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WHO IS TULASI?

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GUDIVADA, DECEMBER-4

Tulasi... Kamepalli Tulasi Babu... now this name is making rounds in political circles. Specifically, Mr. Raghurama Krishna Raju, Deputy Speaker of AP, has named him and accused him of being the person who sat on his chest and beat him while in the custody of the CID. The Deputy Speaker has alleged that Tulasi is the benami of CID Ex-Chief Mr. Sunil Kumar. That is why he was at the CID office during Mr. Raju's interrogation by CID officials, he added.

Surprisingly, Mr. Tulasi is now acting like the shadow MLA of Gudivada. He has become the dearest and nearest person to Mr. Venigandla Ramu, MLA of Gudivada. Actually, Mr. Tulasi is from Addanki in Prakasam District. Earlier, he was associated with YCP circles. However, just 10 months before the elections, he came to Gudivada and became a close associate of Mr. Venigandla Ramu.

Mr. Tulasi is credited with rallying TDP followers against Kodali Nani. Even now, he is the person directing TDP followers on how to embarrass and control Kodali Nani, preventing him from interfering in constituency affairs at any cost. Allegedly, Mr. Tulasi is handling all illegal collections in the constituency. Be it liquor, sand, or gravel, he decides who



to pay and how much. Anyone in Gudivada who wants to meet the MLA on any issue must first meet Mr. Tulasi. Without Tulasi's recommendation or suggestion, Mr. Venigandla Ramu reportedly does not take any decisions. Allegedly,

Mr. Tulasi has become so powerful that he is even controlling the police and government officials in the constituency. Reports suggest that significant corruption is happening in Gudivada on behalf of MLA Venigandla Ramu, executed allegedly by Mr. Tulasi Babu.

It is now intriguing to understand how Mr. Tulasi is connected to Mr. Sunil Kumar, Ex-DG. How did he gain entry into the CID investigation room, and why did he allegedly assault Mr. Raghurama Krishna Raju by sitting on his chest? To date, no one has condemned the Deputy Speaker's statement that Tulasi is the person who assaulted him.

Mr. Tulasi's parents are teachers, and they previously ran an IAS Academy in Guntur. Leveraging this, he established connections with IAS and IPS officials. Through

these circles, he was introduced to Sunil Kumar and allegedly became his benami. Mr. Venigandla Ramu was introduced to Tulasi during a deal in Guntur, and since then, they have been close. After securing the Gudivada ticket, Mr. Ramu invited Tulasi to Gudivada, and the two have worked together ever since.

This highlights how politics and political affiliations seem applicable only to the common man, while politicians can align with anyone from any party to further their business interests and sustain their positions. Similarly, Mr. Tulasi, who earlier worked with YCP circles, is now associated with TDP circles.

As per available information, Mr. Kamepalli Tulasi Babu has studied LLB. He is a director at People's Pulse Pvt. Ltd., a psephology company. He is also a director at Inventus Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., NTV Agro Marine Foods Pvt. Ltd., Amrutha Solar Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd., and Velocity Cabs Pvt. Ltd. In several companies, Kandimalla Praveen is listed as a co-director with Tulasi, while in one company, Kothapalli Brahmam is a co-director.

The details of these companies raise eyebrows and allegedly appear to be benami entities for a few influential individuals. This aligns with Mr. Raghurama Krishna Raju's statement that Tulasi Babu is the benami of Sunil Kumar.

Effect of DCM Pawan's Orders Committee Formed to Resolve Kakinada Ship Issue

TPN CORRESPONDENT
Amaravati, DECEMBER-4

Efforts to curb the illegal export of thousands of tons of ration rice from Kakinada Port in Andhra Pradesh continue to face challenges, with reports of collusion

among some authorities. In this context, the issue surrounding the South African ship Stella LI, recently seized by Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan during a visit to Kakinada Port, has sparked widespread attention.

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AP Cabinet Key Decisions!!

TPN CORRESPONDENT
Amaravati, DECEMBER-4

- AP Cabinet Meeting Chaired by CM Chandrababu
- Cabinet Approves Several Government Policies
- Discussion Held on Illegal Rice Smuggling
- CM Expresses Displeasure Over Delay in Jal Jeevan Mission

The Cabinet today approved several policies aimed at improving the economic situation of Andhra Pradesh. Among the major decisions was the approval of the IT and Global Competitive Centers Policy 2024-29. This policy includes provisions for coworking spaces and subsidies to promote their growth. Minister Parthasarathy stated that the goal is to develop Andhra Pradesh as an IT hub and provide employment to the large number of graduates entering the workforce each year. The Cabinet also approved the Garments Policy, targeting an investment of ₹10,000 crore over the next five years and aiming to create 2 lakh jobs.

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Delhi, Bihar elections will be typical this time

Chanakya Mukesh



TPN | Exclusive
HYDERABAD, DECEMBER-4

Mr. Mukesh of Chanakya Strategies has opined that predicting the political scenario of Delhi as well as Bihar is a complicated task. Chanakya Strategies, which had assessed Maha Yuti's victory before the results, is now going to work on Delhi and Bihar elections. Mr. Mukesh said,

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Task Force Formed to Probe PDS Rice Smuggling at Kakinada Port

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KAKINADA, DECEMBER-4

A five-member task force has been formed to investigate the alleged illegal smuggling of Public Distribution System (PDS) rice found aboard the West Africa-bound cargo ship Stella L Panama at Kakinada Port. The team comprises officials from Customs, Anchorage Port, Police, Revenue, and Civil Supplies departments. The ship, which was carrying 38,000 metric tons of rice, was seized following instructions from Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Authorities

suspect that a significant portion of the rice onboard was meant for PDS beneficiaries and may have been diverted for smuggling. Kakinada District Collector S. Shan Mohan, addressing the media on Tuesday, stated that the investigation will focus on the origins of the rice and the exporters involved. "We will investigate how the exporters obtained the rice and how much of the stock is PDS rice. Each load of rice will be checked to ensure that the rice meant for beneficiaries is not being diverted for illegal activities," the collector explained. To aid the investigation and crack

down on illegal smuggling, the collector announced a dedicated helpline number (7993332244). The public can use this number to report any suspicious activities related to PDS rice diversions, especially in the Kakinada Port area. "Any information on PDS rice diversions can be shared with us, and we will act immediately with our task force teams," the collector assured. The investigation aims to not only identify the exporters behind the smuggling but also ensure that PDS resources reach the intended beneficiaries without any hindrance.



Raghurama Case District Court to Hear Dr. Prabhavathi's Anticipatory Bail Petition

- CID arrested Raghurama during YCP gov't's tenure
- Allegations of torture in custody by RRR
- Allegations of tampering with a medical report against Dr. Prabhavathi
- Raghurama's lawyer Lakshminarayana files impleadment petition

TPN CORRESPONDENT
GUNTUR, DECEMBER-4

Government doctor Dr. Prabhavathi is facing charges in the custodial torture case of AP Assembly Deputy Speaker Raghurama Krishna Raju. Following Raghurama's custody by the CID during the previous government's tenure, a medical team examined him and issued a report. However, it is alleged that Dr. Prabhavathi tampered with the findings in this report.

In response to these allegations, Dr. Prabhavathi has filed an anticipatory bail petition in the Guntur District Court. The court heard her petition today, during which Raghurama's lawyer, Lakshminarayana, filed an impleadment petition on his behalf. In her petition, Lakshminarayana explained that Raghurama was subjected to third-degree methods during custody, resulting in severe blows to both legs and visible swelling. However, Dr. Prabhavathi reportedly submitted a medical report that contradicted the actual findings, thereby implicating her as an accomplice in the alleged attempt to harm Raghurama.

The lawyer further stated that Raghurama had previously undergone bypass surgery, and such physical trauma could have severe health consequences. She accused Dr. Prabhavathi of deliberately ignoring this critical fact in her report. Lakshminarayana appealed to the court not to grant anticipatory bail to Dr. Prabhavathi, citing her alleged complicity in the case.

The court is expected to deliberate on these submissions and take a decision on the anticipatory bail petition in the coming days.

We Are Depositing Money in Farmers' Accounts Within 24 Hours!!

TPN CORRESPONDENT
AMARAVATI, DECEMBER-4

AP Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar has affirmed the coalition government's unwavering support for farmers. Addressing the media, he highlighted the stark difference in grain procurement under the previous and current governments. While the previous government collected 4.43 metric tons of grain during this period, the coalition government has already procured 9.14 metric tons.

The Minister emphasized that payments are being deposited into farmers' accounts within 24 hours of grain procurement. "We are standing by the farmers 100 percent," Nadendla stated, reiterating the government's commitment to the farming community.

He also responded to a tweet by former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, which alleged that Chandrababu Naidu's administration had abandoned farmers by delaying grain procurement. Minister Nadendla countered these claims, explaining that the current coalition government has taken swift and effective measures to ensure timely support for farmers.

Nadendla further provided a district-wise breakdown of grain procurement for 2023-24 and 2024-25, underscoring the government's proactive efforts in aiding the agricultural sector. He concluded by stating that



the coalition government remains committed to safeguarding the interests of farmers and addressing their needs efficiently.

Tenders to Be Reissued for Amaravati Works

- Minister Narayana announces a new committee to address stalled works in Amaravati
- Old tenders canceled based on the committee's report
- New tenders to be issued by the end of December, with work starting in January
- Plan to complete Amaravati construction within three years

TPN CORRESPONDENT
AMARAVATI, DECEMBER-4

State Urban Development Minister Narayana has made a key announcement regarding the construction of Andhra Pradesh's capital, Amaravati. He revealed the decision to reissue tenders for Amaravati works. A committee of engineers has been formed to review the stalled projects, and based on their report, the old tenders have been canceled. The Minister stated that new tenders would be issued by the end of December, with the works resuming in January 2024.

Minister Narayana disclosed that the estimated cost of Amaravati's works is ₹11,471 crore. He highlighted that assets constructed in Amaravati had incurred a loss of ₹286 crore during the previous government's tenure, with an additional ₹150 crore loss due to road damage. Furthermore, the cancellation and reissuance of tenders have added an additional GST burden of ₹452 crore.

The Minister explained that the value of the remaining works from 2014-19 stands at ₹7,391 crore. However, due to delays, the cost of these works has increased by ₹2,507 crore. Minister Narayana stated that if the previous government had completed the works on time, this burden on the current administration could have been avoided. The Minister also noted significant cost increases, in-



cluding ₹461 crore for trunk roads. Additionally, 320 km of main roads and 1,200 km of layout roads remain incomplete in Amaravati. Major infrastructure projects such as the Assembly building, High Court building, five administrative buildings, and 3,600 apartments are still pending.

Minister Narayana confirmed that all technical and legal issues related to the Amaravati capital works have been resolved. He assured that new tenders would be issued by the end of December and construction would commence in January. A comprehensive plan has been prepared to complete all pending works within three years.

He further stated that an initial estimate of ₹41,000 crore had been prepared for the capital works, but due to delays and cost escalations, an additional 30% increase in expenses is now expected. Minister Narayana reaffirmed the government's commitment to completing Amaravati as a functional and modern capital.

Effect of DCM Pawan's Orders

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Kakinada District Collector Shagili Shanmohan stated that the ration rice previously found aboard the Stella L1 during Pawan Kalyan's visit had been seized, but its owner went to court and secured its release. However, an investigation is underway to determine how the rice reappeared on the ship. The Collector clarified that if the rice was previously released by court orders, no action can be taken against the ship based solely on that. Amid ongoing debates about the authenticity of the rice, Collector Shanmohan announced the formation of a committee to resolve the issue.

The Collector revealed that a multi-disciplinary committee comprising officials from five departments, including Revenue, Police, Civil Supply, Customs, and Port authorities, is being established to address the matter. He acknowledged failures by officials in preventing the illegal movement of ration rice and noted that the ship had been seized as part of the investigation.

The committee will investigate the illegal transportation of ration rice, including how it was moved from the godown to the ship. The Collector emphasized that authorities have the power to inspect ships at Kakinada Port and confirmed that the Stella L1 is currently in the custody of the Port Officer.

The investigation is expected to shed light on the loopholes and mismanagement that enabled the illegal activities, paving the way for stricter enforcement measures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

AP Cabinet...

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Minister Parthasarathy explained that investors will be divided into three categories, and subsidies will be allocated accordingly. In addition, the Cabinet approved the AP Maritime Policy 4.0, focusing on the development of ports and related infrastructure along the state's 975-km coastline. Efforts are also underway to establish a mega shipyard in the state.

Other key decisions include the establishment of Uddanam, Pulivendula, and Don drinking water projects under the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department. The Cabinet has also resolved to expedite the completion of houses allotted to the state by the Central government. Additionally, the Cabinet approved amendments to the Ayurveda and Homeopathy Medical Practitioner Registration Act and the implementation of Real-Time Governance 4.0, including the introduction of a system for issuing certificates via WhatsApp.

Significant funding of ₹11,471 crores was approved for development works in the capital city of Amaravati. The Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) had already given its approval yesterday. The Cabinet concluded that a loss of ₹286.74 crores was incurred due to the abandonment of Amaravati development works during the previous YSRCP government. Minister Narayana noted that past tender processes converted VAT to GST, resulting in an increase of ₹452.35 crores. Additionally, cost increases over time have added ₹2,500 crores to the project budget. Minister Narayana stated that all legal and technical obstacles have been resolved, and tenders for Amaravati projects will be called by the end of this month, with work starting next month.

