportunities. However, these areas are increasingly vulnerable to climate impacts. Coastal erosion alone results in shoreline shrinkage at an average rate of 0.5 to 2 metres per year, and rising sea levels could displace millions by 2100. Buildings

near the coast are also at risk of wave action, further compounding the need for robust coastal defences.

Current methods for modelling coastal resilience face significant limitations. Traditional computing struggles to handle vast datasets and complex variables like oceanic conditions, weather patterns, and socioeconomic factors. This makes it difficult to forecast extreme weather events, optimize infrastructure design, and allocate resources effectively.

Quantum computing, however, has the capacity to process these enormous datasets at unprecedented speeds, offering a transformative solution for coastal defence. By enhancing the accuracy and speed of climate models, quantum computing enables better predictions of extreme weather events like hurri-

cans and storm surges, allowing for more effective coastal protection strategies.

Quantum computing can also assist in optimizing the design of resilient coastal infrastructure, such as seawalls and breakwaters, by simulating various scenarios and potential impacts. Furthermore, it can help efficiently allocate resources for coastal restoration projects and provide accurate predictions of sea level rise.

While the potential benefits are immense, quantum computing is still in its infancy, with challenges such as limited hardware, data integration, and high costs. Nevertheless, as quantum technologies advance, they will play a crucial role in safeguarding coastal regions, supporting sustainable development, and enhancing disaster preparedness.

## India's Growing Isolation: Balancing Strength with Diplomacy

Projecting an image of ‘strength’ has become a defining feature of the Narendra Modi government's decision-making process. However, this approach seems to blur the line between standing firm and standing alone, especially in India's interactions with global bodies such as the WTO, IMF, and bilateral negotiations with partner countries. While a country can achieve its goals with nuance and diplomacy, India has often chosen to pursue an assertive “we'll do what we want” attitude. This strategy, while bold, risks alienating crucial partners and invites unnecessary tension.

India must decide what kind of global player it wants to be—uncompromising and hard-nosed, or cooperative and collaborative. Unfortunately, India's assertive tactics have frequently upset its partners, not necessarily because of its actions but because of the way they were executed.

### Communication Issues with Global Partners

India's trade policies have caused frustration among major global partners such as the US, UK, EU, and Japan. These countries have repeatedly questioned India's failure to notify the WTO about its export bans on rice, wheat, and onions. At a WTO Committee on Agriculture meeting, these nations politely but pointedly asked, “Could India provide the reason behind why the required notification has not been made before insti-

tuting the export prohibition?” This is not an issue of India's rights but of failing to follow established procedures and inform its partners in a timely manner.

### Frictions with Switzerland and the IMF

The diplomatic rift over Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status between India and Switzerland is another example of India's growing international tensions.



Following a 2023 Supreme Court judgment, Switzerland revoked its MFN status for India, citing the lack of explicit notification from the Indian government regarding tax benefits. This unnotified decision has caused unnecessary friction, even though it is unlikely to affect ongoing investments, especially with the Free Trade Agreement signed between India and Switzerland in 2024.

India's foreign exchange policies have also raised eyebrows. The IMF reclassified India's foreign exchange regime in 2023, citing India's growing intervention in the rupee's movement. While the

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) denied the allegations, the lack of clear communication from the government has only fueled skepticism.

### Unnecessary Frictions at Home and Abroad

Closer to home, India's heavy-handed approach in the Adani Group's dealings with Bangladesh has strained relations with its neighbor. Bangladesh's decision to reduce power supply dues owed to the Adani Group has led to a diplomatic rift, further complicated by India's inability to act more diplomatically in this matter.

India's reluctance to amend its fuel pricing policy has also caused frustration at home and abroad. The government's refusal to revise its fuel prices despite stagnation for years has raised questions about its approach to economic transparency and responsiveness.

The Modi government's consistent lack of attention to optics and diplomatic niceties is becoming more apparent. Whether it's the government's refusal to waive fees for disaster relief or disregarding communication platforms like the Planning Commission, India's current stance is one of unilateral decision-making with little regard for global or domestic partnerships. While India may still be an ally to many countries, it increasingly seems uninterested in fostering long-term friendships or cooperative relationships.

## Blow to Transparency: Tweaking of Poll Rule Raises Concerns

When the Supreme Court declared the electoral bonds scheme unconstitutional in February this year, it reaffirmed the crucial principle of transparency in the electoral process. The Court emphasized the voter's fundamental right to information, including knowing the identities of individuals and companies donating to political parties.

This ruling served as a stern reminder to the Union Government, which had staunchly supported the controversial electoral bonds scheme, that there should be no compromise on transparency, as it is essential for maintaining the integrity of the electoral system. However, the recent amendments to electoral rules seem to ignore this crucial principle.

The Law Ministry, acting on a recommendation from the Election Commission of India (ECI), has altered Rule 93(2)(a) of the Conduct of Election Rules, effectively preventing public access to critical electoral materials such as CCTV and webcasting footage, as well as video recordings of candidates. The justification provided by the government is that such material, if made public, could be misused, potentially compromising voter safety. This argument, however, fails to

hold up, particularly in the context of today's digital age, where social media platforms are flooded with footage of voters and election-related events. In many instances, electors themselves voluntarily share photos and videos on various platforms.

It is also important to note that the



CCTV cameras installed at polling stations are not there to capture voters' choices on EVMs but are meant to monitor polling officials and ensure the overall smooth functioning of the election process. Therefore, concerns over the misuse of footage appear to be exaggerated.

The timing of this rule amendment raises additional concerns. It comes immediately after the Punjab and Haryana High Court ordered the sharing of documents, including CCTV footage, from the Haryana Assembly elections in the ‘Mehmood Pracha vs ECI’ case.

# PM Modi Holds Meeting With Economists To Discuss Budget 2025-26

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi convened a meeting with leading economists and sectoral experts on Tuesday to gather their insights and suggestions for the upcoming Union Budget for 2025-26. The meeting is part of the government's efforts to ensure broad-based input for the formulation of a comprehensive and forward-looking budget.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to present the Budget in the Lok Sabha on February 1, 2025. This budget will be crucial in setting the economic direction for



the coming fiscal year and addressing key challenges faced by the country.

The meeting was attended by several prominent figures, including Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery, Niti Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam, and Chief Economic Advisor Anantha Nageswaran. A number of esteemed economists, including Surjit Bhalla and D.K. Joshi, were also present to offer their expert views on economic strategies and policy recommendations for the Budget.

Prime Minister Modi's engagement with experts reflects the government's commitment to a consultative approach in policy-making, seeking advice from a diverse range of voices in shaping the future economic land-

scape of the country. The inputs from economists are expected to help the government focus on critical areas such as fiscal policy, infrastructure development, social welfare, and economic growth.

