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WHY REAL ESTATE IS NOT RECOVERING DESPITE REVANTH'S EFFORTS?



TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Jan 19 :

Everybody knows and accepts the fact that real estate in Hyderabad and other districts of Telangana has been facing a crisis since the commencement of the new Government under Congress rule. It's been more than a year, but there is no sign of recovery in the real estate sector, surprisingly. Mr. Revanth Reddy has announced Fourth City cum Future City, a new High Court at Rajendranagar, a new Metro line to Shamshabad, Old City, and others. But, no one has boosted the real estate in a considerable manner. Even though Mr. Revanth Reddy is simultaneously mounting efforts

on bringing new investments in IT, Pharma, and other sectors, there has been no boom in real estate against expectations. The Chief Minister Mr. Revanth Reddy has mentioned and defended that it's quite common in real estate. But, at the ground level, people are not happy with the situation. Because of the slowdown of the market, cash rotations have also diminished, causing a bad impact on other businesses as well. There are four reasons for the present situation. What are those four reasons?

NO CONFIDENCE ON CONGRESS IN CITY PEOPLE

This is the first reason. Before the elections, most of the people of Hy-

derabad, especially middle class and above middle class, were not in favor of Congress. They feared that development would slow down and not be as it was during KCR's regime. That is why in Hyderabad, the majority of seats were won by BRS. Once Congress won and the Government was formed, the people stopped the transactions in Hyderabad, which impacted the prices and slowed down the real estate market.

REVANTH'S DECISIONS ON METRO ROUTE AND OTHERS

Adding to the situation, Mr. Revanth Reddy changed the routes of the Metro, which were finalized earlier during the BRS rule. He canceled the

route from Rayadurgam to Shamshabad Airport. The changes have impacted the price of lands from Telangana Police Academy to Vikarabad, including Sankarapalli. Moreover, he is against abolishing GO III, which, as everybody knows, has made the real estate market in those areas very dull.

INVESTORS TURNING TOWARDS AP Still, in Hyderabad, most of the market is filled with settlers only. Earlier, due to the recession under Jagan's rule in AP, many had come here and invested. However, the change of

government in AP has changed the minds of those investors. Due to Congress rule, real estate here has witnessed a downfall, and because of the new Government in AP, real estate has witnessed growth. As of now, only a part of investors have made a shift to AP, and major big shots haven't moved. They are in a wait-and-watch mode regarding developments in AP, and after gaining confidence, they will make the move.

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Will Rythu Bharosa Succeed?

Farmers express frustration over reduced aid and strict eligibility criteria.

Pardhu -TPN | Hyderabad

The Rythu Bharosa scheme, touted as a major welfare initiative by the Telangana government, has drawn sharp criticism from farmers due to reduced financial aid and restrictive conditions. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's announcement to provide ₹12,000 per acre, instead of the promised ₹15,000, has sparked protests across the state, particularly among those excluded from the scheme.

- Farmers angry over reduced Rythu Bharosa aid; ₹12,000 per acre instead of the promised ₹15,000.
- Only cultivated lands eligible for the scheme, excluding farmers affected by water shortages.
- Water scarcity during Rabi and Kharif seasons leaves many farmers ineligible.
- Lack of clarity on scheme rules and acreage limits creates confusion.
- Opposition criticizes strict conditions and accuses the government of failing to honor promises.
- Delayed implementation of Rythu Bharosa adds to farmers' frustration.

• Protests against the Revanth government intensify over unmet expectations.

The government has restricted the scheme to cultivated lands, leaving farmers in drought-hit areas out of its purview. Joint Mahabubnagar district, among others, saw several farmers unable to sow crops last season due to water scarcity, stemming from insufficient Krishna river supply and erratic rainfall. Farmers argue that excluding those unable to cultivate is unfair and amplifies their financial distress.

Lack of Clarity on Scheme Implementation

Confusion over the Rythu Bharosa scheme persists despite government assurances. While Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has confirmed its rollout from January 26, 2025, doubts remain over acreage limits and eligibility criteria. The government has emphasized transparency, contrasting the scheme with the Rythu Bandhu initiative, which allegedly benefited landlords. However, the absence of concrete guidelines is creating uncertainty among farmers.

CapitaLand to Build ₹450 Crore IT Park in Hyderabad

Hyderabad to Get New 1 Million Sq Ft IT Park
CapitaLand's IT Park to Boost Hyderabad's Growth
New IT Park in Hyderabad with ₹450 Crore Investment

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad, Jan 19 : A significant step forward in Hyderabad's IT infrastructure was announced with CapitaLand, a renowned real estate company based in Singapore, planning to develop a state-of-the-art IT park. The company will invest ₹450 crore to build a massive IT park in the city, covering 1 million square feet.