Payyavula response to Perni Nani

TPN CORRESPONDENT
AMARAVATI, DECEMBER-4

A heated exchange has erupted between ruling alliance leaders and YCP leaders over allegations of illegal smuggling of ration rice from Kakinada port. YCP leader Perni Nani alleged that the state finance minister's brother-in-law is involved in the illegal rice trade. In response, State Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav addressed the accusations.

Payyavula clarified that his brother-in-law's family has been in the boiled rice export business for three generations. However, he stated that they only do business in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and don't buy anything from Andhra

Pradesh. Challenging the allegations, Payyavula said that if Ambati Rambabu or Perni Nani or anyone from YCP has doubts, they are welcome to set up a check post and inspect each gunny bag of rice. He even offered to provide a chair and tent for those conducting the inspections. He firmly reiterated that the movement of ration rice is entirely unrelated to his brother-in-law's business activities.

This ongoing war of words underscores the growing tensions over the Kakinada port issue, drawing attention to the alleged involvement of political figures in the illegal rice smuggling racket.

Delhi, Bihar elections...

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"We are planning to start the work in Delhi next week. Already, our team is on the ground."

Chanakya Strategies is well known as a psephology organization for the last decade. In 2023, Chanakya released surveys and exit polls that accurately assessed the Congress victory. It also witnessed great success in assessing accurate results in Telangana.

Though Mr. Mukesh has worked and continues to work for many politicians, some of whom became Ministers, he has maintained a low profile. When asked about this, he replied, "There is no need for exposure for us. Our work will be observed by the politicians of all the parties. A politician may achieve success without guidance, but we know our limitations. That is why we don't want to expose ourselves openly. We are not limited to any single party. We work for politicians individually."

Mr. Mukesh of Chanakya Strategies is famous for tackling crisis management. Whenever a candidate faces a challenging situation, he knows how to find a positive solution. There are many examples of such instances that occurred earlier. He said, "Yes. As psephologists, we are used to identifying the negative points of the candidate first. In SWOT analysis, we focus first on 'T,' meaning threats. By reducing that threat, the candidate can strive toward victory. Using the right strategy, we can reduce the threat within days. That has happened earlier in Karnataka and Telangana as well."

Amit Shah Praises Pawan Kalyan

- Union Minister Amit Shah describes Pawan Kalyan as a crowd-puller
- Mahayuti candidates win in constituencies where Pawan campaigned in Maharashtra
- Amit Shah acknowledges Pawan Kalyan's contribution to the victory



TPN CORRESPONDENT, DELHI, DECEMBER-4
Jana Sena chief and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan recently participated in the Maharashtra election campaign, lending his support to Mahayuti candidates. His campaign events drew large crowds, including party workers, fans, and the public, in the constituencies where he campaigned. The Mahayuti candidates emerged victorious in all those constituencies.

On this occasion, Union Home Minister Amit Shah lauded Pawan Kalyan, calling him a crowd-puller. Shah acknowledged that the Mahayuti candidates won in all constituencies where Pawan Kalyan campaigned, attributing their success, in part, to his influence.

Jana Sena leader in the Lok Sabha, Balashouri, paid a courtesy visit to Amit Shah in Delhi yesterday. During the meeting, Amit Shah praised Pawan Kalyan for connecting with the people of Maharashtra and contributing to the Mahayuti's success. Balashouri also congratulated Amit Shah on the Mahayuti alliance's victory in the Maharashtra elections.

Pedda Reddy Slams JC Prabhakar Reddy for Objectionable Comments

TPN CORRESPONDENT, TADIPATRI, DECEMBER-4

Tadipatri's political landscape has been stirred by comments made by former TDP MLA and Municipal Chairman JC Prabhakar Reddy against former YCP MLA Anantha Venkatrami Reddy. Reacting to the remarks, Tadipatri YCP leader and former MLA Kethireddy Pedda Reddy condemned JC Prabhakar Reddy's comments as highly objectionable.



Pedda Reddy alleged that members of JC Prabhakar Reddy's group are engaging in activities like matka and poker in Tadipatri. He also claimed that attacks on YCP leaders in the region have increased, with illegal cases being filed against them to harass the victims. Furthermore, Pedda Reddy accused the JC

group of preventing him from visiting Tadipatri, calling it an attempt to suppress dissent. He issued a stern warning to JC Prabhakar Reddy, stating that if they continue to act as though they are above the law, he and his supporters will not remain silent.

The heated exchange underscores the ongoing tensions between the TDP and YCP factions in Tadipatri, a region often marked by intense political rivalry. Both sides continue to exchange sharp accusations, keeping the political climate charged.

Another Shrimp Processing Plant of Dwarampudi Shuts Down

TPN CORRESPONDENT TADIPATRI, DECEMBER-4

The coalition government has delivered another significant blow to YSRCP senior leader and former Kakinada MLA Dwarampudi Chandrasekhar Reddy. Following earlier actions, the Pollution Control Board (PCB) has now ordered the closure of another shrimp processing plant owned by the Dwarampudi family. On August 6, officials shut down the family's shrimp processing plant located in Gurjanapalli, Karapa Mandal, Kakinada district, after identifying regulatory violations. The latest closure affects a second unit, Veerabhadra Exports, near Lampakalova in Prathipadu Mandal. According to the Visakhapatnam Zonal Office of the PCB, inspections revealed multiple violations at Veerabhadra Exports after the coalition government assumed office. Notices were issued to the company management, directing them to rectify the violations. However, the management failed to comply, prompting the PCB to issue an



order to halt production and shut down the plant. The Dwarampudi family has faced increasing scrutiny under the current government, with regulatory authorities intensifying inspections and enforcement actions against their industrial operations. These closures are part of broader efforts by the coalition government to crack down on industries failing to adhere to environmental norms. The PCB has emphasized its commitment to ensuring compliance with environmental regulations and holding violators accountable. The closure of two shrimp processing plants within months signals the government's strict stance on environmental violations and its determination to enforce pollution control measures across the state.

Galla Jayadev's Possible Return to Politics via Rajya Sabha?

TPN CORRESPONDENT AP, DECEMBER-4

Speculation is rife that the TDP may secure two of the three vacant Rajya Sabha seats, with the BJP possibly taking the third. These seats became vacant following the resignations of YSR Congress members Beeda Masthan Rao, Mopidevi Venkata Ramana, and R Krishnaiah. Insiders suggest that TDP might renominate Beeda Masthan Rao, while the BJP is likely to offer its seat to R Krishnaiah. However, fresh reports indicate that the third seat may also go to the TDP. It's rumored that R Krishnaiah, facing financial constraints, may step aside, paving the way for Galla Jayadev as the TDP nominee. Sources claim that Jayadev has offered to address Krishnaiah's financial issues in exchange for the seat. If this arrangement materializes, it remains to be seen whether the BJP will agree to not field a candidate for one of the seats. Galla Jayadev, a former MP, withdrew from active politics due to alleged vendetta poli-



tics by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's government. In his final press conference, Jayadev detailed how his contributions of ₹1,200 crore in state taxes and ₹3,800 crore in central taxes did not shield him from harassment by state agencies and central bodies like the CBI and ED. Pemmasani Chandrasekhar replaced him and later became a Union Minister. If Galla Jayadev indeed enters the Rajya Sabha, it would mark a significant political comeback. His education, professionalism, and integrity would not only strengthen the Telugu Desam Party but also benefit the state. Nominations for the Rajya Sabha by-elections began today and will continue until the 10th of this month.

YSRCP Cadre in Tadepalligudem Demand Leadership Change Cadre Backs VADDI RAGHURAM NAIDU

TPN CORRESPONDENT, TADEPALLIGUDEM, DECEMBER-4

Around 300 YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) representatives, ward in-charges, key leaders, and activists convened in Tadepalligudem town to express their dissatisfaction with the leadership of former Deputy Chief Minister Kottu Satyanarayana. The cadre voiced grievances over being neglected despite their hard work and sacrifices for the party's success over the last five years. Several activists revealed that they had sold assets and incurred debts to support the party but felt abandoned by Satyanarayana. They also alleged that funds were collected from them unfairly, despite their significant contributions to the party's activities. The cadre expressed concerns that if Satyanarayana continues as in-charge, the party's prospects in the constituency would be bleak. The gathering showed strong support for Padi Raghuram Naidu, the current



State Farmers' Union President and former APSA Vice Chairman. Praised for his dedication and personal outreach, Raghuram Naidu was acknowledged as a leader who stood by the workers even after his electoral defeat. Many attendees credited him with giving them encouragement and motivation to remain committed to the party. The cadre declared that YSRCP's future in Tadepalligudem lies in leadership under Padi Raghuram Naidu and resolved to bring the matter to the attention of party chief Jaganmohan Reddy. The meeting, attended by ZPTCs, MPPs, MPTCs, ward and village in-charges, and other key leaders, highlighted the growing demand for a leadership transformation in the constituency.

Mudragada Giri Appointed as YCP Coordinator for Prathipadu Constituency

TPN CORRESPONDENT PRATHIPADU, DECEMBER-4

The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) is taking significant steps to rebuild its organizational strength following its defeat in the general elections. In a bid to prepare for potential early elections, the party leadership, under Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, has been implementing major changes and appointing new leaders to key positions. As part of these efforts, Mudragada Giri, son of prominent leader Mudragada Padmanabham, has been appointed as the coordinator for the Prathipadu Assembly constituency in Kakinada district. The appointment was announced by the party's central office in Tadepalli. Prathipadu is considered a stronghold of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), with the party having won the constituency six times since its inception. In the last elections, YSRCP candidate Varupula Subbarao faced a significant defeat, losing to TDP's Varupula Satyaprabha by a margin of over 38,000 votes. With Giri's appointment, YSRCP aims to turn the tide and regain its foothold in the constituency. The leadership reshuffle extends beyond Prathipadu. Senior leaders have been given



regional responsibilities to strengthen the party in their respective areas. MP Vijayasai Reddy has been tasked with North Andhra districts, YV Subbareddy with Chittoor and Guntur districts, and Botsa Satyanarayana with the Godavari districts. Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy has been entrusted with Kadapa, Kurnool, Tirupati, and Nellore districts—traditionally strong YSRCP regions that suffered setbacks in the last elections. Amid discussions of potential early elections under the "One Nation, One Election" policy, the YSRCP is determined to rebuild its grassroots network and prepare for a strong comeback in upcoming polls.

YSRCP Will Sweep Elections Whenever They Are Held: Sajjala to Party Leaders

TPN CORRESPONDENT AP, DECEMBER-4

YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) General Secretary Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy addressed party MPPs at the YSRCP central office, expressing confidence in the party's ability to regain power whenever elections are held. In his first public statement in weeks, Sajjala provided a comprehensive analysis of the political landscape following the coalition government's ascent to power in Andhra Pradesh. Highlighting YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's welfare initiatives, Sajjala described them as unparalleled since independence. He reminded attendees of the lessons learned from the 2024 elections and emphasized the need for introspection to understand the reasons behind the party's electoral setbacks despite its welfare programs. Sajjala asserted that YSRCP remains a party rooted in inclusivity and grassroots participation, distinguishing it from parties that operate on decisions made by a handful of individuals. He called on members to stand united and work towards bringing the party back to power, capitalizing on the unbreakable affection the welfare schemes have fos-



tered among the people. The General Secretary accused TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu of conspiring to weaken the YSRCP and eliminate opposition voices. He alleged that Chandrababu remained inactive for years after the 2019 elections but has now returned with divisive political strategies. Sajjala criticized the re-emergence of Janmahoomi committees under the coalition government, accusing them of exploitative practices similar to those seen during 2014-19. Sajjala further alleged that the coalition government is filing baseless cases against those who question its actions. He accused Chandrababu of creating controversies over trivial matters, including politicizing Tirupati laddu. Despite these challenges, Sajjala expressed confidence that the YSRCP's good governance and welfare measures will ensure a sweeping victory whenever elections are held. He urged party members to strengthen their resolve, reconnect with the people, and prepare for the electoral battle ahead, emphasizing that YSRCP remains a force to be reckoned with in Andhra Pradesh politics.

Mid-Day Meal for Intermediate Students

Minister Nara Lokesh's Key Decision

TPN CORRESPONDENT, VIJAYAWADA, DECEMBER-4

Minister Nara Lokesh has announced a groundbreaking decision to improve attendance and educational standards in government colleges across Andhra Pradesh. The State Education, IT, and Electronics Minister has decided to extend the mid-day meal program to intermediate students as well. The decision was made during a review meeting held at his residence in Undavalli with senior officials from the School Education and Intermediate Education Departments.

Speaking at the meeting, Lokesh pointed out the high dropout rate among poor students after completing their tenth standard. He emphasized that providing mid-day meals in government intermediate colleges could help reduce dropouts significantly.

He also suggested that a question bank be provided to support academically weaker students in intermediate. Backward students will be identified through assessments conducted under the Sankalp program, and lecturers and college staff will be appointed as caretakers for their progress. Lokesh directed officials to carry out repairs in severely damaged government junior colleges to improve infrastructure.

The Minister instructed officials to organize upcoming mega parent-teacher meetings (PTMs) on December 7 in a festive manner. He emphasized that ministers and legislators should attend the PTMs in their respective constituencies without party flags or extravagant displays. Lokesh confirmed he would participate in the mega PTM at Bapatla Government High School alongside Chief



Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

The meeting also focused on introducing a star rating system for government schools to enhance educational standards and infrastructure. Lokesh suggested using 18 specific criteria for rating schools.