The upcoming Budget will likely reflect the government's priorities in fostering economic growth while addressing issues like inflation, unemployment, and socio-economic inequalities. With significant attention on strengthening India's infrastructure and boosting domestic manufacturing, the budget discussions are set to play an essential role in shaping the country's economic path forward in the next fiscal year.

## President Murmu To Confer PM Rashtriya Bal Puraskar To 17 Children On Dec 26

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President Droupadi Murmu will confer the prestigious Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) to 17 outstanding children from 14 states and Union Territories on December 26. The awards ceremony, which will take place on Veer Bal Diwas, aims to celebrate and honor the exceptional achievements of young people across India in a variety of fields.

The PMRBP recognizes young achievers in seven key categories: art and culture, bravery, innovation, science and technology, social service, sports, and the environment. This year, a total of 17 children, including 7 boys and 10 girls, will be honored for their remarkable contributions.

The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development announced in a statement that the awards ceremony will be accompanied by nationwide

activities aimed at celebrating the achievements and potential of India's youth. The ceremony will highlight the importance of nurturing young talent and encouraging young people to contribute positively to society.

As part of the award, each recipient will be presented with a medal, certificate, and citation booklet. The recognition underscores the significant role played by children in advancing social change, driving innovation, and promoting excellence across diverse sectors.

The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar serves as a symbol of the government's commitment to empowering children and fostering their development in various fields. By highlighting the success stories of these young individuals, the awards seek to inspire others to pursue their passions and contribute meaningfully to the progress of the nation.



## India Made Rs 2.52 For Every Rupee Spent On Space: ISRO Chief

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India has set an ambitious goal of landing an astronaut on the moon by 2040, according to Dr. Somanath, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). This announcement follows a year of groundbreaking achievements in the country's space sector, with the Indian government approving a historic Rs 31,000 crore funding for ISRO, along with a comprehensive 15-year roadmap.

Dr. Somanath highlighted that the Indian space program has entered a new phase with a long-term vision set for the next 25 years. "For the first time in history, we have a vision for the next 25 years announced," he told NDTV in an exclusive interview.

A key component of this roadmap is the establishment of India's first space station, the Bhartiya Antariksha Station, by 2035. A precursor mission, a space station module, will be launched in 2028 to set the groundwork for the full operational station by 2035. In addition, ISRO is preparing for the first human spaceflight mission, Gaganyaan, and the Chandrayaan-4 lunar sample return mission, furthering India's ambitions for deep space exploration.

The ultimate milestone in this vision is a planned moon landing in 2040. "When we celebrate the 100th year of our independence, an Indian flag will be flying on the moon with our person going, putting it back, and returning safely," Dr. Somanath said.

India's future in space is also marked by the development of a reusable, eco-friendly rocket designed to support human spaceflight and lunar missions. This rocket is expected to meet the growing payload demands as India expands its space capabilities.

The country's space program has sparked significant innovation, with over 250 startups contributing to the sector. Agnikul Cosmos, for example, made headlines with the launch of a liquid-propelled sub-orbital rocket. For every rupee spent on space, India reportedly generates a return of Rs 2.52, emphasizing the economic benefits of its expanding space program.

## Kerala CM Condemns Disruption of Christmas Celebrations, Urges Unity

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Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday strongly condemned the alleged disruption of Christmas celebrations at a school by local activists of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP). He called on the people of Kerala to unite against communal forces and warned of the growing influence of individuals who, according to him, have become an "insult" to the state's culture and values.

Vijayan highlighted Kerala's unique tradition of inclusiveness and acceptance of diverse beliefs, stating that people in the state take pride in celebrating each other's happiness and treating others' traditions as their own. "We see every celebration as

an opportunity to share the sweetness of love," the Chief Minister remarked in his Christmas Eve message.

He emphasized that Kerala has long been known for its harmonious tradition of different religious communities coming together to celebrate one another's festivals. However, Vijayan warned that some "malicious communal forces" were trying to weaken this tradition and turn religious practices into sources of hatred. He expressed concern over recent incidents where such forces, particularly those associated with the Sangh Parivar, have disrupted Christmas celebrations, calling these acts a threat to the state's secular fabric. Vijayan further stated that these troubling developments underscore the need for resistance against forces trying to

undermine Kerala's inclusive and peaceful culture. He urged the public to protect the state's essence and uphold its long-standing traditions of mutual respect and understanding.

The Chief Minister concluded by extending his wishes for Christmas, hoping that the birth of Jesus Christ would bring messages of love and humanity to everyone.

The recent disruptions of Christmas celebrations, including incidents in Palakkad where VHP activists targeted school events and where unidentified miscreants destroyed a symbolic crib, have sparked widespread protests across the state. In response, the Kerala government has set up a special police team to investigate the incidents and take appropriate action.

## 'Cong repeatedly disrespected Ambedkar', alleges UP CM Yogi Adityanath

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday strongly condemned the Congress for allegedly insulting Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and demanded an apology from the party. Speaking at a press conference in Lucknow, CM Yogi accused Congress of showing "unconstitutional and unethical" disrespect towards Baba Saheb.

He stressed that Dr. Ambedkar played a pivotal role in India's independence and the framing of the Constitution, and that every Indian holds him in



high regard. "The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has always worked towards building the country of Baba Saheb's dreams and giving him the respect he deserves," Yogi said.

The Chief Minister also criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, alleging that bills aimed at the welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and women were torn up by him. He added, "When bills for the welfare of the underprivileged are torn in Parliament, is this behavior constitutional? Insulting Baba Saheb is a recurring act by Congress, and they must apologize to the nation."

Yogi also pointed out the physical attacks on BJP MPs in Parliament, questioning the constitutional legitimacy of Congress's actions. He further accused Congress of a long history of disrespecting Dalits and marginalized groups, claiming that the people of India had consistently rejected the party and would continue to do so.

The BJP leader's remarks come amidst ongoing political tensions and have intensified the criticism of Congress's approach to Dalit welfare. Yogi's comments are seen as part of his efforts to rally support for the BJP ahead of future elections.



## Sri Lanka 2024: Dissanayake's Presidency Opens New Chapter In India-Lanka Relations

COLOMBO: When India invited left-wing leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake for an official visit in February 2024, few could have predicted the dramatic shift in Sri Lanka's political landscape that would follow. By the end of the year, Dissanayake, popularly known as AKD, had made a surprising rise to the presidency, altering the dynamics between Sri Lanka and its neighbor, India.

Dissanayake, 56, won the presidential election in September 2024, a remarkable achievement that saw his party-led coalition, the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), secure over 60 percent of the vote. This victory was a stunning turnaround from the party's performance in 2019, when it held only a modest 3 percent of the vote. His victory marked a significant political shift in Sri Lanka, signaling growing support for the National People's Power (NPP), a coalition led by the JVP.