The decision was made during a high-level meeting led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, along with IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu and senior officials, in discussions with representatives from CapitaLand.

The meeting also saw the participation of Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, Special Secretary for Investment Promotion Vishnuvardhan Reddy, Special Secretary to the CMO Ajith Reddy, and others from CapitaLand, including CEO Gowri Shankar Nagabhushanam and Senior Executive Director Manohar Kiatani.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy welcomed the decision and emphasized that this new IT park will be a key milestone in the development of Hyderabad. He assured that the IT park would meet the growing demand for global capability centers, offering all the facilities



sought by top-tier companies.

Gowri Shankar Nagabhushanam, CEO of CapitaLand, expressed his confidence in the region's growth, stating that under Revanth Reddy's leadership, Hyderabad continues to expand in all sectors, and the company is pleased to expand its operations in Telangana.

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Reddy: Rahul Fighting Against the Constitution

Kishan Reddy Demands Action on Congress Promises

Kishan Reddy Confident of BJP's Victory in Telangana

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad, Jan 19 : Union Minister Kishan Reddy has sharply criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, stating that he should only visit Telangana after implementing the party's six guarantees. Kishan Reddy pointed out that it has been over 100 days since Congress made election promises, and questioned what actions have been taken to fulfill them. He emphasized that the Congress party has yet to announce a job calendar and has not taken concrete steps toward delivering unemployment benefits, financial assistance to women,



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Telangana's Singapore Success, Davos Next

Key Discussions and Investments Pave Way for Telangana's Growth

Singapore Tour Highlights: New Partnerships and Investments for Telangana

MoUs Signed, Investments Secured: Telangana's Global Reach Expands

Singapore Visit Brings Promising Deals, Davos Conference Ahead



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Opposition parties, including the BJP and BRS, have accused the Revanth government of failing to prioritize farmers' welfare. They argue that stringent conditions, coupled with delays in the scheme's implementation, reflect poorly on the government's ability to honor its commitments. Critics have also raised concerns about pending promises, including the loan waiver, which further erodes farmers' trust. Farmers have begun protesting against the Revanth government, alleging betrayal and inadequate support. Analysts believe this unrest could escalate, jeopardizing the scheme's success and the government's credibility. While CM Revanth Reddy has navigated criticism on other projects, the stakes with Rythu Bharosa appear higher due to its direct impact on the farming community.

The Rythu Bharosa scheme, aimed at empowering farmers, risks becoming a source of unrest due to reduced aid, restrictive rules, and delayed execution. To salvage the program and rebuild trust, the Telangana government must address farmers' concerns, simplify eligibility, and ensure timely delivery. Failure to do so could lead to intensified protests and a significant political setback.

IT Park in Hyderabad

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CapitaLand has already contributed to the city's growth with projects like the International Tech Park (ITPH), Avance Hyderabad, and Cyberpearl parks. The company also plans to complete a 25 MW IT Load Data Center by mid-2025, and the second phase of ITPH will begin this year, with completion expected by 2028.

Reddy: Rahul Fighting

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the elderly, farmers, and Dalits. Kishan Reddy accused Telangana Congress leader Revanth Reddy of misleading the public by failing to fulfill these promises and resorting to protests to divert attention from their unfulfilled commitments.

Kishan Reddy also targeted Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of "fighting against the Constitution" by criticizing the Indian state. He further stated, "If there is any party that has insulted Ambedkar and the Constitution he wrote, it is the Congress party." He recalled how the Congress was responsible for Ambedkar's electoral defeat, while the BJP government honored Ambedkar with the Bharat Ratna.

The BJP leader also criticized the Congress leadership for focusing solely on promoting the Gandhi family, rather than respecting other national leaders. Kishan Reddy expressed confidence that the people of Telangana, who gave the BJP eight seats in the last parliamentary elections, will support the party in the upcoming elections, leading to the formation of a BJP government in the state in the near future.

Telangana's Singapore Success, Davos Next

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad | Jan 20: The Telangana Rising delegation, led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, concluded its successful three-day visit to Singapore. The visit focused on attracting investment and promoting Telangana as a world-class business destination. During the final day of the tour, the delegation engaged in discussions with key business leaders, including Pradeep Biswas, Founder and CEO of Indian Ocean Group, and Gautam Banerjee, Senior MD and Chairman of Blackstone Singapore. These meetings aimed to highlight Hyderabad's investment potential and the state's progressive policies.



The delegation also secured notable agreements, including an MoU between Telangana Young India Skill University and Singapore's Institute of Technical Education (ITE). Additionally, ST Telemidia Global Data Center committed to establishing an AI-based data center in Hyderabad with a Rs. 3,500 crore investment, and CapitaLand announced plans to build a major IT park worth Rs. 450 crore in the city.