He advised officials to consult State Government Advisor Chaganti Koteswara Rao, particularly for creating a curriculum that fosters moral values. Awareness on gender equality and civic sense will be promoted to ensure boys and girls feel equal from a young age. Lokesh also proposed incorporating Japanese-style life skills into the curriculum.

In light of repealing GO 117, brought by the previous government, Lokesh proposed holding village-level opinion polls to develop better policies. School management committees will also be invited to participate in these discussions. He further clarified that school grounds should not be used for any activities other than job fairs.

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Minister of State for Rural Development Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, in a written reply, stated that Andhra Pradesh has 14,87,631 Lakhpati Didis, followed by Bihar with 13,47,649, and West Bengal with 11,81,852.

Other states with a significant number of Lakhpati Didis include Madhya Pradesh (10,51,069), Maharashtra (10,04,338), Uttar Pradesh (8,41,923), Telangana (7,58,693), Gujarat (5,38,760), Odisha (5,37,350), Jharkhand (3,51,808), Tamil Nadu (3,18,101), Kerala (2,84,616), Rajasthan (2,70,405), and Karnataka (2,36,315).

In contrast, northern states like Punjab and Haryana reported lower numbers, with Punjab having 31,700 and Haryana 62,743 Lakhpati Didis.

Replying to questions from Kota Srinivasa Poojary and Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, the Minister also highlighted the progress of the Namu Drone Didi Scheme, under which 503 drones have been provided till December 3. Andhra Pradesh received the maximum number of drones (97), followed by Karnataka (84), Telangana (72), Madhya Pradesh



(34), Uttar Pradesh (32), Maharashtra (30), Punjab (23), and Haryana (22).

The Minister stated that under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), a centrally sponsored scheme of the Ministry of Rural Development, 10.05 crore women have been mobilized into 90.87 lakh Self Help Groups (SHGs) till October 2024.

An impact evaluation study conducted in 2019-20 by the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), with support from the World Bank, revealed that

DAY-NRLM led to a 19% increase in income, a 20% reduction in the share of informal loans, and a 28% increase in savings among SHG members.

The DAY-NRLM program aims to alleviate rural poverty by organizing women into SHGs and providing continuous support to help them achieve sustainable income growth, improve their quality of life, and rise out of poverty. The Lakhpati Didi initiative, a significant outcome of DAY-NRLM, ensures that SHG members earn a minimum of ₹1 lakh per year sustainably through structured interventions.

The scheme is being implemented nationwide (except in Delhi and Chandigarh) through various benefits like the Revolving Fund, Community Investment Fund, and Bank Linkage, extended to SHGs based on their eligibility and demands.

One Trend Under YCP, Another Under This Government



TPN CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, DECEMBER-4

AP Congress Chief YS Sharmila has once again criticized the policies of the Andhra Pradesh government. After recently questioning the government about illegal transportation of ration rice, YS Sharmila has now raised concerns about Gangavaram Port. Using the platform X, she compared the previous YCP government with the current TDP-led coalition government, accusing both of policy failures. According to her, asset grabbing was a hallmark of the YSR Congress Party, while inaction has become the trademark of the TDP, Janasena, and BJP coalition government.

"If grabbing assets was a trend during the YSR Congress Party's rule, the TDP, Janasena, and BJP coalition government has made it a trend to remain silent about them. Even after six months in power, no action has been taken on any properties seized by the previous government. There has been no investigation," Sharmila criticized.

Citing Gangavaram Port, Sharmila added, "The previous YSRCP government handed over the port, which generates an annual profit of ₹2,000 crore, to Adani in 2021. Along with its net financial reserves, a 10% stake worth ₹9,000 crore was sold for just ₹640 crore. Additionally, 2,800 acres of government land were bundled into the deal. Under the BOT agreement, the port should have become fully government-owned in another 15 years."

Sharmila further alleged that the deal was executed without tenders and all permissions were granted hastily. "They falsely claimed the funds would be used for the development of other ports. The promises made about Gangavaram Port while in opposition are meaningless now," she added. Demanding action, Sharmila called on the coalition government, Nara Chandrababu Naidu, and Pawan Kalyan to reclaim the government's stake in Gangavaram Port. "We demand concrete steps to take back the government's share," she tweeted.

Amaravati Phase 1, ₹11,467 Crores Approved

TPN CORRESPONDENT, VIJAYAWADA, DECEMBER-4

The Andhra Pradesh government has approved significant development works worth ₹11,467 crores for Phase 1 of Amaravati's construction. The Capital Regional Development Authority (CRDA) sanctioned 23 key projects in a meeting held at CM Chandrababu Naidu's residence, with funds sourced from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. Key allocations include ₹2,498 crores for road construction and ₹1,585 crores for reservoir works, including Palavagu, Kondaveetivagu, and the Gravitation Canal. Additionally, ₹3,525 crores have been earmarked for constructing buildings for All India Services, Gazetted, Non-Gazetted, and Class 4 employees. A notable ₹3,859.6 crores will be utilized to de-



velop layouts across 8,496.30 acres, allocated to farmers who contributed their land for Amaravati's development. These layouts will feature modern facilities and essential amenities. Before 2019, ₹3,306 crores had been allocated for

these layouts, but the revised budget accounts for increased costs and enhancements.

The government has also decided to cancel pre-2019 tenders and invite fresh tenders for all projects, including the prestigious Happy Nest project. Delays in the Happy Nest construction have resulted in a ₹984.10 crore loss, prompting the government to impose strict deadlines on all departments involved in Amaravati's development.

The government remains committed to building a world-class capital city, with each project closely monitored for timely execution. Amaravati's Phase 1 development marks a critical step in realizing the vision for the state's new administrative and cultural hub.

Hanuman Prasad's Heartfelt Birthday Tribute to MLA Kamineni Srinivas Rao

TPN CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, DECEMBER-4

Varre Hanuman Prasad, the Jana Sena Party spokesperson for the Kaikaluru constituency and Chiranjeevi Youth President of Krishna district, orchestrated a grand celebration for MLA Kamineni Srinivas Rao's birthday, embodying the true spirit of service and leadership. The event saw an overwhelming turnout of over ten thousand people from the constituency, showcasing the deep connection and respect Hanuman Prasad has fostered within the community.

A beloved figure in Mudinepalli, Hanuman Prasad is widely recognized for his unwavering commitment to public service. Guided by the inspiring leadership of Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan, Hanuman Prasad has consistently worked to uplift and support the people, dedicating his efforts to addressing their needs and championing their causes. His tireless dedication mirrors the ideals of both Pawan Kalyan and MLA Kamineni Srinivas Rao, whose vision for development and social welfare resonates deeply with the community.

The celebration was not just a tribute to MLA Kamineni Srinivas Rao but also a testament to Hanuman Prasad's leadership and his heart-



felt dedication to the people he serves. Through his actions, he exemplifies the core philosophy of the Jana Sena Party—selfless service, unity, and commitment to the greater good. His efforts continue to inspire many, reinforcing the values of compassion and responsibility in public life.



YCP Leader Gautam Reddy Interrogated in Attempted Murder Case

TPN CORRESPONDENT VIJAYAWADA, DECEMBER-4

YCP leader Punuru Gautam Reddy appeared at the Satyanarayanapuram police station for interrogation in connection with an attempted murder case. The interrogation, conducted under the leadership of ACC Sravanthi Roy, concluded on Tuesday.

Speaking to the media after the interrogation, Gautam Reddy denied any involvement in the case, asserting that the allegations were baseless. He stated, "I have nothing to do with this dispute. The land was purchased only after various Brahmin groups reached a consensus. The case is currently in court, so I cannot comment further."

He also alleged that during the previous TDP government, attempts were made to harm him. "The then police commissioner tried to kill me. The police illegally entered my house at midnight like thieves, breaking doors and creating a path for others to harm me," he claimed. Reddy said he had sought anticipatory bail out of fear for his safety during that period. The police have summoned Gautam Reddy for further interrogation on December 7. He maintained that the case was politically motivated, alleging that it was registered against him by the TDP government. The investigation continues as authorities seek to unravel the details of the case.



TTD Chairman BR Naidu Inspects Devotee Queue Lines in Tirumala



TPN CORRESPONDENT TIRUMALA : TTD Chairman BR Naidu conducted an inspection of the queue lines for devotees in Tirumala. During his visit, he interacted with devotees, gathering their suggestions and feedback. He shared details of the inspection through social media, emphasizing plans for improvements.

"I inspected the queue lines for ordinary devotees in Tirumala. Initially, I reviewed the conditions at the slatted Sarva Darshanam entry at ATGH. Later, I inspected the

Narayangiri sheds and the Divya Darshanam complex. I also spoke to officials to understand the procedures being implemented there," said BR Naidu.

Additionally, he inspected the ₹300 special entry darshan queue and collected suggestions from devotees regarding their experiences. He assured devotees that a comprehensive review of the darshan procedures would be undertaken soon, and steps would be taken to enhance the facilities for all visitors.

Bigg Boss Fame Priyanka Jain Apologizes to Tirumala Devotees and TTD

TPN CORRESPONDENT TIRUPATI : Bigg Boss fame Priyanka Jain, along with her boyfriend Shivakumar, has publicly apologized to devotees and the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) after a video they recorded on the Tirumala pedestrian path sparked controversy. In a video statement, the duo clarified that their reel, created for entertainment purposes, was not intended to offend or disrespect anyone's sentiments. They acknowledged their mistake and sought forgiveness from devotees, emphasizing that they had no intention of undermining Tirumala's sanctity.

The incident occurred during their recent visit to Tirumala for Sri Venkateswara Swamy's darshan. While walking on the Alipiri footpath, particularly between the seventh milestone (known for leopard sightings) and the Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple, the couple recorded a reel pretending to flee from a leopard. Later, they clarified there was no actual leopard, and the video was meant in jest.

However, the video did not sit well with devotees, who urged the TTD to take action against the couple for what they perceived as disrespectful behavior in a sacred area. In response, Priyanka and Shivakumar issued their apology, reiterating their respect for Tirumala and its traditions and asking for understanding and forgiveness from the devotees.



Fishermen Protest Against Pharma Companies in Pithapuram

TPN CORRESPONDENT, PITHAPURAM : Fishermen in the Pithapuram constituency of Kakinada district have been protesting against pharmaceutical companies for over 20 days, alleging environmental damage caused by pharma waste. Despite the issue being brought to the state government's notice, tensions escalated after allegations surfaced of certain fishermen leaders being bribed by pharma company owners.

According to fishermen from Konapapet village in U. Kothapalli Mandal,



six fishermen leaders were allegedly paid ₹6 crores to dilute the movement. The matter came to light when three of the six leaders reportedly did not

receive their share of the money.

Among the accused, two are said to be leaders of the Jana Sena Party, while

YCP leaders were also allegedly involved. However, the YCP leaders, not receiving the bribes, disclosed the issue as evidence.

The fishermen claim the pollution from companies such as Aurobindo and Divis is destroying marine life, leaving around 3,000 traditional fishing families in Kona Papapeta struggling to survive. Fishermen demanded action against the leaders who allegedly sold out their movement and called for the protection of fisheries from pharmaceutical waste.

Jana Sena Coordinator Marreddy Srinivas, along with the Fisheries Committee leaders, handed over a petition to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, requesting his intervention. They urged Pawan Kalyan to take action against representatives of pharmaceutical companies accused of creating divisions among fishermen and to protect the livelihoods of the affected families.

The fishermen continue to demand justice, environmental protection, and accountability from both leaders and companies involved.

TDP MLC's Letter to Minister Manohar

Allegations of Ration Rice Smuggling Through Pulivendula

TPN CORRESPONDENT, PULIVENDULA: TDP MLC Ram Gopal Reddy has written a letter to Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar, alleging that illegal smuggling of ration rice is taking place through Pulivendula.



According to the MLC, the income from these smuggling activities in Pulivendula constituency alone amounts to approximately ₹1 crore per month. He expressed concern that authorities are turning a blind eye to the issue, often settling for minor cases rather than addressing

the root of the problem.

In his letter, Ram Gopal Reddy stated that smugglers have established Pulivendula as their base due to its strategic location on the borders of Anantapur district, which makes it convenient for smuggling and storing rice. He alleged that the same individuals involved in smuggling during the previous government's tenure since 2019 continue to engage in these illegal activities. Reddy specifically pointed out that YCP leaders from Vempalli and Mudigubba areas are key players in the smuggling network. He accused YCP leader Mitra Naidu from Mudigubba of playing a central role in the illegal trade of ration rice over the last five years.

Ram Gopal Reddy urged Minister Nadendla Manohar to take strict action against the smugglers and appealed for increased surveillance along the border from Pulivendula to Anantapur district. He also called for constant monitoring of rice mills and godowns in the Pulivendula area and demanded action against officials who are aware of the illegal activities but fail to act.

The letter emphasizes the need for stricter enforcement and accountability to put an end to the smuggling of ration rice in the region.

Couple Ends Lives by Jumping from Building in Gajuwaka



TPN CORRESPONDENT VIZAG: A tragic incident unfolded in the Gajuwaka area of Visakhapatnam as a young couple, Pilli Durga Rao and Sai Sushmita, ended their lives by jumping from an apartment building. Both hailed from Amalapuram and had moved to Visakhapatnam with their families in search of a better future. They were residing in Venkateswara Colony in the Sheelanagar area.

Durga Rao and Sushmita's acquaintance had blossomed into love over time. However, their relationship met with resistance from both families, who did not approve of their marriage. This familial disapproval appears to have deeply upset the couple, ultimately leading them to take this drastic step.