In the weeks following his presidential win, Dissanayake's coalition dominated Sri Lanka's parliamentary elections, securing 159 out of the 225 seats—a groundbreaking achievement that gave the NPP a two-thirds majority, the first of its kind under the country's proportional representation system. This unexpected success has reshaped the political landscape and solidified Dis-



sanayake's position as a dominant figure in Sri Lankan politics.

India's invitation to Dissanayake for an official visit would have seemed unimaginable a few decades ago, given the JVP's violent history during the late 1980s. The party was involved in a bloody insurgency from 1987 to 1990, leading to a tense and tumultuous relationship with the Sri Lankan government. However, the evolving political

scenario and Dissanayake's new leadership have brought renewed attention to the relationship between the two countries.

As the first official visit of Dissanayake's presidency approaches, it underscores the changing political dynamics in Sri Lanka and the strategic importance of strengthening ties with India amidst a rapidly evolving South Asian geopolitical environment.

## Pope Francis Launches Jubilee 2025 with Christmas Eve Ceremony

VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis will mark Christmas Eve with a special ceremony to inaugurate Jubilee 2025, a year-long Catholic celebration set to bring over 30 million pilgrims to Rome. Despite recent health concerns, including a cold, the 88-year-old pontiff is expected to open the "Holy Door" of St. Peter's Basilica at 7:00 pm (1800 GMT) in a ceremony attended by 30,000 people and broadcast worldwide.



The Holy Door, usually kept closed, will be opened for pilgrims throughout the year, symbolizing a path to "plenary indulgence," a form of forgiveness for sins, a long-standing Catholic tradition. Following the door's opening, Pope Francis will preside over the Christmas Eve mass in St. Peter's, and on Christmas Day, he will deliver his traditional Urbi et Orbi blessing to the city and the world.

This year's Jubilee celebrations come as

To ensure safety during the Jubilee celebrations, Rome has deployed 700 security officers, with additional measures put in place after a car-ramping attack at a Christmas market in Germany. In preparation for the influx of pilgrims, much of Rome has undergone a facelift, with key monuments like the Trevi Fountain cleaned and roads redesigned to alleviate congestion.

The Jubilee 2025 will be marked by religious and cultural events, from masses to exhibitions, and aims to reflect on penance and spiritual renewal. This year's event also features a modern twist, with online registration, multilingual apps, and even a mascot named Luce, inspired by Japanese anime. The Vatican's outreach includes a broader audience, such as LGBTQ groups, in line with the pope's inclusive message. The Jubilee will run throughout 2025, with Holy Doors opening at major basilicas and Catholic churches worldwide.

Pope Francis has already made headlines with his calls for peace, particularly regarding the ongoing violence in the Middle East. Over the weekend, his condemnation of Israeli airstrikes in Gaza sparked a strong response from Israel, following his comments on the "cruelty" of the attacks that resulted in the deaths of children.

## Imran Khan's Release on the Agenda as Govt and PTI Hold Talks

ISLAMABAD: In a significant development, the Pakistan government and the opposition party Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) held their first round of talks on Monday, agreeing to continue discussions to resolve key contentious issues, including the release of former Prime Minister Imran Khan, who is currently imprisoned.

The much-anticipated meeting was facilitated by National Assembly (NA) Speaker Ayaz Sadiq, who had earlier announced his commitment to ease the ongoing political tension in the country. The government delegation included Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, along with Prime Minister's political aide Rana Sanaullah. Representing PTI were former speaker Asad Qaiser, Sahibzada Hamid Raza, and Senator Raja Nasir Abbas.

The discussions marked a crucial step towards addressing the long-standing political standoff between the ruling government and the opposition party. The issue of Imran Khan's imprisonment has been a point of contention, with PTI calling for his release and accusing the government of political vic-



timization. The talks aim to address these grievances while seeking to defuse escalating tensions in the country's political landscape.

Both sides have expressed a willingness to continue negotiations and work towards finding a peaceful resolution. The meeting's outcome is seen as a positive sign, indicating a potential de-

escalation of the political crisis that has gripped Pakistan in recent months.

The continuation of dialogue between the government and PTI is viewed as a critical step in fostering stability in Pakistan's political environment, with hopes that both sides can find common ground on the issue of Imran Khan's release and other pressing matters.

## Netanyahu Vows to Fight 'Forces of Evil' in Message to Christians Amid Gaza War



FRANCE: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued a strong message to Christians worldwide, acknowledging their steadfast support for Israel amid the ongoing conflict in Gaza. In a video message released on Tuesday, Netanyahu praised the Christian community for their "resilient, consistent, and forceful" backing as Israel fights against what he termed the "forces of evil."

The Prime Minister reiterated Israel's commitment to peace with those who seek it, while emphasizing that Israel would take whatever action necessary to defend itself, particularly as the "one and only Jewish state." He expressed gratitude for global Christian support, stating, "With your support, and with God's help, I assure you, we shall prevail."

This comes as Christians in Israel and the Palestinian territories prepare for a somber Christmas season for the second consecutive year, with the ongoing conflict in Gaza casting a long shadow over the holiday. The war, which began on October 7, 2023, after a deadly Hamas attack on Israel, has led to widespread devastation, particularly in the Gaza Strip, where the Israeli military campaign has caused significant loss of life.

As of now, at least 45,317 people have been killed in Gaza, most of them civilians, according to the Hamas-run health ministry, with figures corroborated by the United Nations. The toll has deeply affected the Christian communities in both Israel and the Palestinian territories, which are preparing for a Christmas marked by grief and hardship.

In Israel, approximately 185,000 Christians live, making up about 1.9% of the population. Of this number, Arab Christians constitute nearly 76%. In the Palestinian territories, around 47,000 Christians reside, including those in Gaza, further highlighting the war's widespread impact on the region's Christian population.



## Bangladesh Launches \$5 Billion Graft Probe Against Sheikh Hasina and Family

DHAKA: Bangladesh's anti-corruption commission (ACC) has initiated a high-profile investigation into former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her family over allegations of embezzling \$5 billion linked to the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant project. The probe comes after a rule issued by the High Court, questioning the ACC's delay in investigating the alleged transfer of funds to a Malaysian bank. The rule asked why the ACC's inaction on the matter should not be declared illegal.

The Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant, a significant infrastructure project located 160 kilometers west of Dhaka, is Bangladesh's first nuclear power plant. It is being constructed with the involvement of Indian companies, under the guidance of Russia's state-run corporation Rosatom. The plant, once completed, is expected to contribute substantially to Bangladesh's energy needs.

The allegations center on claims that Sheikh Hasina, along with her family members, including her son Sajeeb Wazed Joy and niece Tulip Siddiq (the UK's Treasury Minister), were involved in the transfer of \$5 billion from the Rooppur project to a bank in Malaysia. The accusations have prompted significant scrutiny and led to questioning of the Hasina family's role in the project's financial management.

Sheikh Hasina's administration has denied any wrongdoing, but the investigation has raised concerns over corruption within the country's highest political echelons. The involvement of prominent family members in the investigation has further intensified the political tensions in Bangladesh. Tulip Siddiq, who is an influential member of the UK government, has also faced questioning over her possible connection to the alleged financial misconduct.

The case highlights growing concerns over transparency and governance in major infrastructure projects in Bangladesh. As the investigation progresses, it is expected to have significant political ramifications for Sheikh Hasina and her party, raising further questions about the accountability of political leaders in the country.





## Markets End Lower as Volatility and Weak Rupee Weigh on Sentiment

Domestic stock markets closed Tuesday's trading session with moderate losses after a volatile day. Opening on a flat note amid mixed signals from Asian markets, the indices initially rebounded with strong gains but soon fell victim to profit-booking as the rupee hit a lifetime low against the dollar. The BSE Sensex dropped 67 points to close at 78,472, while the NSE Nifty declined by 25 points to settle at 23,727. The Bank Nifty also ended weaker, losing 84 points to close at 51,233. Markets remained closed on Wednesday in observance of Christmas.



The trading session saw a wide range of movement. The Sensex, which had closed at 78,540 in the previous session, opened higher at 78,707 and fluctuated between an intraday high of 78,877 and a low of 78,397. Similarly, the Nifty hit a high of 23,867 and a low of 23,685 during the day. Despite a promising start, broader market sentiment turned cautious as the rupee's decline against the dollar weighed on investors' confidence.

The Nifty50 basket reflected a mixed performance, with 22 stocks advancing and 28 declining. Among the top gainers were Tata Motors, Adani Enterprises, Eicher Motors, Nestle India, and BPCL. In contrast, stocks like Power Grid, JSW Steel, SBI Life, Titan, and Infosys led the losers' chart. Sectorally, auto, FMCG, and oil and gas indices registered gains, while banking, IT, media, metals, PSU banks, and consumer durables faced selling pressure.

The market breadth on the NSE was evenly balanced, with 1,446 companies advancing and 1,348 declining out of the 2,897 traded. Additionally, 39 companies touched 52-week



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highs, while 51 hit 52-week lows, reflecting the mixed sentiment prevailing among investors.

Currency markets also played a significant role in shaping the day's trading action. The rupee weakened by 9 paise to close at 85.20 against the US dollar, marking its lowest-ever level and further dampening market sentiment.

In corporate developments, Motilal Oswal projected strong growth potential in pharmaceutical companies like Lupin, Mankind Pharma, Piramal Pharma, Ipca Labs, and Max Healthcare. Meanwhile, Dollar Industries announced plans to raise funds, and Nuama selected Prestige and Brigade Enterprises as top picks in the real estate sector. Tata Investment shares surged by 12% following an announcement by Tata Capital of a Rs. 15,000 crore project. In the defense sector, Nuama identified BHEL and Data Patterns as promising investments for the coming year.

The session highlighted a cautious investor approach amid global uncertainties and domestic pressures, with volatility likely to persist in the coming weeks.

## Retail Inflation Eases for Farmers and Rural Workers in November



Retail inflation for farm workers and rural labourers saw a notable decline in November 2024, with rates falling to 5.35% and 5.47%, respectively, compared to 5.96% and 6% in October. According to a statement from the Labour Ministry, the All-India Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL) and Rural Labourers (CPI-RL) showed a modest increase of 5 points each in November, reaching 1,320 and 1,331, respectively.

The year-on-year inflation rates, based on CPI-AL and CPI-RL, were also recorded lower in November 2024, standing at 5.35% and 5.47% respectively, compared to 7.37% and 7.13% in the same month of the previous year. This decrease in inflation is seen as a positive development for rural households, which are particularly sensitive

to changes in food and essential goods prices.

The decline in inflation could be attributed to various factors, including a stabilization in food prices and improved supply chains. However, inflation remains a significant concern for rural workers, as the cost of living continues to rise across various sectors.

The decrease in inflation for farm workers and rural labourers comes as a relief to many, but ongoing vigilance is required to ensure that inflationary pressures do not negatively impact the economic stability of these groups. In the coming months, inflationary trends will be closely monitored to assess whether the downward movement continues or if further adjustments are needed.

## India Ranks Fourth Globally in Savings, According to SBI Report



India has consistently embraced a culture of savings, and this tradition remains strong, even amidst evolving financial landscapes. A recent report by the State Bank of India (SBI) reveals that India's savings rate stands at 30.2%, positioning the country as the fourth-largest saver globally. This is above the global average savings rate of 28.2%, with only China (46.6%), Indonesia (38.1%), and Russia (31.7%) surpassing India in savings.

The SBI's report, part of its Ecowrap series, highlights a significant shift in savings behavior within the country, with a marked transition toward formal financial inclusion. Over 80% of adults in India now use formal financial accounts, a remarkable increase from just 50% in 2011. This shift is reflective of a broader trend toward greater access to financial services, contributing to a larger segment of the population participating in the formal econo-

my.

The increase in formal financial account usage is also indicative of improving financial literacy and trust in banking systems, which has been bolstered by government initiatives aimed at financial inclusion. As a result, more Indians are saving through formal channels such as banks, which not only offers greater security for savings but also opens the door to other financial services like loans and insurance.

India's strong savings rate highlights the resilience of its population in adapting to changing economic conditions. While global financial trends evolve, India's commitment to savings and financial security remains a cornerstone of its economic stability. As financial inclusion continues to grow, India is likely to maintain its position as a major global saver in the years to come.

## Tata Group Stocks Surge Amid IPO Buzz for Tata Capital

Shares of several Tata Group companies, including Tata Investment Corporation, Tata Technologies, and Tata Motors, saw significant gains on December 24, 2024, following reports that the group is preparing for an initial public offering (IPO) of its financial services arm, Tata Capital.

Tata Investment Corporation emerged as the biggest gainer, surging by up to 12%, while Tata Technologies saw a 4% increase. Other Tata stocks, including Tata Motors (up 2%), Tata Chemicals (up 3%), and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) (up 1%), also posted gains during the session.

According to a report from Moneycontrol, Tata Group is reportedly in talks with advisors to launch the Tata Capital IPO in 2025. The group is working on meeting the regulatory requirements for the IPO, which is expected to be a large-scale deal valued at over ₹15,000 crore. Tata Group



has enlisted law firm Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas and investment bank Kotak Mahindra Capital as advisors for the proposed IPO.

Tata Chemicals, which holds a 3% stake in Tata Sons, the holding company of Tata Group, also saw a rise. Tata Sons owns a dominant 92.83% stake in Tata Capital, with the remainder held by other Tata companies and trusts. Analysts

believe that Tata Chemicals could benefit significantly from a potential public offering, given the substantial value of its holdings in Tata Sons.