According to reports, the couple jumped from the apartment building and died on the spot. Residents

of Venkateswara Colony, shocked by the tragic event, immediately informed the police. The police arrived at the scene, registered a case, and initiated an investigation.

Authorities are working to uncover further details about the incident and the circumstances leading up to it. The police are also speaking with the families and residents of the colony to understand the dynamics of the situation.

This tragedy has cast a pall over the neighborhood, with residents mourning the loss of the young couple. The incident serves as a grim reminder of the emotional toll that familial and societal pressures can exert on young individuals.

The police have urged families and communities to remain sensitive to the emotional well-being of their loved ones and to seek intervention or counseling in times of conflict. Further details about the case are awaited as the investigation continues.

Another Low-Pressure Area Looms Over AP, More Rain Likely

TPN CORRESPONDENT AP: The impact of Cyclone Fengal continues to trouble Andhra Pradesh, even days after it crossed the coast. Though the cyclone made landfall on Saturday evening, heavy rainfall persisted across the state until Tuesday. Districts like Ongole, Chittoor, and Guntur experienced severe downpours, leading to waterlogging and traffic disruptions. In Ongole, key locations such as the bus stand junction and Kurnool Road were heavily inundated, causing significant inconvenience to commuters.

In Chittoor district's Gangadhara Nellore constituency, streams overflowed due to relentless rains. The Maddelavanka stream surged, halting traffic on the Devlampeta-Vedurukuppam main road. Similarly, Bapatla district saw widespread

waterlogging, affecting daily life.

Adding to the woes, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued another warning for the state. A new low-pressure area is likely to form over the Bay of Bengal between December 9 and 16, with the potential to intensify into a depression. If it strengthens near Tamil Nadu, it could significantly impact Andhra Pradesh's southern coastal districts.

Farmers, already worried about unseasonal rains during the crucial harvesting period, now face further anxiety over this latest weather forecast.

The situation demands vigilant monitoring and preparedness to mitigate the impact on daily life and agriculture.

Government Jobs in AP

Health Department Releases Notification

TPN CORRESPONDENT , AP: The Health Department of Andhra Pradesh has brought good news for job seekers in the state. A notification has been issued for the recruitment of 280 Civil Assistant Surgeon posts. The announcement, made on Monday, includes the filling of vacancies under the Directorship of the Public Health and Family Welfare Department. Both regular and backlog vacancies will be addressed through this recruitment drive.

Selected candidates will be appointed on a regular basis in Primary Health Centers (PHCs) and other medical institutions across the state. This move aims to strengthen the healthcare infrastructure and address the shortage of medical professionals in government facilities.

Interested and eligible candidates can apply online starting Wednesday, the 4th of this month. The last date for submitting applications is the 13th of this month. Applicants have been advised to visit the official website of the Health Department for detailed information regarding eligibility criteria, salary, allowances, and other related details. This recruitment drive is seen as a significant step towards reducing unemployment in Andhra Pradesh while simultaneously improving public health services. Aspiring candidates are encouraged to review the notification thoroughly and submit their applications within the specified timeline.

For further information and updates, candidates can visit the official Health Department website and stay tuned for any additional announcements.



Winter Session of Parliament: Deadlock, Distractions, and Unanswered Questions

As Parliament enters its second week of the Winter Session, the first week was largely unproductive due to a deadlock between the Opposition and the Union government. The Opposition, including parties like the Trinamool Congress and the Samajwadi Party, is demanding discussions on critical national issues such as price rises, unemployment, the situation in the North East, especially Manipur, the deprivation of funds from states, and the violence in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh. The Congress, the principal Opposition party, has also called for a discussion on alleged financial irregularities involving the Adani group. However, a deadlock remains.

Recent media reports suggest that the deadlock might be resolved with an agreement between the government and the Opposition, according to which a discussion on the Constitution will take place in mid-December, almost two weeks from now. While an agreement on future discussions is important, it raises questions. Why wait for two weeks to implement an agreement made now? Why not start the discussions immediately instead of further delaying parliamentary proceedings? The Modi-led NDA coalition appears to be delaying important debates, causing frustration among those demanding urgent attention to pressing issues.

Historically, the BJP has downplayed the significance of active and productive parliamentary sessions. As BJP stalwarts like Arun Jaitley and Sushma Swaraj have noted, sometimes the obstruction of Parliament can serve democracy. However, the Modi government's track record in Parliament speaks volumes. In the 15th Lok Sabha (2009-14), seven out of ten bills were sent to committees for scrutiny, whereas, in the 17th Lok Sabha (2019-24), only two bills were sent for scrutiny. Furthermore, numerous bills are rushed through with minimal discussion,

often with zero or incomplete consultations.

Adding to the dysfunction, not a single notice from the Opposition has been accepted for discussion under Rule 267 in the Rajya Sabha for the past eight years. The Prime Minister has also failed to answer any questions in Parliament, undermining the principles of accountability and transparency. This behavior raises concerns about the current government's willingness to engage in meaningful debates.

On the topic of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC), Opposition parties have demanded its formation to investigate alleged financial irregularities. However, given the ruling party's dominance in Parliament, the credibility of any JPC is in question. The committee's composition is determined by the ruling party's strength, and key decisions—such as choosing witnesses and approving reports—would be controlled by the Treasury benches, compromising its independence. Historical JPCs, such as those during the Bofors scandal and the Harshad Mehta scam, have been marred by boycotts and dissent, as the Opposition's views were consistently sidelined. Even when JPCs issue recommendations, they are often ignored or diluted. The 2001 JPC on the stock market scam and the 2011 JPC on spectrum allocation both saw crucial reforms overlooked, highlighting the inefficacy of such committees in delivering tangible results.

In conclusion, the Winter Session of Parliament has been largely dominated by distractions and deadlock, while pressing issues like high food prices, youth unemployment, and the government's handling of states are left unaddressed. The Opposition remains frustrated by the BJP's reluctance to engage in meaningful discussions, leaving many important questions unanswered.

National Pollution Control : Turning Talk into Action for a Sustainable Future



National Pollution Control Day serves as a critical reminder for individuals, businesses, and communities to move beyond discussions about sustainability and take meaningful steps toward reducing pollution. It calls for actionable solutions to mitigate the environmental impact we face daily, fostering a healthier and more sustainable future for all.

According to a study published by the BMJ, air pollution is responsible for 8.34 million deaths globally each year. Among the worst affected are countries like India and China, which together account for 55 percent of these deaths. In 2021 alone, India saw approximately 2.1 million air pollution-related fatalities, while China reported 2.3 million. This stark reality emphasizes the pressing need for change, as air pollution remains a significant public health crisis in many parts of the world.

In India, where pollution levels often reach hazardous levels, National Pollution Control Day becomes an opportunity to take stock of current environmental challenges and recognize the urgent need to address them. The day calls for action to reduce pollution at all levels, from individual behaviors to industry-wide practices. It encourages everyone—from citizens to corporations—to rethink their environmental footprint and take responsibility for contributing to a cleaner, healthier planet.

This day also serves as a crucial call to action for governments and communities to implement practical solutions. One example is the use of anti-smog guns, which spray water droplets to curb air pollution. Such technology is being deployed in areas like Raisina Hills in New Delhi to help reduce the impact of air pollution on residents and visitors alike. This practical approach showcases how technology can be used to address pressing environmental concerns and improve air quality.

The focus of National Pollution Control Day is on translating complex sustainability concepts into real-world applications. Sustainability is often discussed in technical terms that may seem distant or overwhelming, but the day emphasizes that making a difference starts with small, tangible actions. Whether it's reducing waste, opting for cleaner energy sources, or improving urban planning to reduce pollution, every effort counts.

Ultimately, National Pollution Control Day is about inspiring change. It urges individuals, businesses, and governments to take responsibility for the environmental challenges we face and to focus on solutions that lead to a healthier, more sustainable future. By turning talk into action, we can all contribute to ensuring a cleaner world for generations to come.

Manipur Crisis: A Call for Political Initiative and Healing

Manipur stands as a stark example of mishandling an internal security problem. The state is grappling with a complex mix of ethnic tensions, insurgencies, drug trafficking, and cross-border infiltration from Myanmar. Unfortunately, instead of easing, the situation has only worsened, reflecting a deepening crisis that demands a strategic, multi-dimensional response.

In the past, India has shown considerable expertise in addressing internal security challenges. The successful tackling of terrorism in Punjab, the containment of Northeast insurgencies, the near-suppression of the Maoist rebellion, and the management of cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir all stand as commendable achievements. However, the situation in Manipur remains an unsolved puzzle.

The central government's approach has been to treat the violence primarily as a law and order issue, sending in additional forces to restore peace. Recently, 90 more companies of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) were dispatched to the state, and the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) was imposed in certain areas. Despite this military response, Manipur requires more than just an increased presence of security forces—it needs a political solution and a healing touch.

The ethnic violence between the Meiteis, a majority in the Imphal Valley, and the Kuki-Zo tribals, who reside in the surrounding hills, erupted on May 3, 2023. Since then, 258 people have died, and



over 60,000 have been displaced. The situation is marked by the destruction of religious structures, further deepening the divisions between the communities.

The recent escalation, including the deaths of 10 militants from the Hmar tribe in November, and protests against the state government's failure to restore order, highlight the increasing volatility. On November 17, the National People's Party (NPP), a key ally of the BJP-led Manipur government, withdrew support, citing the government's inability to address the growing crisis.

The Government of India has failed to learn the critical lesson in handling tribal unrest. While military action is essential to curbing violence, it must be paired with significant political initiatives to address the underlying grievances. This could involve forming peace committees, initiating dialogue between rival groups, and establishing confidence-building measures.

The Essence of Life: Embracing Impermanence and Living Fully

Life's value is shaped by how we choose to live it. The very fact that life is not endless and that there is only one life to experience as we know it makes each moment precious. It is our responsibility to live this life to the fullest, embracing both its challenges and its joys.

The law of impermanence is the cornerstone of existence—nothing lasts forever. It is precisely this fleeting nature of life that gives it meaning. The awareness of our eventual mortality makes it all the more essential to live well and make the most of the time we have. This pursuit of a full life can take many forms, whether through achieving excellence in different fields, cultivating meaningful relationships, or simply appreciating the daily wonders around us.

In the simplest moments of life, we find richness. The sunrise and sunset, the warmth of daylight and the tranquility of nightfall, the vastness of the twinkling stars above, and the joy of birdsong—these are everyday miracles that we often take for granted. It is in these small, natural wonders that life offers its greatest treasures. We should learn to savour these moments, appreciating the modest comforts that come our way, and

revel in the beauty and intricacy of the universe, which gives us so much for free.

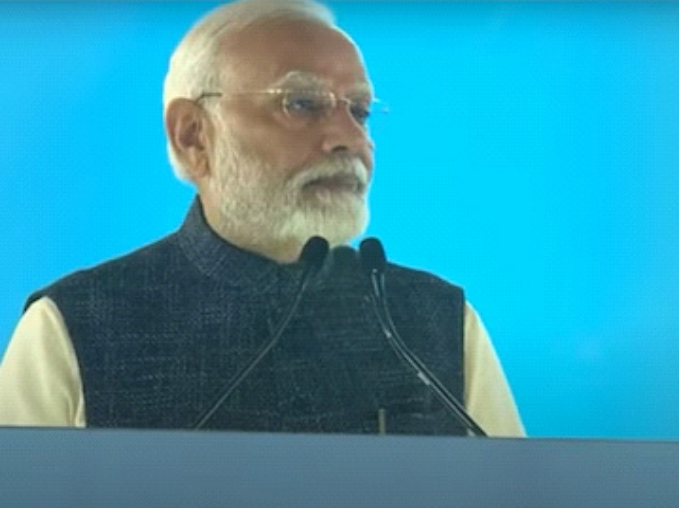
Living fully does not mean living without imperfection. The present is never perfect, and life is a constant journey through the imperfect. It's like walking along a forested path, where we must clear the weeds and obstacles as we go, allowing the sunlight to shine through. While this process can be arduous, it is also deeply enriching. As we navigate the imperfections, we learn to see the good behind what seems bad and recognize the hidden kindness behind what appears to be indifference.

Life is not just about the daily burdens we carry but also about facing deeper tragedies. Grief and pain are inevitable parts of the human experience, yet staying connected to them allows us to find deeper meaning and growth. By embracing both the joy and the sorrow, we become more fully aware of the richness life offers, even in its most challenging moments.

Thus, the key to living well lies in embracing impermanence, appreciating the simple miracles of life, and learning to navigate its imperfections with grace.



PM Modi Hails New Criminal Laws as Milestone for Justice System



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday celebrated the successful implementation of three new criminal laws, calling it a significant step toward a transparent and efficient legal system. Addressing an event in Chandigarh, he emphasized that the laws are a concrete move to realize the ideals envisioned by the Indian Constitution.

The new laws—Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA)—mark a modern shift in India's criminal justice system. The Prime Minister highlighted that these reforms are aligned with the democratic values outlined in the Constitution, focusing on delivering justice rather than punishment.

PM Modi expressed gratitude to the Supreme Court and judges for their role in the lawmaking process, acknowledging their invaluable contributions to bringing about this change. He stated that the previous criminal laws, which were over 160 years old, were designed under British rule to control and subjugate Indians. In contrast, the new laws were created with the Indian citizens' interests at heart, reflecting a post-independence approach to justice.