Tata Motors, which holds a 4.7% stake in Tata Capital, also gained from the surge. The stake was acquired following the merger of Tata Motors Finance Ltd (TMFL) with Tata Capital earlier this year. In addition, Tata Motors owns around 3% of Tata Sons, positioning it to benefit from any value unlock at the holding company level.

The surge in Tata Group stocks follows news of Tata Capital being classified as an upper-layer non-banking financial company (NBFC) by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which mandates an IPO within three years. As of March 2024, Tata Capital's assets under management (AUM) had reached ₹158,479 crore, a significant increase from the previous year.

## India's Solar Manufacturing Set for Growth with Export Boost and Lower Import Reliance

India's solar module manufacturing industry is on the verge of a significant transformation, driven by increasing domestic production and robust demand, according to a report by CRISIL. The sector is expected to see a notable improvement in its export-import balance over the next five years, with growing opportunities for exports and a substantial reduction in import reliance.

The report highlights that India's domestic demand for solar modules is projected to average 50-55 gigawatts (GW) annually from Fiscal 2024 to 2030, serving as a key driver for the industry's growth. As domestic production ramps up, the country is expected to face an oversupply starting from Fiscal 2025, creating room for increased exports. India exported approximately 7 GW of solar modules in Fiscal 2024, accounting for 50% of its production. With



domestic production surpassing local demand, overcapacity will pave the way for significant export growth, although the share of exports in total production is expected to decline to 25-32% by Fiscal 2030 due to rising domestic consumption.

On the import side, India's dependence

on solar module imports, which stood at 59% in Fiscal 2024, is expected to fall dramatically to 5-10% by Fiscal 2030, thanks to policy measures like the reimposition of the Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM) from Fiscal 2025 and the increasing domestic manufacturing capacity. However, the industry will continue to rely on imports for critical upstream components such as polysilicon, wafers, and cells due to limited integrated manufacturing capacity.

While domestic manufacturing capacity is set to grow, Indian solar module manufacturers will still depend on imported cells, albeit at a reduced level. Despite this, the sector is positioned for a larger role in global markets, contributing to India's clean energy transition while gradually reducing reliance on imports.

## WhatsApp Introduces Default Party Popper Emoji Reaction for the Holiday Season



As the holiday season approaches, WhatsApp, the popular messaging platform used by billions around the world, is rolling out a new feature designed to enhance user experience. Meta, the parent company of WhatsApp, recently announced an update that will add a default message reaction for both Android and iOS devices.

The new feature allows users to quickly react to messages using the party popper emoji, a fun and festive symbol commonly associated with celebrations. This addition aims to streamline the process of sending reactions, particularly for users looking to express excitement or joy during the holiday season. Previously, users had to sift through the entire emoji tray to find and select the party popper emoji. With this new update, the emoji will be readily available as a default option, making it much easier and quicker to send reactions.

This change is part of WhatsApp's ongoing effort to improve user in-

teraction and convenience. The party popper emoji is a fitting choice for this time of year, given its association with holidays, celebrations, and special moments. Now, WhatsApp users can instantly react to messages in a festive way without having to scroll through numerous emojis.

The new feature is expected to be particularly useful during the holiday season when users are sharing messages, images, and greetings with friends and family. Whether wishing someone a happy new year or celebrating a special moment, this easy access to the party popper emoji will add a touch of cheer to WhatsApp conversations.

As WhatsApp continues to innovate and improve its features, this update is sure to make chatting during the holidays even more fun and convenient. With the addition of the default party popper emoji reaction, WhatsApp users can quickly spread festive vibes without missing a beat.

## KAIST Develops Wearable Robot to Help Paraplegics Walk



In a groundbreaking development, South Korean researchers have created a lightweight wearable robot designed to assist paraplegic users in regaining mobility. This innovative exoskeleton can autonomously walk up to the user, lock itself onto them, and enable them to walk, navigate obstacles, and even climb stairs.

The Exoskeleton Laboratory team at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) spearheaded this remarkable invention. Their goal is to design a robotic system that integrates seamlessly into the daily lives of individuals with disabilities, offering them a new sense of independence. The robot's ability to attach itself to the user automatically makes it highly user-friendly, eliminating the need for complex manual adjustments or external assistance.

This wearable exoskeleton represents a significant advancement in mobility aid technology. Unlike traditional devices that require constant support or manual adjustments, the robot functions autonomously, allowing users to walk and move freely in various

environments. The exoskeleton's design also addresses common challenges faced by paraplegic individuals, such as navigating stairs or uneven terrain. By enhancing the user's ability to interact with their surroundings, the robot offers a life-changing solution to those with mobility impairments.

The KAIST team's vision is to create technology that not only enhances the physical capabilities of individuals with disabilities but also improves their overall quality of life. As the device becomes more refined, it could potentially revolutionize the way paraplegic individuals experience daily activities, granting them greater freedom and autonomy.

This new development in wearable robotics is a promising step toward improving accessibility for people with mobility challenges. As research and development in this field continue, the team at KAIST hopes to bring these transformative technologies to a wider audience, providing greater opportunities for individuals with disabilities to live more independent lives.

## Do Sharks Have Bones? Expert Explains Their Cartilage Skeleton

Sharks, the apex predators of the ocean, are known for their impressive agility and speed, but their unique anatomy often raises questions. One of the most common queries is whether sharks have bones in their bodies. The answer is no—sharks do not have bones. Instead, their skeleton is primarily made of cartilage, a strong yet flexible connective tissue.

Unlike many bony fish that possess swim bladders to maintain buoyancy, sharks rely on their cartilaginous skeleton to help them stay afloat. Cartilage is less dense than bone, making sharks lighter and more flexible, which is essential for their hunting and swimming abilities. This lack of bones is a key factor in the shark's ability to move swiftly through the water.

Sharks belong to the phylum Chordata, just like humans, which places them in the same taxonomic hierarchy. However, when it comes to their classification, sharks are classified as fish (Pisces), while humans are mammals. Despite being vertebrates, sharks have cartilage instead of bones, a feature that distinguishes them from bony fish and other vertebrates.



Most species of sharks have between 200 and 400 cartilage-based structures in their bodies. The primary reason for this unique adaptation is that cartilage provides the shark with the right balance of strength and flexibility. "We think early sharks developed a cartilaginous skeleton because it better suited their lifestyle. Being light and more flexible than bone, cartilage means sharks can typically swim faster than bony fish," explained Emma Bernard, Fossil Fish Curator at the Natural His-

tory Museum in London.

This remarkable adaptation allows sharks to be efficient hunters and survivors in the ocean. Their cartilage skeleton plays a significant role in their speed and agility, making them one of the most successful predators in marine ecosystems. While sharks may lack bones, their cartilaginous structure is a critical component of their evolutionary success.

## Internet Reacts GST on Caramelised Popcorn: Next She Will Tax Air and Sunlight

The recent decision by the GST Council to impose an 18% Goods and Services Tax (GST) on caramelised popcorn has sparked a flurry of reactions across social media. The announcement, made during the 55th GST Council meeting on December 21, has led to numerous jokes and memes circulating online, with many users expressing disbelief at the new tax rate.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman provided clarification on the decision, explaining that caramelised popcorn, which contains added sugar, should not be classified the same as regular salted or plain popcorn. In certain states, caramelised popcorn is marketed as "namkeen," and this distinction influences the tax treatment. According to Sitharaman, the different composition—caramelised popcorn containing sugar—warrants the higher 18% GST rate, compared to the 12% GST rate applied to regular pre-packaged and labelled popcorn.

For other pre-packaged, branded ready-to-eat snacks, such

as plain or salted popcorn, the GST rate remains at 12%. However, popcorn that is unpackaged, unlabelled, and contains only salt or spices is subject to a lower 5% GST rate.

While the government's explanation for the varying GST rates has been provided, it has done little to quell the online reaction. Many have taken to social media to express their amusement and frustration, with some joking that the government will soon tax other natural elements, such as air and sunlight. The decision

to impose an 18% GST on something as seemingly trivial as caramelised popcorn has drawn both ridicule and concern from netizens, questioning the fairness and practicality of such tax policies.

Despite the controversy, the GST Council has confirmed that the rates for popcorn and other snacks will remain unchanged, and it remains to be seen whether public outcry will have any effect on future decisions regarding snack taxation.

## The Security Risks of Smartwatches: A Double-Edged Sword

Smartwatches offer numerous benefits, from tracking fitness metrics to monitoring heart rate and sleep patterns. However, as these devices become more integrated into daily life, they also present significant security risks that could expose sensitive personal information.

### Data Breaches

Smartwatches store a wealth of personal data, including location, health statistics, and sometimes even messages or notifications. If a smartwatch is hacked, attackers could gain access to this data, putting your privacy at risk.

### Hacking and Unauthorized Access

Most smartwatches connect to smartphones via Bluetooth or Wi-Fi, which can create potential vulnerabilities. Weak security protocols can be exploited by hackers to access or manipulate the data being transferred between the smartwatch and its paired device, leading to unauthorized control over the information.

### Malware and Exploits

Malicious software (malware) can be installed on a smartwatch, allowing cybercriminals to gain control of the device. Once compromised, the hacker could use the smartwatch to track the user's movements or even launch



attacks on other connected devices, expanding the scope of the breach.

### Bluetooth Vulnerabilities

Bluetooth connections, although convenient, can be vulnerable to specific types of attacks, such as "bluejacking," where unsolicited messages are sent to the device, or "bluebugging," which allows hackers to take control of the device. If the Bluetooth connection isn't secure, attackers can exploit it to gain unauthorized access to your smartwatch.

### Physical Theft

If a smartwatch is lost or stolen, there is the risk that someone could bypass security features like passwords or PINs. This could give them access to personal data stored on the device or, in some cases, allow remote control of the device.

Despite being equipped with security features, smartwatches are still susceptible to a range of cyber threats. Users should remain vigilant and take steps to protect their devices, like enabling encryption, using strong passwords, and monitoring for any unusual activity.



## India Announces 15-Member Squad for ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup



India has named a 15-member squad for the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup, set to take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from January 18 to February 2, 2025. The Women's Selection Committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) confirmed the squad, with Niki Prasad appointed as captain and Sanika Chalke as vice-captain.

India, the defending champions, will compete in Group A alongside hosts Malaysia, West Indies, and Sri Lanka. The tournament will feature 16 teams, divided into four groups, with India aiming to retain their title.

The squad includes two wicket-keepers, Kamalini G and Bhavika Ahire, providing flexibility in team selection. In addition to the main squad, three standby players—

Nandhana S, Ira J, and Anadi T—have also been named.

The Indian team's preparation is focused on maintaining their strong performance from the previous edition of the tournament, where they emerged as champions. The Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup will provide a platform for these young cricketers to showcase their talent on the global stage.

With the tournament just around the corner, all eyes will be on how India performs as they aim to defend their title and continue their dominance in women's youth cricket. The team's leadership under Niki Prasad and the promising talent within the squad add to the excitement as the countdown to the tournament begins.

## Ben Stokes Ruled Out of Cricket for Three Months Due to Torn Hamstring

England captain Ben Stokes has been sidelined from cricket for at least three months after suffering a torn left hamstring. The 33-year-old all-rounder will undergo surgery on the injury next month, according to a statement from the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).

Stokes sustained the injury during the third Test against New Zealand in Hamilton, which ended in a defeat for England last week. The injury marks another setback in a series of hamstring issues for the star cricketer.

As a result of this injury, Stokes was already excluded from the England squad for the upcoming Champions Trophy, set to be held in February and March 2025 in Pakistan. His absence from the tournament, a key event in the international cricket calendar, is a



significant blow to the English team. This is not the first time that hamstring problems have affected Stokes' career. In the past, he was forced to miss the home summer series against Sri Lanka and the first Test in Paki-

stan in October due to similar injuries. Despite being one of England's most valuable players, Stokes has struggled with recurring hamstring issues, which have frequently sidelined him during important series. With Stokes out of action, England will need to reassess their strategies for the Champions Trophy and upcoming international commitments. His absence will also leave a void in both leadership and all-round performance, as Stokes is known for his contributions with both bat and ball.

The focus now shifts to his recovery and successful surgery, with hopes for his return to full fitness in the coming months. Stokes' rehabilitation will be closely monitored by the ECB, as they look to bring their captain back into action once he has recovered from this latest setback.

## India to Face Pakistan in Dubai on Feb 23 as Champions Trophy Schedule Unveiled

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has officially announced the schedule for the upcoming Champions Trophy, with India set to play all their group stage matches in Dubai. The highly anticipated clash between India and Pakistan is slated for February 23, marking a marquee event in the tournament.



As expected, India and Pakistan have been placed in the same group, Group A, alongside New Zealand and Bangladesh. This promises a thrilling start to the competition, with high-stakes matches set to captivate cricket fans worldwide.

Group B features South Africa, Australia,

India, Afghanistan, and England, ensuring a competitive line-up across both groups.

The tournament is set to begin on February 19 in Karachi, where hosts Pakistan will face New Zealand in the opening match. The final will take

place on March 9, concluding what is expected to be an exciting month of cricket.

The announcement also confirms that, should India qualify, they will play their semi-final and final matches in Dubai. This decision to host all league games, including the final stages, in Dubai reflects the growing significance of the venue for international cricket events.

With fierce rivalries, including the India-Pakistan clash, and teams filled with talent, the 2025 Champions Trophy is shaping up to be a thrilling competition for cricket fans across the globe.

## Harleen Deol's Maiden Century Powers India to 358/5 Against West Indies in 2nd WODI

Harleen Deol's brilliant maiden century helped India post an imposing total of 358/5 against the West Indies in the second Women's ODI on Tuesday. India, who lead the three-match series 1-0, are on track to seal a 2-0 lead after matching their highest-ever ODI total, which also stands as the highest total any team has scored against the West Indies.