The Prime Minister further emphasized the significant transformation in the legal framework, including the removal of the sedition charge and the establishment of the position of 'Director of Prosecution' to address corruption. He explained that the new laws aim to build a legal system that is not only efficient but also serves to empower citizens rather than penalize them. PM Modi also expressed his satisfaction over the implementation of the laws, noting that the impact would be felt nationwide within the next three years. He stressed that the laws were developed with inputs from numerous judicial bodies and experts, ensuring their relevance and effectiveness in today's context. The successful rollout in Chandigarh is seen as a milestone, with the aim to extend the reforms across India in the coming years.

Harbhajan Singh Issues Stern Warning to Pakistan

Former Indian cricketer Harbhajan Singh has delivered a strong message to Pakistan, suggesting that the country's absence from future ICC events in India will not have significant consequences. His remarks come amid rising tensions and debates surrounding the ICC Champions Trophy 2025, with Pakistan's refusal to participate in the tournament unless a hybrid model is introduced.



Pakistan has been adamant about its demand for a hybrid model for all ICC events hosted in India until 2031, following India's stance on not traveling to Pakistan for the 2025 Champions Trophy. The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has emphasized the need for the hybrid model, which would allow matches to be played in neutral locations, due to the ongoing political tensions between the two countries.

However, Harbhajan Singh, known for his outspoken views, made it clear that Pakistan's absence would not affect the success or prestige of any tournament hosted in India. "If Pakistan doesn't come to India, it won't make much of a difference," Harbhajan said. He pointed out that India is more than capable of hosting successful cricket events without Pakistan's participation.

Harbhajan further added that while cricket fans in both countries cherish the rivalry, the sport must continue regardless of any political disputes. His comments underline the fact that India has hosted and will continue to host major international events with or without Pakistan's involvement.

Amit Shah Congratulates Chandigarh, First City To Implement Criminal Laws

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday congratulated Chandigarh for becoming the first city in India to fully implement three significant new criminal laws: the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA). These laws, Shah stated, will be implemented across the entire country within the next three years.

Addressing a program to dedicate these laws to the nation, Shah called it a "golden day for the Indian criminal justice system," as Chandigarh became the first jurisdiction to fully adopt the comprehensive legal framework. The laws are now operational across police, judicial, prosecution, jail, and forensic departments.

Shah criticized the previous colonial-era laws, such as the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), and the Evidence Act, which were enacted by the British Parliament. He emphasized that these laws were designed to protect British interests rather than those of the Indian people. In contrast, the new laws are crafted by Indians, aiming to deliver justice, not punishment. Shah assured that the new laws, which focus on fairness and justice, will be implemented nationwide in three years.

Among the significant changes, Shah highlighted the creation of the post of Director of Prosecution to combat corruption, as well



as the replacement of the term "sedition" with "treason" in the legal framework. Additionally, Shah revealed that over 11 lakh FIRs had been filed under the new system, with nearly 9,500 cases already resolved within just four months.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who also spoke at the event, reiterated the historical context of the old criminal laws, designed by the British to subjugate Indians. He un-

derscored that these laws were meant to control and oppress, not protect the citizens of the nation. The new laws, Modi said, reflect the democratic spirit of "Of the People, By the People, For the People."

The new criminal laws, which came into effect on July 1, 2024, are intended to modernize India's legal system, making it more transparent, efficient, and responsive to the needs of contemporary society.

CM M.K. Stalin Condoles Loss in Tiruvannamalai Landslide, Announces Compensation

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin expressed his condolences following a tragic landslide incident in Tiruvannamalai on December 1, which claimed seven lives. The disaster occurred when a massive boulder and mudslide collapsed onto a house on 11th Street in V.O.C. Nagar, following heavy rainfall in the region. In response to the loss, Stalin announced a compensation of ₹5 lakh each to the families of the victims.

The victims, identified as Rajkumar (36), Meena (27), R. Gowtham (9), R. Iniya (7), S. Ramya (7), M. Vinothini (14), and S. Maha (7), tragically lost their lives despite rescue efforts by about 40 personnel from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). In the aftermath of the incident, over 500 residents from the nearby areas were safely relocated to community halls for protection.

The region, part of the Tiruvannamalai range, is home to seven Reserved Forests (RFs), including Chippakadu, Athipakkam, Adinamalai, and Sorakolathur. These forests cover an area of 13,000 hectares and are prone to natural hazards due to their hilly terrain, with the Annamalai Hills in particular rising to 2,668 feet above sea level.



Experts have raised alarms about the potential for future landslides in the area, especially given the encroachments near the hills. Retired IIT Chennai professors Mohan, Narayana Rao, and Bhoominathan inspected the site following the incident on the Chief Minister's request. They advised that while light rainfall may not pose a significant threat, heavy rainfall could trigger further landslides. They also recommended that individuals planning construction near the hills consult qualified engineers to ensure safety.

A detailed report, outlining rescue operations and future mitigation strategies, will be submitted to the state government shortly, according to the experts.

Cool Drinks Classified as 'Sin Goods' Alongside Cigarettes

The Group of Ministers (GoM) on GST rate rationalization, headed by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary, has proposed a significant tax hike for products categorized as 'Sin Goods,' including tobacco, tobacco products, and aerated drinks. Currently subject to a 28% GST rate, the proposed slab would increase this to 35%, effectively aligning cool drinks with tobacco and alcohol in terms of taxation.

Sin taxes are levied on goods deemed detrimental to society, such as liquor, tobacco products, and gambling. Aerated drinks already face an additional 12% compensation cess, bringing their total tax burden to 40%. With the new GST hike, this could rise to a staggering 47%. Critics argue that while these taxes are justified as a deterrent for harmful consumption, governments continue to permit the sale of these products, reaping significant revenues under the guise of public health concerns.

If the GST Council approves these recommendations, the cost of aerated drinks, popularly known as cool drinks, will likely soar. These beverages, which are often

criticized for their high sugar content, have been linked to severe health issues such as obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and even infertility. India's status as the global leader in obesity and diabetes only underscores the gravity of the problem.

Despite these health concerns, the affordability of aerated drinks remains a critical issue. Small bottles can cost as little as ₹20, while larger 2.25-liter bottles are priced around ₹100-₹110, with online platforms and supermarkets offering hefty discounts. This widespread availability and low pricing have fueled massive consumption, evidenced by the Indian carbonated soft drink market's revenue of \$18.25 billion in 2022, with a consumption volume of 9.29 billion liters.

Industry stakeholders are now advocating for a tax system based on sugar content rather than a blanket hike. Several countries, including the UK, France, and Thailand, have adopted a sugar-tiered tax approach, which incentivizes companies to reduce sugar levels in their products.



Parliament On Saturday And Sunday Also

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday issued a stern warning to Members of Parliament (MPs) regarding further disruptions in the House. He stated that if adjournments continue, he would have no choice but to extend the proceedings over the weekend to compensate for lost time. Birla's statement came in the wake of ongoing protests and adjournments that have marred the smooth functioning of the House.

The warning follows an agreement between the government and opposition parties to end a week-long deadlock in Parliament. This breakthrough paved the way for a much-awaited discussion on the Constitution, marking its 75th year of adoption. The Lower House will conduct the discussion on December 13 and 14, while the Upper House will take up the debate on December 16 and 17.

"If the adjournments continue, we will have to hold the proceedings on Saturday and Sunday to make up for the time lost," Birla said, adding that he had not approved any adjournment notices for the day. His comments came shortly after the Question Hour, which had been disrupted due to protests by opposition MPs on various issues.

In recent days, the Lok Sabha proceedings had been severely disrupted due to protests related to the Adani indictment issue, violence in Uttar Pradesh's Sambhal district, and other matters raised by opposition members. These disruptions resulted in a washout of the House's functioning for several days last week.

With the new announcement, Birla emphasized the importance of maintaining the decorum of Parliament and ensuring that the legislative work is completed without further delays. The government and opposition have agreed to resume discussions, and the Speaker's warning highlights the urgency of using the available time effectively to address key issues.

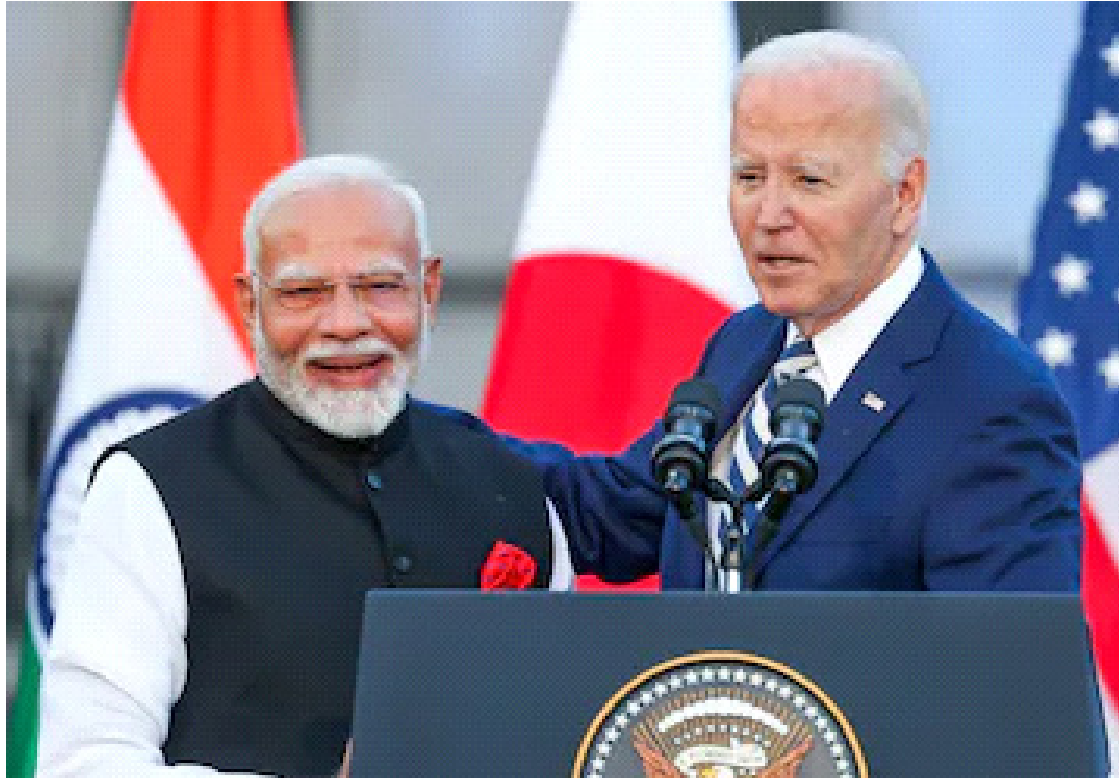
Biden Administration Approves \$1.17 Billion Helicopter Equipment Sale to India

The Biden administration has approved the sale of significant defense equipment to India, weeks before the completion of its four-year term. The U.S. government notified Congress on Monday about its decision to approve the sale of MH-60R Multi-Mission Helicopter Equipment and related systems, valued at approximately \$1.17 billion.

According to the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), the proposed sale is aimed at enhancing India's defense capabilities, specifically in the area of anti-submarine warfare. The MH-60R helicopters, which are versatile, multi-mission aircraft, will help India strengthen its maritime security and ability to deter both current and potential future threats in the region.

The sale of these helicopters is expected to significantly bolster India's naval forces, allowing for advanced capabilities in anti-submarine operations, search and rescue missions, and overall maritime security. The MH-60R helicopters are designed for a variety of roles, including surveillance, reconnaissance, and combat operations, making them a critical asset for India's defense strategy.

The U.S. government has emphasized that the sale aligns with the ongoing defense partnership between the two countries and supports their shared interests in promoting peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific re-



gion. India has been increasingly strengthening its military ties with the United States as part of efforts to counterbalance growing regional security challenges, particularly from China.

This approval marks another step in the deepening defense relationship between the U.S. and India, with both countries working closely on strategic defense and security

initiatives. The sale also reflects a growing trend of U.S. support for India as a key partner in maintaining regional stability in the face of geopolitical shifts.

As the sale moves forward, it signals continued cooperation between the U.S. and India in strengthening defense capabilities, and further solidifies their strategic partnership in the Indo-Pacific.



In pivot from India, Nepal PM visits China to seek investment

Nepal's veteran communist politician, K P Sharma Oli, has returned as the country's prime minister for the fourth time this year, and his first foreign visit since taking office in July was to China. Oli aims to revive momentum for planned infrastructure projects between the two nations during his days-long visit. This visit marks a shift from Nepal's usual diplomatic focus on India, with which Kathmandu shares centuries-old ties.

During his visit, Oli is set to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Qiang for detailed discussions about strengthening ties and advancing key infrastructure projects. Xi Jinping had previously expressed China's commitment to helping Nepal transform from a landlocked nation to a "land-linked" one. This is part of China's broader ambition to expand its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which aims to build infrastructure and promote trade across Asia and beyond.

Although India remains Nepal's dominant trade partner, accounting for two-thirds of its international trade, China has been increasing its influence. Currently, China holds 14 percent of Nepal's foreign trade share, but it has also emerged as a significant creditor. According to World Bank data, China has lent more than \$310 million to Nepal, surpassing India by \$30 million in two-way loans. These loans are part of China's growing presence in Nepal, particularly through infrastructure projects like highways, hydropower plants, and airports.