Deol's 115 off 103 balls, including 16 boundaries, was the backbone of India's innings. She was well supported by Pratika Rawal, who contributed 76 off 86 balls, and Smriti Mandhana, who added 53 runs off 47 balls. Jemimah Rodrigues also played a crucial role, scoring 52 runs off 36 balls.

Deol's knock was particularly notable for her evolution as an all-around player. While she is not typically known for power hitting, she displayed an impressive range, finding gaps and placing the ball in unconventional areas. Her century came off 98 balls, marked by a perfectly timed boundary off pacer Sharmilla Connell.

India's strong start was built on the foundation of an opening partnership between Mandhana and Rawal, who added 110 runs off just 16.3 overs, their second consecutive 100-run partnership in ODIs. However, some miscommunication led to Mandhana's unfortunate run-out. Rawal, who was well on her way to a hundred, was dismissed for 76 when she mistimed a delivery from Zaida James.



Captain Harmanpreet Kaur's brief stay ended when she was bowled out while attempting a slog sweep. Yet, Rodrigues and Deol shared a productive 116-run partnership for the fourth wicket in just over 12 overs, further consolidating India's position. Rodrigues reached her fifty off just 34 balls, including four boundaries in one over off Connell, and continued to innovate.

Deol's eventual dismissal did little to dampen India's progress, as they reached 358/5, putting the West Indies in a tough spot to chase in the remaining overs.

## World Championship of Legends T20 League Season 2 Schedule Announced



The second season of the World Championship of Legends (WCL) T20 League will be held in August 2025, with an expanded schedule, marquee players, and additional venues. The tournament is set to run from July 18 to August 2, 2025, promising thrilling cricket action featuring legendary players from six countries: India, Pakistan, England, Australia, South Africa, and the West Indies.

The tournament will kick off on July 18, with the England Champions taking on the Pakistan Champions at Edgbaston Stadium in Birmingham. The highly anticipated India-Pakistan clash is scheduled for July 20, also at Edgbaston, igniting one of the fiercest rivalries in international cricket.

The league will feature a round-robin format followed by knockout stages. The two semi-finals will be held on July 31, with the grand final scheduled for August 2. Fans can expect high-octane action throughout the tourna-

ment, with the full list of venues to be revealed soon.

WCL CEO Harshit Tomar expressed excitement for the upcoming season, stating, "WCL Season 1 delivered an incredible fan experience, and we are committed to making Season 2 even better. Our focus remains on creating unforgettable moments for viewers across the globe."

Bollywood actor Ajay Devgn, a co-owner of the league, also shared his enthusiasm, saying, "I am happy to see larger associations and the league getting bigger and better every year. We truly believe Season 2 will also claim the highest viewership across the globe. Stay tuned for more exciting announcements."

With star-studded teams and top-tier international cricketers, WCL Season 2 is shaping up to be a must-watch event for cricket fans worldwide.



## Chinni from Daaku Maharaaj: A Caretaker's Love in a Heartwarming New Single

Nandamuri Balakrishna is set to take the silver screen by storm this Sankranti with his highly anticipated film \*Daaku Maharaaj\*. Directed by KS Ravindra and produced by Naga Vamshi under the banner of Sithara Entertainment, the film is generating tremendous buzz ahead of its release on January 12, 2025. The director and producer recently spoke to the media, sharing their confidence in the film's success and the powerful story that it promises to deliver.

In an exciting update, the makers of \*Daaku Maharaaj\* unveiled a new single from the film, titled "Chinni." Composed by the talented

Thaman, the song features soothing vocals by Vishal Mishra, with heartfelt lyrics penned by Anantha Sriram. The track is expected to captivate audiences with its emotional depth and beautiful melody. The song's visuals are equally touching, featuring Balakrishna in a tender and emotional scene where he is seen bonding with a child. The warmth and affection he shares with the child become the central theme of the song, as Balakrishna's character takes on the role of the child's caretaker during a crucial point in the narrative.

The music video, shot in the picturesque locations of Ooty, adds to the song's emotional

appeal, with the serene backdrop amplifying the depth of the song's theme. Chandni Chowdary and Urvashi Rautela also make their presence felt in the video, adding an extra layer of charm and magic to the visuals.

As the film gears up for its Sankranti release, \*Daaku Maharaaj\* is expected to make a strong impact at the box office. With Balakrishna's powerful presence, an engaging storyline, and a beautiful soundtrack, the film has all the ingredients for success. Fans are eagerly awaiting its release and the emotional journey it promises to offer.



## Pushpa 2 Breaks Records and Now in 3D: An Exciting Update for Fans

Pushpa 2 continues to shatter box office records, with Allu Arjun, affectionately known as Bunny, ruling over multiple film industries. The movie has already surpassed an astounding 1700 crore mark, solidifying its position as one of the biggest blockbusters of recent times. As Pushpa 2 continues to dominate, it has also broken records across various regions. The Bollywood industry was left stunned as Shahrukh Khan's Pathaan set a record with a 600 crore collection, but now \*Pushpa 2\* is making waves in its own right.

In a thrilling update, the makers of \*Pushpa 2\* have announced that the film is now available in 3D in Hindi, across the country. This new 3D version of the movie is expected to take the already immense popularity of \*Pushpa 2\* to new heights, offering fans a more immersive cinematic experience. The move to release the 3D version in Hindi comes as no surprise, given the movie's immense success in the north, where it is already enjoying huge collections.

However, fans in the Telugu-speaking states are still awaiting confirmation regarding the 3D release in their language. The makers have yet to announce if the Telugu version of \*Pushpa 2\* will be available in 3D. Should this happen, the film's box office collections could see an even more significant boost, as 3D releases typically draw in larger audiences and further increase revenue.



With the 3D version now available, there is renewed excitement surrounding the film, and it is expected to continue dominating the box office in both domestic and international markets. \*Pushpa 2\* is not just a hit, but a phenomenon, and with this new 3D release, it looks set to make an even bigger impact in the coming weeks. Fans are eagerly awaiting the chance to witness Bunny's larger-than-life performance in the enhanced 3D version.

## Unstoppable with NBK: Venkatesh and Balayya Groove t In Upcoming Episode



The much-awaited upcoming episode of Aha's popular celebrity talk show \*Unstoppable with NBK\* Season 4 is set to be a grand spectacle, as it will feature the legendary actor Venkatesh. Hosted by the charismatic Nandamuri Balakrishna, the show continues to captivate audiences with its blend of fun, candid conversations, and exciting guest appearances.