Oli's visit is expected to focus on boosting economic cooperation and securing funding for several key infrastructure projects. The discussions with Chinese leadership will explore new avenues for bilateral cooperation, with the goal of improving Nepal's connectivity and reducing its dependence on India for trade. This visit signals Nepal's broader strategic effort to balance its relationships with both China and India, especially as Beijing's influence continues to grow in the region.



Pak Ex-PM Imran Khan Placed on 14-Day Judicial Remand in Seven New Cases

Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan has been placed on a 14-day judicial remand by the Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) in connection with seven new cases, as reported on Monday. The ATC hearing, presided over by Judge Amjad Ali Shah, resulted in the court approving Khan's remand in the New Town police station case and six other cases related to protests held on September 28, October 4, and October 5, 2023.

Currently held in Adiala Jail, Imran Khan's arrest follows his previous bail in the Toshakhana 2.0 case. His legal troubles stem from protests organized by his party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), which resulted in multiple charges. Despite requests for physical remand in six other cases from the protests during the mentioned dates, the court decided to send Khan to jail on judicial remand.

In addition to these cases, Imran Khan faces further legal battles, including 28 cases linked to the November 24 protest, for which no arrests have been made as of now. The ATC is also set to hear 13 cases related to the May 9, 2023, violence, alongside the remand of 1,494 PTI workers arrested during the November 24 protest march in Islamabad.

The ATC proceedings continue, with PTI lawyers planning to appear in the Adiala Jail for the hearing of Imran Khan's case. The hearing is expected to be followed by a visit from the judge to Adiala Jail for further remand proceedings. Imran Khan's sister, Aleema Khan, might also attend as Imran has not been able to meet with his lawyers or family in the past 10 days.

South Korean President Declares Martial Law to Protect Nation Amid Political Crisis

In an unprecedented late-night address broadcast on YTN television, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol declared martial law on Tuesday, citing a need to protect the country's democratic order amidst escalating political tensions. Yoon explained that opposition parties had effectively "taken hostage" the parliamentary process, driving the nation to a critical juncture.

President Yoon emphasized that his decision was made to safeguard the free and constitutional order of the Republic of Korea. He voiced concerns over growing threats from North Korean communist forces and alleged domestic pro-North Korean anti-state groups, which, according to him, were undermining the nation's freedom and security.



"I declare martial law to protect the free Republic of Korea from the threat of North Korean communist forces, to eradicate the despicable pro-North Korean anti-state forces that are plundering the freedom and happiness of our people," Yoon declared. His speech, which was broadcast to the nation, portrayed the political deadlock as an existential crisis for South Korea, necessitating extreme measures to restore stability.

The announcement of martial law is an extraordinary step, as such measures have not been taken in South Korea in recent decades. The country has long prided itself on its democratic principles and the protection of civil liberties. However, with tensions rising both domestically and from North Korea, President Yoon justified his decision as a necessary action to preserve the country's democratic integrity.

Yoon's remarks reflect heightened political polarization within South Korea, where opposition parties have accused the government of overreach and authoritarianism. While the full scope of martial law has not been disclosed, the measure is expected to lead to significant political and social ramifications in the coming weeks. The international community will be watching closely as South Korea navigates these turbulent waters.

Trump Warns Hamas: Release Hostages or Face Severe Consequences

US President-elect Donald Trump issued a stern warning to Gaza militants on Monday, threatening severe consequences if hostages taken during the October 7, 2023 attack are not released before his inauguration on January 20, 2025. The threat follows diplomatic efforts by outgoing President Joe Biden's administration that have yet to yield a breakthrough in securing a hostage release or ending the ongoing Israel-Gaza conflict.

On his Truth Social platform, Trump stated, "If the hostages are not released prior to January 20, 2025, the date that I proudly assume office as President of the United States, there will be ALL HELL TO PAY in the Middle East, and for those in charge who perpetrated these atrocities against Humanity." He further vowed that those responsible for the attacks would face the harshest retaliation, asserting that "those responsible will be hit harder than anybody has been hit in the long and storied History of the United States of America."



The hostage situation has become a focal point in the aftermath of Hamas's deadly assault on Israel, which resulted in over 1,200 deaths, primarily civilians. During the attack, Hamas militants took 251 hostages, with 97 still held in Gaza. Tragically, some of the hostages have died during their captivity, while the remaining victims continue to endure harsh conditions.

Israel's retaliatory airstrikes in Gaza have led to a devastating toll on the region, with more than 44,000 reported deaths, according to Gaza's health ministry, a figure considered reliable by the United Nations.

Trump, a staunch supporter of Israel, has voiced frustration with Biden's diplomatic handling of the situation. He has previously promised to pursue bold actions and a stronger stance in securing the release of hostages and bringing an end to the ongoing conflict in Gaza.

At COP16, Saudi Arabia Bets On Climate Tech To Make Deserts Bloom

Saudi Arabia is investing heavily in green technologies to transform its desert landscapes, but its efforts are being met with skepticism, with some critics accusing the country of greenwashing. The Gulf nation is hosting the United Nations COP16 conference on drought and desertification, issues that are particularly relevant to the kingdom, which aims to restore 40 million hectares of degraded land. However, while Saudi Arabia is a major investor in climate tech, its continued defense of oil and critics' claims of limited environmental benefits raise concerns about the sincerity of its green initiatives.



mate technology start-ups, according to a report by PwC. However, the majority of this investment is focused on energy solutions, with \$363 million channeled into climate-friendly energy technologies—nearly ten times the amount allocated to innovations in food, agriculture, and land-use.

One notable project in the kingdom is a wastewater treatment facility at the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST). The facility uses microorganisms to reduce the energy cost of wastewater treatment and generates energy from methane produced in the process. The purified water can be used to irrigate plants, combat desertification, or produce feed for livestock.

In addition, Saudi Arabia's Middle East Green Initiative aims to plant 10 billion trees and rehabilitate 74 million hectares of land. However, experts like Himanshu Mishra at KAUST believe efficient water and soil management are crucial to these goals.

In 2023, Saudi Arabia accounted for nearly 75% of Middle Eastern investment in cli-

Markets Rally on Global Cues, RBI Action

Sensex Gains 597 Points, Nifty Above 24,450

Domestic stock markets surged for a second straight session on Tuesday, driven by positive global cues and the Reserve Bank of India's intervention to stabilize the rupee after it touched a lifetime low against the dollar. The rally was bolstered by gains in energy, metals, and banking stocks, with the Nifty breaching the crucial 24,350 resistance level. The BSE Sensex, which closed at 80,248 on Monday, opened higher at 80,529 and touched an intraday low of 80,244 before climbing to a high of 80,949. It closed at 80,845, up 597 points. The NSE Nifty opened at 24,367, hit a low of 24,280 and a high of 24,481, before settling at 24,457 with a gain of 181 points. The Bank Nifty rose 586 points to close at 52,695.



Among the Nifty50, 41 companies advanced, while 9 declined. Adani Ports, NTPC, Adani Enterprises, Axis Bank, and SBI were the top gainers, while Bharti Airtel, Hero Moto, ITC, HDFC Life, and Sun Pharma were the top losers. Sectorally, FMCG and pharma indices posted marginal gains, while banking, finance, media, and metal indices showed mixed performance. Across the NSE, 2,057 of 2,907 stocks advanced, while 774 declined. Notably, 108 stocks hit 52-week highs, and 12 recorded 52-week lows. In other highlights, Torrent Power reached an 11-week high, and ICICI Insurance climbed to a five-month high. HSBC gave Bajaj Finance a "buy" rating with a target price of ₹7,740, while Citi maintained its "buy" rating on M&M with a target of ₹3,520. DMart shares rose significantly, and Nazara Technologies acquired a 60% stake in Funky Monkeys Play Center. Meanwhile, Punjab National Bank saw 48 lakh shares change hands in two block trades, and Vakrangi surged 5% after partnering with the

Central Bank of India for banking services. The rupee ended at 84.69 against the dollar.

Recommended Stocks:

Union Bank

Union Bank continues to strengthen its position with robust performance in retail and corporate lending. Strategic partnerships, digital initiatives, and increased focus on MSME sectors are driving customer acquisition and operational efficiency. Its emphasis on green banking and sustainable financing also enhances its long-term growth



prospects.

Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)

Bharat Dynamics Limited, a prominent player in the defense sector, benefits from increased government defense budgets and rising export opportunities. Its advanced missile systems and expanding R&D capabilities ensure strong domestic and international demand. Collaborations with global defense companies further boost its strategic edge.



Tata Motors

Tata Motors is a leader in the EV market, offering innovative models that cater to both domestic and global markets. Strong performance in passenger and commercial vehicles, coupled with expanding green mobility solutions and strategic investments in technology, underpins its robust long-term growth potential.



Jio Financial Services (JioFin)

Jio Financial Services leverages Reliance's vast digital ecosystem to revolutionize fintech in India. With a strong focus on consumer lending, wealth management, and insurance services, it positions itself as a disruptive player. Its innovative solutions and wide reach ensure scalability and significant market impact.



Punjab National Bank (PNB)

Punjab National Bank demonstrates steady recovery post-merger, with rising profitability and improved asset quality. Aggressive loan disbursement strategies, digital banking advancements, and customer-centric initiatives boost engagement. Its focus on strengthening rural and retail banking ensures sustainable growth in the competitive financial landscape.



Home price index rises by 4.3% amid high interest rates, inflation: RBI

Home prices in India are continuing to rise, even amid the challenges posed by high interest rates and inflation. According to data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the All-India Home Price Index (HPI) increased by 4.34% to 322 in September 2024, compared to 308.6 in the same month of the previous year. This upward trend in prices has been observed across major metropolitan areas, signaling a persistent rise in property values.



Over the past decade, the HPI has surged by nearly 67%, rising from 193.05 in the 2014-15 period. Despite ongoing economic pressures such as the pandemic, high inflation, and elevated interest rates, the real estate market has shown resilience.

However, the annual growth of home prices has varied considerably across different cities. Bengaluru led the pack with an impressive 8.76% increase in home prices, while Kanpur saw a decline of 2% during the same period. These figures highlight the regional disparities in property market performance.

On a sequential basis, the All-India HPI showed a slight decline of 0.1% in the September 2024 quarter compared to the previous quarter. However, certain cities bucked this trend, recording increases in home prices. Ahmedabad, Lucknow,

Kolkata, and Chennai saw sequential rises, suggesting that some regions are continuing to experience strong demand for real estate.

The continued rise in home prices in India, despite economic challenges, reflects a complex real estate market where demand remains robust in certain areas, and buyers continue to invest in properties despite the financial pressures. The market's resilience indicates that while interest rates and inflation may temper the pace of price growth in the short term, the long-term trend remains upwards in many regions of the country.

Windfall gains tax on domestic crude production, export of petrol, diesel, ATF scrapped



In a significant move, the Indian government has officially withdrawn the windfall gains tax on domestic crude oil production and the export of diesel, petrol, and aviation turbine fuel (ATF). The Finance Ministry issued notifications on Monday to remove the special additional excise duty (SAED) on crude oil production and the road and infrastructure cess (RIC) on fuel exports, with immediate effect.

The windfall gains tax was introduced nearly two and a half years ago, during a period of high global oil prices, in a bid to tap into the unexpected profits of oil producers. However, with crude oil and fuel prices softening in recent months, the tax was no longer generating significant revenue. As a result, the levies had effectively become nil, leading to concerns from the industry about the continued imposition of the tax.

The government's decision to withdraw the windfall tax provisions comes after months of reduced tax collection, owing to the global decline in fuel prices.

Despite the taxes still being technically enforceable, they were largely ineffective in raising revenue. The withdrawal of these provisions has been welcomed by industry stakeholders, who had long raised concerns over the impact of the tax on their operations.

The move reflects the government's recalibration of fiscal policy in response to changing global market conditions, including the softening of crude oil prices. By removing these taxes, the government aims to ease the burden on fuel exporters and domestic oil producers, potentially boosting the sector's growth and stability.

With the windfall gains tax now officially repealed, the oil and gas industry in India can expect greater clarity and less uncertainty in their operations, with the removal of the special excise duties expected to provide some relief. This decision also underscores the government's ongoing efforts to create a more conducive environment for business in the energy sector.

Banking Law Amendments to Strengthen Governance and Investor Protection: FM Sitharaman

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday introduced The Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024 in the Lok Sabha, outlining key measures designed to address regulatory and operational challenges in India's banking sector. The proposed amendments aim to enhance transparency, improve customer satisfaction, and strengthen investor protection within the industry.



In her opening statement, Sitharaman highlighted the significance of these amendments in reinforcing the banking sector's governance framework. The bill is part of the government's ongoing efforts to create a more robust financial system that is better equipped to handle emerging challenges and protect the interests of both customers and investors.

parent and accountable banking environment, which is crucial for fostering investor confidence and promoting financial stability. By addressing operational hurdles, the bill seeks to improve the overall functioning of banks, ensuring that they operate more efficiently and in line with global best practices.

regulatory oversight, strengthening the resolution process for failing banks, and improving the framework for mergers and acquisitions within the banking sector. These changes are designed to protect the interests of stakeholders and contribute to the long-term growth of India's financial sector.

Sitharaman also stressed that the proposed changes would not only safeguard the interests of investors but also provide greater consumer protection, ensuring that customers' rights are upheld in an increasingly complex banking environment.

With these amendments, the government aims to address both current and future challenges in the banking sector, providing a solid foundation for sustainable growth and stability. The bill is expected to have a lasting positive impact on the financial sector, benefiting investors, customers, and the economy as a whole.