A newly released promo for the episode offers a glimpse of Venkatesh alongside his brother, renowned producer Suresh Babu, as they share captivating insights into their personal lives and professional journeys. The episode also features the team from \*Sankranthiki Vasthunnam\* - including director Anil Ravipudi and actresses Meenakshi Chaudhary and Aishwarya Rajesh - who join the conversation to share their experiences and add to the show's entertainment quotient.

The standout moment from the promo, however, is the rare and

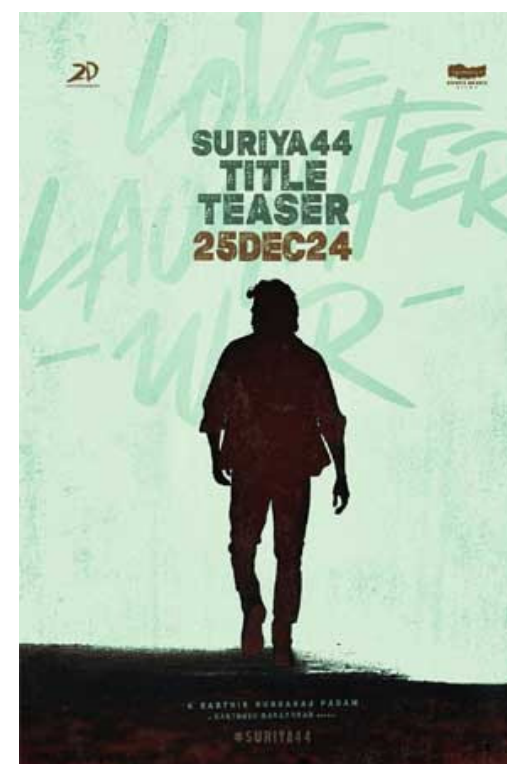
electrifying sight of two legendary stars - Nandamuri Balakrishna and Victory Venkatesh - sharing the stage. Their camaraderie and chemistry light up the screen as they deliver iconic dialogues from their past films. The cherry on top is their delightful performance of the classic song \*Pelli Kala Vachesinde Bala\* from the blockbuster \*Preminchukundam Raa\*. Fans will be thrilled to see this unforgettable moment, as the two stars groove to the song, evoking nostalgia and excitement.

To hear Venkatesh's fascinating stories and personal anecdotes, and to witness the high-energy performance, don't miss the upcoming episode. Mark your calendars for December 27, 2024, at 7 PM, for an unmissable episode of \*Unstoppable with NBK\*. With Balakrishna and Venkatesh together on screen, it promises to be an episode full of fun, laughter, and memorable moments. Stay tuned for what is sure to be a blockbuster show!

## Karthik To Give Solid Treat To Suriya Fans For Christmas with Suriya44 Title Teaser

Director Karthik Subbaraj, known for his unique storytelling style and fresh approach to filmmaking, is all set to give Suriya fans an unforgettable Christmas gift. After delivering a series of critically acclaimed films, Subbaraj's upcoming project, \*Suriya44\*, has created immense anticipation among movie buffs. The film is particularly significant for Suriya, who has faced a challenging phase in his career, making this movie crucial for his comeback.

In an exciting update, the makers have announced that the title teaser of \*Suriya44\* will be released on Christmas Day, providing a solid festive treat for fans. The teaser promises to offer a glimpse into the world of this film, which is touted to be a love story infused with action-packed elements. Early promotional content has already sparked curiosity, and now all eyes are on this upcoming teaser, which is expected to reveal more about the film's tone and style.



The movie features Suriya in the lead role, with Pooja Hegde playing the fe-

male lead. Additionally, Shriya Saran will be seen in a special song, adding further excitement to the project. Music for \*Suriya44\* is composed by Santosh Narayanan, who is known for delivering soulful and impactful tracks. The film is being produced under Suriya's 2D Entertainment banner, further raising expectations among fans and industry professionals alike.

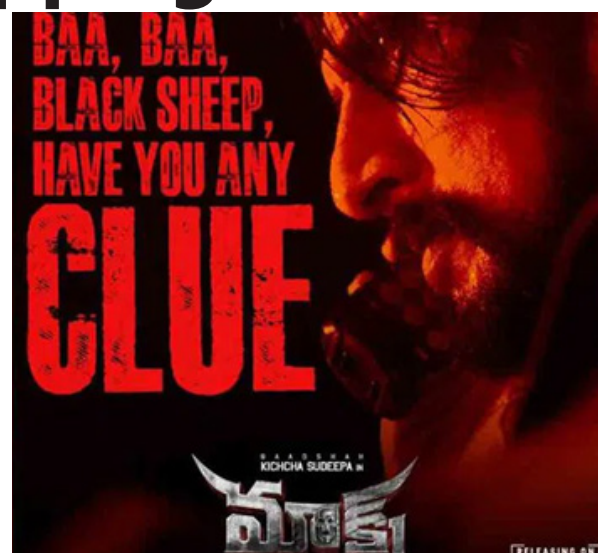
While the title teaser is expected to drop on December 25, there's speculation that it might also reveal the official release date. \*Suriya44\* is currently scheduled for a release on April 10, 2025, and fans are eagerly awaiting confirmation of this timeline.

With the promise of a strong title teaser on Christmas, Karthik Subbaraj and Suriya are set to capture the hearts of moviegoers. As the countdown begins, fans are looking forward to a thrilling cinematic experience that blends romance with high-octane action.

## Kiccha Sudeep's Max Trailer Unveils a Gripping Political Drama

Kannada superstar Kiccha Sudeep is all set to enthrall the audience with his upcoming film \*Max\* (Max The Movie), following his massive success with \*Vikrant Rona\*. Directed by Vijay Karthikeyan in his debut, the film has already created waves with its title teaser, which has gone viral across social media platforms. With a grand global release scheduled for December 27, the makers have now unveiled the much-awaited trailer, further intensifying the excitement surrounding the movie.

The \*Max\* trailer is nothing short of stunning. It opens with intense dialogue that sets the tone for a high-stakes political drama: "This night is crucial for our political career." The narrative quickly delves into the personal struggles of the characters, as a mother desperately pleads for the safety of her daughter, stating, "Sir, my



daughter is missing. She is my only daughter." These emotional moments are juxtaposed with the film's larger social themes, as characters discuss their commitment to making changes, such as implementing the Swachh Bharat program, and their belief in purging corruption from politics.

In a previously released glimpse, the film offered a powerful statement: "You can escape from a fire, an earthquake, or a typhoon. But if you let this go, even the child will die, despite having the boon of immortality." This mysterious and intense dialogue hints at the film's core theme - a battle against corruption, and the lengths to which the characters are willing to go to protect their loved ones.

With \*Max\* poised for release in just a few days, the trailer promises an exciting mix of intense drama, powerful performances, and a gripping storyline. Kiccha Sudeep's powerful presence, combined with the debut direction of Vijay Karthikeyan, ensures that \*Max\* will be one of the most talked-about films of the year. Fans are eagerly anticipating its release, ready for a thrilling cinematic experience.