The Finance Minister emphasized that the changes would ensure a more trans-

Among the key provisions of the amendment are measures aimed at enhancing

Detoxing from Social Media: Practical Steps for a Healthier Digital Life



Last week, the Australian Parliament passed a law to ban social media usage for individuals under 16, sparking global debate. Critics argue that the decision was rushed and could lead teenagers towards the dark web or further isolation. While the law remains controversial, it underscores a growing concern about the addictive nature of platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Reddit, and X. These platforms can be highly addictive, leading to dependency when used without moderation, and negatively affecting mental well-being, productivity, and real-life relationships.

If you're feeling overwhelmed by your social media usage, the good news is that there are ways to detox and regain control over your digital life. Taking time to disconnect from social media can help you better understand

its impact on your productivity and emotional health. Here are some practical steps to help you detox your smartphone and social media habits:

Set Boundaries: Start by setting specific time limits for social media use each day. Many smartphones have built-in features that allow you to monitor and limit screen time, helping you avoid mindless scrolling.

Declutter Your Feed: Unfollow accounts that don't add value to your life or contribute positively to your mental health. Curate your social media experience to focus on content that inspires and uplifts you.

Use Digital Detox Apps: There are several apps designed to help you break free from social media addiction. These apps track your usage and can

even block access to specific platforms during certain times of the day.

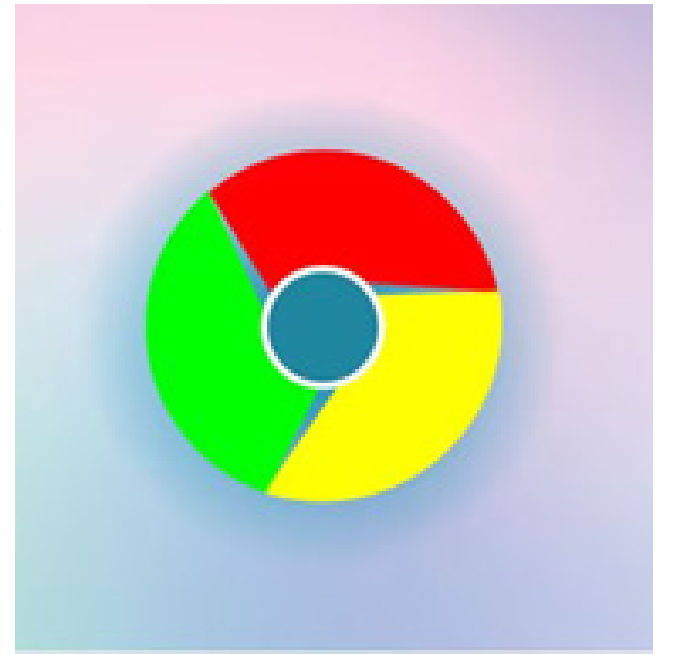
Engage in Offline Activities: Reconnect with real-world experiences by reading, exercising, or spending quality time with loved ones. These activities provide meaningful fulfillment that social media often cannot.

Turn Off Notifications: Constant notifications can keep you tethered to your devices. Disable non-essential alerts to reduce distractions and regain focus.

Detoxing from social media is not just about reducing screen time—it's about reclaiming your time and well-being. By consciously using these tools and strategies, you can develop a healthier relationship with technology and improve your overall quality of life.

Google Chrome to Introduce AI-Powered Website Trust Reviews

Google Chrome, the world's most widely used browser, is set to introduce a new feature that will help users quickly assess the trustworthiness of a website. This feature, currently in development, is powered by AI and aims to provide users with a summary of reviews from trusted independent platforms like Trust Pilot, Scam Advisor, and more.



The new feature, called "Store Reviews," is designed to enhance the browsing experience by allowing users to easily verify the credibility of websites before interacting with them. According to a report from tipster Leopeva64 on X (formerly Twitter), the feature will be accessible via the site settings button, located to the left of the URL in the address bar.

When users click on the site settings button, they will see a summary of reviews from various trusted sources. These reviews will be generated by Chrome's AI, which will pull data from well-known platforms such as Trust Pilot and Scam Advisor to offer insights into the website's reputation. This feature aims to give users more confidence when navigating unfamiliar sites, helping them avoid potential scams and unreliable platforms.

At this stage, the feature appears to be in the early stages of development. When accessed, the functionality currently opens a blank floating panel with a message at the bottom stating that Chrome will use AI to generate a summary of the website's reputation. While the feature is still being refined, its potential impact on online security and user experience is clear.

With the increasing risks associated with browsing the internet, including scams and phishing attacks, Chrome's new "Store Reviews" feature could play a vital role in helping users make informed decisions. Once fully rolled out, this tool will be another step forward in enhancing online safety and building trust in the digital space.

New Clues Point To Possible Alien Life Beneath Mars' Surface



Mars, once a warm and wet world, may still hold the potential for life deep beneath its surface. A team of scientists led by Andrea Butturini believes that microbial life, particularly methanogens, could be lurking in the subsurface of the ancient Martian plain, Acidalia Planitia. This area, located in the northern hemisphere of Mars, has piqued the interest of researchers as a possible haven for life.

By analyzing data from various Mars missions, including orbiters and rovers, the team identified a subsurface zone between 4.3 and 8.8 kilometers deep that may harbor conditions suitable for microbial activity. This environment, shielded from the planet's harsh surface conditions, could retain remnants of ancient water and geothermal heat—two crucial ingredients for life. While the idea of Martian microbes may seem speculative, this discovery fuels hope and provides a compelling reason to continue searching for extraterrestrial life.

Acidalia Planitia, a vast 3,000-kilometer-wide plain,

seems to offer the right conditions for methanogens—bacteria that produce methane. The researchers suggest that these microbes could thrive in the deep subsurface, where they would be protected from the planet's extreme surface temperatures and radiation. The findings provide a promising target for future missions aimed at searching for evidence of life on Mars.

However, uncovering evidence of life on Mars is no small feat. The researchers note that to verify the existence of microbial life, future missions would likely need to drill several miles beneath the Martian surface. Despite the challenges, this discovery opens up exciting new possibilities for the search for life on Mars and could reshape our understanding of extraterrestrial biology.

As space exploration continues, this research adds to the growing body of evidence suggesting that Mars may still harbor the potential for life, sparking new interest and enthusiasm for the Red Planet's exploration.

Scientists Discover New Deep-Sea Mollusc After Two Decades of Research

A team of researchers from the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI) has officially identified a new species of sea slug, known as *Bathydevius Caudactylus*, or more commonly, the "mystery mollusc." The discovery, published in the journal *Deep-Sea Research*, marks the culmination of over 20 years of research.

The mystery mollusc was first spotted in February 2000 during a research mission using the remotely operated vehicle (ROV) Tiburon. Since then, the elusive creature has intrigued scientists, but its true nature remained a mystery. Thanks to continued observations and extensive research, the team was able to classify it as a species of nudibranch, a type of sea slug. What sets this species apart is that it is the only known nudibranch to live at such extreme depths, between 1,000 and



4,000 meters beneath the ocean surface. The mollusc, roughly the size of an apple,

was found in deep-sea environments, a region that has long been difficult for researchers to explore due to its challenging conditions. The team used MBARI's advanced ROVs to observe the creature and collect samples for analysis. This discovery not only sheds light on the biodiversity of deep-sea ecosystems but also highlights the importance of continued exploration in the world's oceans.

The *Bathydevius Caudactylus* is a significant find in the study of marine life and deep-sea ecology. Its unique characteristics and habitat make it a valuable subject for further research. The discovery is an exciting addition to the knowledge of the many unknown species that thrive in the depths of the world's oceans, offering insight into the adaptability of life in extreme environments.

E-Commerce Platform Meesho Was Defrauded Of ₹ 5 Crore By Fake Seller

In a major breakthrough, the cyber police have uncovered a fraud that caused a loss of over ₹5 crore to the popular e-commerce platform Meesho. Three individuals have been arrested in connection with the scam, which involved posing as fake sellers and placing fraudulent orders on the platform.

According to the cyber police, the suspects operated under the name "OM Shree Enterprises," a fake company based in Surat. They used fake names and addresses to place orders on Meesho, only to later claim refunds by alleging that the products were damaged. To support their claims, they sent videos of the damaged goods to the company. Once the products were returned due to the fraudulent addresses, the criminals replaced them with damaged items and collected refunds.

The scam operated between January and July of this year, during which the fraudsters managed to siphon off ₹5.5 crore through



various bank accounts. The scale of the operation prompted Meesho's nodal officer to file a complaint with the cyber police in July, leading to the investigation and the formation of a special team to track the culprits.

The cyber police traced the bank accounts and mobile numbers used by the suspects, eventually leading to their arrest in Surat on November 21. During questioning, the suspects confessed to their involvement in the fraud and revealed the identities of their associates. Efforts are now underway to locate the other members of the group.

The suspects were also found to have been involved in a similar fraud case in 2023, which further highlights the sophistication and scale of their operations. The police are continuing their investigation into the matter, with plans to further investigate the extent of the fraud and bring all involved to justice.

Urvil Patel Shatters T20 Records with Back-to-Back Centuries in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy



Gujarat's Urvil Patel made history once again on Tuesday, smashing his second T20 century in just six days during the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy against Uttarakhand at the Emerald High School Ground. Patel's blistering knock came in just 36 balls, leading Gujarat to an impressive eight-wicket victory in just 13.1 overs. This achievement makes him the first batter in T20 cricket history to score two centuries in fewer than 40 balls.

Chasing a target of 183, Patel produced an explosive display of batting, remaining unbeaten on 115 off just 41 balls. His innings featured 8 boundaries and 11 massive sixes, as he took apart the Uttarakhand bowlers with ease. Gujarat achieved the target comfortably, reaching it with 41 balls to spare.

This remarkable feat follows Patel's record-breaking 28-ball century just a week ago against Tripura on the same ground. In that match, Patel had scored an unbeaten 113

off 35 balls, helping Gujarat to chase down a target of 156 in just 10.2 overs. His 28-ball century set a new record for the fastest T20 century by an Indian, with a blistering strike rate of 322.86, the second-highest in the format, just behind Estonia's Sahil Chauhan.

Patel's rapid scoring is not a new phenomenon. A year ago, he had set the record for the second-fastest List A century in Indian cricket, reaching the milestone in just 41 balls against Arunachal Pradesh.

At 26 years old, Patel had a brief stint with the Gujarat Titans in the IPL 2023 season, where he was bought for ₹20 lakh. However, despite his impressive performances, he was released ahead of the IPL 2024 auction. Patel entered the IPL 2025 Mega Auction with a base price of ₹30 lakh but went unsold, leaving many wondering when his explosive batting will catch the attention of franchise scouts once again.

PSG Drawn Against Lens in French Cup as Defenders Face Challenging Start

Paris Saint-Germain (PSG), the defending champions of the French Cup, will face a tough challenge in the last 64 after being drawn away to Ligue 1 rivals Lens. The match, which is part of the December 20-22 round, will be a tricky start to PSG's quest for a record 16th French Cup title.

In other notable matchups, Marseille will take on Saint-Etienne in an all-Ligue 1 encounter, while Bordeaux, who were relegated to the fourth tier and filed for bankruptcy in the summer, will face Rennes, now coached by former Argentina national team boss Jorge Sampaoli. The match is a significant one for Bordeaux, as they look to rebuild after a tumultuous season.

There will also be some intriguing matchups featuring lower-league teams. Union Saint-Jean, playing in the sixth division, will meet Monaco, who currently sit third in Ligue 1. Another sixth-tier side, Still Mutzig, will host Ligue 1 team Reims. These fixtures highlight the potential for upsets in the early rounds of the competition, as lower-league clubs aim to make their mark.

Two overseas clubs have also made it



into the draw. Saint-Joseph of Martinique will travel to Corsica to face Bastia, while Saint-Denis from Reunion will play against a team from the fifth tier, Dives-Cabourg. These international matchups add an exciting dynamic to the competition, showcasing the diverse range of teams involved.

The final of the French Cup will take place at the iconic Stade de France on May 24. PSG, who have won the competition a record 15 times, will be eager to defend their title, but with several challenging fixtures ahead, the road to victory promises to be competitive.

Venkata Datta Sai: PV Sindhu's Soon-To-Be Husband and Tech Executive

Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu is set to marry Hyderabad-based Venkata Datta Sai on December 22, 2024, in Udaipur. The announcement comes shortly after Sindhu ended a long trophy drought by winning the Syed Modi International title. The wedding events will begin on December 20, with a reception in Hyderabad on December 24. The couple's families had known each other for some time, but the marriage was finalized just a month ago, as Sindhu's busy schedule required a suitable window before the new season starts.

Venkata Datta Sai is a prominent figure in the tech and finance sectors. He completed his Diploma in Liberal Arts and Sciences from the Foundation of Liberal and Management Education, followed by a BBA in Accounting and Finance from Flame University in 2018. He furthered his education



His career trajectory also includes serving as the Managing Director of Sour Apple Asset Management since 2019 and holding the position of Executive Director at Posidex Technologies.

At Posidex, Sai has been instrumental in solving complex problems in the finance and tech sectors. His work involves using proprietary technology to provide solutions for major banks like HDFC and ICICI, particularly in areas like credit scoring and financial services. Known for his expertise in data science and machine learning, he focuses on developing innovative solutions that drive operations for some of the biggest institutions.

with a Master's degree in Data Science and Machine Learning from the International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore.

Sai has an extensive professional background. He worked as a summer intern and in-house consultant with JSW, an experience he mentioned on LinkedIn, where he remarked on the valuable lessons learned while managing an IPL team.

Venkata Datta Sai's diverse career, his deep involvement in tech, and his connection to high-profile industries mark him as an accomplished individual poised to support Sindhu as they begin this new chapter together.

Pakistan Dominant 10-Wicket Victory Over Zimbabwe in Second T20I

Pakistan delivered a clinical all-round performance to thrash Zimbabwe by 10 wickets in the second T20I of their three-match series, taking an unassailable 2-0 lead. Chasing a modest target of 58, Pakistan's openers made light work of the chase, completing the task in just six overs.

Saim Ayub led the charge with a blistering 36 off 18 balls, showcasing his aggressive intent from the start. Omair Yousuf provided solid support, contributing 22 runs. The pair showed no mercy to Zimbabwe's bowlers, reaching the target effortlessly. With the game firmly in Pakistan's grasp, the Zimbabwe bowlers had little to offer, unable to challenge the Pakistani openers.

Zimbabwe's dismal batting performance earlier in the day set the tone for their defeat. They were bundled out for a mere 57 runs, with Pakistan's bowlers dominating the proceedings. The hosts' batting collapse came despite favorable conditions, and they never managed to build any partnerships. Zimbabwe's struggle to reach even a competitive total made it an uphill task for their bowlers, and they were left with little hope once the Pakistani openers took charge.



For Pakistan, this victory showcased their clinical approach in both departments, underlining their dominance in the series. With the 2-0 lead, they have sealed the series, leaving Zimbabwe with a mountain to climb in the final T20I. The win also highlighted Pakistan's strength in chasing down small targets, with their top-order finishing the game in rapid fashion. Zimbabwe will need to regroup quickly and look for improvements in both batting and bowling ahead of the final match.

India to host first ever women's T20 World Cup for blind in 2025

The inaugural Blind Women's T20 World Cup will feature a hybrid model for the first time, with Pakistan set to play its share of matches in either Nepal or Sri Lanka. This decision was finalized at the World Blind Cricket Council's (WBCC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Multan. The move comes after India, the original host of the tournament, expressed concerns over security issues related to Pakistan's participation, similar to the controversy surrounding the men's T20 Blind Cricket World Cup.

The hosting rights for the women's event were awarded to India in 2023, and the decision was reaffirmed at this year's AGM, where representatives from 11 member countries were present. Notably, India, England, and New Zealand participated in the meeting virtually.

During the AGM, it was also decided that should any visa-related issues arise preventing the Pakistan team from traveling to India, the hybrid model would come into effect. As a result, matches involving Pakistan will be held in either Nepal or Sri Lanka, ensuring the tournament can proceed as scheduled. This arrangement aims to



avoid disruption while maintaining the integrity of the event.

India's withdrawal from the men's T20 Blind Cricket World Cup in Pakistan, due to security concerns, cast a shadow over the planning of the women's event. However, the hybrid model provides a solution that ensures all teams can participate while addressing logistical challenges.

The inaugural Blind Women's T20 World Cup will be an important milestone for the sport, and the finalization of the hybrid model ensures the tournament remains inclusive, regardless of the geopolitical challenges involved. The full schedule and further details will be revealed closer to the event date, as the cricketing world eagerly anticipates this historic competition.



Pawan Shares 'Veeramallu' Picture on Instagram, Resumes Shooting

Powerstar Pawan Kalyan, known for his significant political presence, has recently made headlines with a rare update about his movie career. After a long hiatus from the film industry due to his political engagements, Pawan Kalyan took to social media to announce his return to the sets of *'Hari Hara Veera Mallu'*. The actor shared a picture of himself from the movie's shooting schedule, accompanied by a heartfelt message.



In his Instagram post, Pawan Kalyan wrote, "After a hectic Political schedule finally I'm able to give a few hours of my time for long pending work!" The image showcases the actor in full costume as Veeramallu, a brave warrior on an adventurous mission to steal the legendary Koh-i-Noor diamond. With a clean-shaven face and his signature swirled mustache, Pawan Kalyan looks every bit the character he is portraying, captivating fans with his powerful presence.

Directed by AM Jyothi Krishna, *'Hari Hara Veera Mallu'* marks an exciting phase for the actor as it takes him back to the big screen in a larger-than-life role. The film is set in a historical backdrop and is expected to be a high-octane action entertainer. Initially

helmed by Krish Jagarlamudi, the project was later taken over by AM Jyothi Krishna, who is now steering the vision forward. The film is being produced by AM Rathnam under the banner of Mega Surya Productions.

The highly anticipated movie is slated for release on March 28, 2025. With the last schedule now in progress, fans are eagerly waiting to see Pawan Kalyan back in action on the silver screen. The actor's return to work after a long political break has sparked immense excitement among his followers, adding to the anticipation for what promises to be an epic cinematic journey.

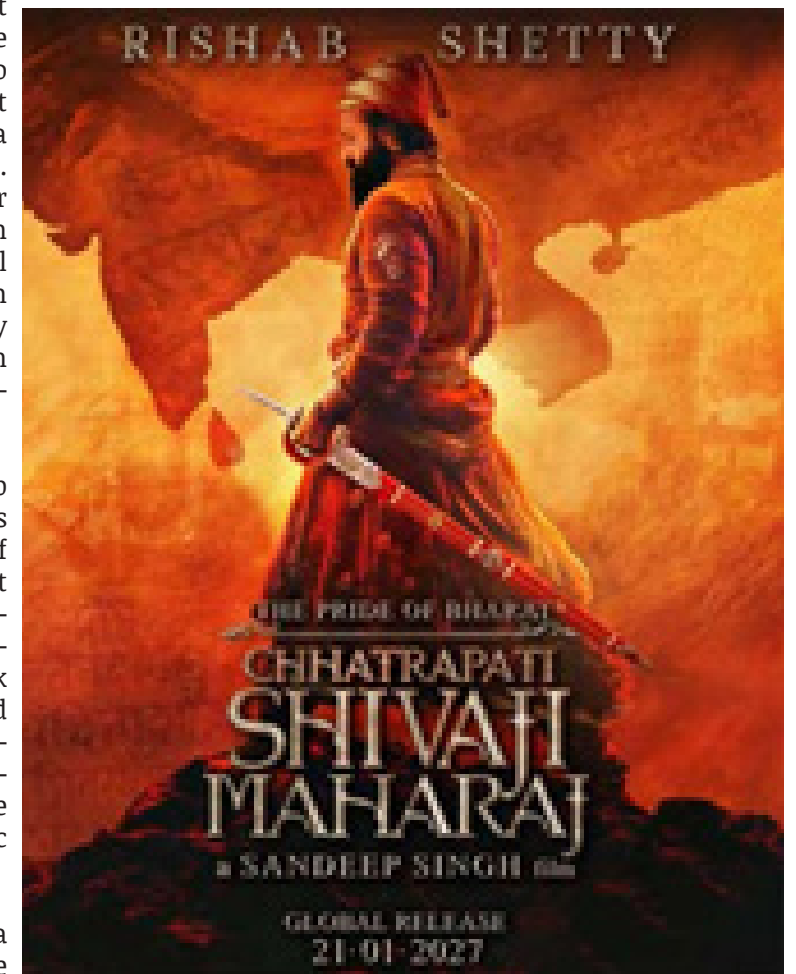
Rishab Shetty to Star in Epic Historical Drama on Shivaji Maharaj

Rishab Shetty, a multifaceted talent known for his bold and creative approach to filmmaking, is set to star in a grand historical drama that will celebrate the legendary Maratha warrior, Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Having already garnered attention for his dual role as actor and director in *'Kantara: Chapter 1'* and his portrayal of Lord Hanuman in the Telugu film *'Jai Hanuman'*, Shetty is now ready to take on a new challenge as both lead actor and producer in this ambitious pan-Indian project.

Teaming up with director Sandeep Singh, Shetty's upcoming film aims to honor the extraordinary legacy of Shivaji Maharaj, one of India's most revered historical figures. The announcement of the project was accompanied by a striking first-look poster, showcasing the grandeur and scale of the film. The makers have revealed that the film is slated for release on January 21, 2027, setting the stage for an unforgettable cinematic experience.

"This is more than just a film; it's a tribute to a warrior who overcame immense odds, defied the Mughal Empire, and created an enduring legacy," the filmmakers expressed in a heartfelt statement, emphasizing the significance of the project.

The film is being planned on an epic scale, with a monumental budget allocated to bring the story of Shivaji Maharaj's valor to life. The film promises to showcase his heroic feats and strategic brilliance, offering a vivid and dramatic portrayal of his fight for independence and his impact



on Indian history.

While details about the cast and specific production updates are still under wraps, fans are eagerly anticipating what promises to be a visual spectacle. With Shetty's proven directorial and acting skills, and a story of such immense cultural importance, the film is sure to be a defining addition to Indian cinema, building excitement in the months leading up to its release.

Pushpa 3 Officially Titled 'Pushpa 3: The Rampage' – A Major Surprise for Fans

The excitement surrounding the *'Pushpa'* franchise continues to soar as the makers have officially announced the title of the much-awaited third installment. After the massive success of *'Pushpa: The Rise'* and with *'Pushpa 2: The Rule'* set to release globally on December 5, fans are already eagerly looking ahead to *'Pushpa 3'*. The third chapter of the franchise will be titled *'Pushpa 3: The Rampage'*, a thrilling addition to the saga of Allu Arjun's iconic character, Pushpa Raj.



Directed by Sukumar, *'Pushpa'* has become a pan-India sensation, breaking box office records and captivating audiences with its raw action and compelling storytelling. Allu Arjun's portrayal of Pushpa Raj has gained immense popularity, and the franchise has garnered a massive fan following across the country. The announcement of *'Pushpa 3: The Rampage'* adds even more

excitement, ensuring that the Pushpa Raj mania will continue for years to come.

Ahead of the release of the second film in the series, there were already rumors about the third installment. Sukumar had previously hinted at the possibility

of *'Pushpa 3'* during a pre-release event, suggesting that after *'Pushpa 2'*, the team would dive into the next chapter. Now, with the official announcement, fans can look forward to more of Pushpa Raj's journey.

In a surprise move, the makers revealed the title and shared a glimpse of the film's logo, set against the backdrop of a music sitting studio. The buzz surrounding the third installment has only intensified, with speculations that a teaser for *'Pushpa 3'* might even be included at the end of *'Pushpa 2'*. This teaser would serve as a perfect teaser for what's to come in the next chapter of the action-packed saga.

With *'Pushpa 2'* gearing up for release and *'Pushpa 3'* now officially announced, the Pushpa Raj saga is far from over, and fans can expect the thrilling journey to continue for years to come.

Siddharth's Romantic Comedy 'Miss You' Reschedules Release to December



Siddharth, the versatile actor known for his varied roles, is all set to star in *'Miss You'*, a romantic comedy drama directed by N. Rajasekar. The film, which was initially slated for release on November 29, had to be postponed due to the cyclone that affected Tamil Nadu. However, the makers have now confirmed the new release date for the much-anticipated film, which is set to hit theaters on December 13, a week after the release of *'Pushpa 2'*.

In a bid to share the updated release date, the makers launched a fresh poster featuring the lead pair, Siddharth and Ashika Ranganathan. The poster showcases their on-screen chemistry and adds to the excitement surrounding the film's upcoming debut. Amazon Prime Video has already secured the streaming rights for *'Miss You'*, ensuring that audiences will soon have access to the film after its theatrical run.

Ashika Ranganathan, a popular Kannada actress, plays the female lead in the film, bringing her charm and talent to the romantic comedy. *'Miss You'* is produced by 7 Miles Per Second Productions and also features Karunakaran, Bala Saravanan, and Jayaprakash in supporting roles, promising a well-rounded and engaging storyline.

Music for the film has been composed by Ghibran, known for his soulful and impactful music in Indian cinema. The film will be released in both Tamil and Telugu, aiming to reach a wide audience across South India.

With a fresh release date, *'Miss You'* is expected to capture the hearts of moviegoers with its light-hearted story and strong performances. Fans of Siddharth and the genre are eagerly awaiting the film's release, which promises to be an entertaining addition to the holiday season lineup.

Surya Kanguva Set for OTT Release: Streaming Date Confirmed

The much-anticipated film *'Kanguva'*, starring Kollywood superstar Suriya, is gearing up for its digital debut. Directed by Siva, this period action drama was released on November 14, 2024, in multiple languages, including Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada, and Malayalam. While the film has garnered a mixed response from audiences and critics, it is now set to reach a broader audience through OTT.



According to recent reports, *'Kanguva'* will premiere on the popular OTT platform Amazon Prime Video on December 12, 2024. This marks a rapid transition from its theatrical release, as it will be available for streaming just under a month after its release in theaters. Although an official announcement from the makers is still awaited, this news has sparked excitement among fans who missed the film in theaters.

'Kanguva' features Bollywood actress Disha Patani in a significant role alongside Suriya, while actor Bobby Deol takes on the role of the antagonist. The film is produced under the banners of Studio Green and UV

Creations, with Rockstar Devi Sri Prasad composing the music and providing the background score.

The film was released in eight languages, including French, Spanish, and English, reflecting its ambition to appeal to a global audience. Its combination of historical drama and action, along with a strong cast and high production values, has contributed to the film's wide release.

For those who have been waiting to watch *'Kanguva'* but missed it in theaters, the OTT release provides a great opportunity to enjoy the film from the comfort of their homes. With its digital release scheduled for December 12, fans of Suriya and action dramas can look forward to a new viewing experience.