Following the successful tour, the delegation is now heading to Davos to participate in the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual conference. The team will focus on showcasing Telangana's economic advantages to a global audience and continuing efforts to establish Hyderabad as a premier investment hub. The WEF conference, which begins tomorrow, is expected to provide further opportunities for international collaboration and growth.

Bhatti Vikramarka's Vision for Errupalem's Growth

Errupalem Set to Become a Tourist Destination
Development Plans to Boost Employment in Errupalem
Foundation Stones Laid for Key Projects in Errupalem
Errupalem's Future: Better Roads, Healthcare, and Jobs

TPN Correspondent |

Telangana | Jan 20: State Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Finance and Energy, Bhatti Vikramarka, has announced several key development initiatives for Errupalem Mandal, aiming to enhance infrastructure, healthcare, tourism, and employment opportunities for local youth.

On Sunday, Bhatti Vikramarka visited Errupalem Mandal and laid the foundation stone for various infrastructure projects. These included the construction of internal cement roads in Narasimhapuram (Rs. 7 lakh), Buchireddypalem (Rs. 12 lakh), and Banigandlapadu (Rs. 19.25 lakh), along with the inauguration of the Primary Health Center building at Banigandlapadu (Rs. 1.56 crore).

Addressing the public, the Deputy CM expressed happiness over the newly inaugurated Banigandlapadu hospital, emphasizing the importance of the area's development. He mentioned upcoming infrastructure projects, such as a bridge over Kattaleru, a direct road

link from Madhira, and the expansion of key roads in the region, which will boost connectivity.

Bhatti Vikramarka also assured that another 50-bed hospital would be set up at Errupalem Mandal's center to serve the people. In terms of education, the Deputy CM announced plans to restore the junior college building adjacent to the hospital and to submit proposals for its refurbishment.

The Deputy CM outlined plans to develop Errupalem as a tourist destination by utilizing the region's natural beauty. Projects such as eco-parks at Jamalapuram Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Inidramma Cheruvu, and Peta Cheruvu will be developed to attract tourists and create employment opportunities for local youth.

Regarding agricultural welfare, Bhatti Vikramarka stated that from January 26, a farmer assurance scheme will provide Rs. 12,000 per acre to cultivable lands. He further emphasized that selection of eligible candidates for



government schemes will be done transparently through Gram Sabhas.

Later, Bhatti Vikramarka also inaugurated the Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Union and a godown built at a cost of Rs. 48 lakh. The foundation stone for internal cement roads in Takkellapadu and Sakhinavidu villages was also laid.

Various public representatives, officials, and community members participated in the program.

Ponnam Inaugurates Infrastructure Projects

Rs 15.39 crore development projects launched in Siddipet
Minister Ponnam Prabhakar initiates road and water schemes
New roads, water pipelines to boost rural infrastructure

TPN Correspondent |

Siddipet | Jan 20: Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has laid the foundation stone for various development projects worth Rs 15.39 crore in Akkannapet and Husnabad mandals of Husnabad Constituency. These initiatives aim to improve infrastructure, drinking water facilities, and road connectivity.

The Minister inaugurated a drinking water pipeline and drainage system in Banjara Hills Thanda, Akkannapet mandal, and also launched a fresh water pipeline and water tank in Sevalal Colony under Gauravelli Panchayat. He laid the foundation for a BT road from ZP Road to Thukitanda (Nandaram) at a cost of Rs 58 lakh and for other roads in Gandipalli and Kundanavari Pali.

Additionally, Minister Prabhakar addressed the development of roads in rural

areas, particularly in Lambadi Thandas. He assured that all backward villages in Husnabad will soon have road facilities. Under the Gauravelli project, an irrigation system will be set up, and efforts will be made to resolve the problems faced by landless people.

The Minister emphasized the importance of providing quality education, healthcare, and employment opportunities. As a part of these efforts, new CC roads, open gyms, and other infrastructure developments are being initiated across the constituency.

Minister Prabhakar also inaugurated an ST community hall in Husnabad and laid foundation stones for several road projects aimed at boosting local connectivity. He expressed his commitment to solving the water shortage issue and improving the overall living conditions of the people in the region.



Harish Rao Pushes for Increased Ration Card Eligibility

Govt Ignoring Poor: Harish Rao
Harish Rao Urges Income Limit Increase
Harish Rao Criticizes Ration Card Process

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad | Jan 20: BRS MLA Harish Rao expressed strong discontent over the government's handling of ration card distribution, particularly the opposition's protests. He stated that despite these protests, the government should not overlook the needs of the poor. According to Rao, the announcement that ration cards will be issued to public administration applicants is a victory for the BRS. He also called for an increase in the income limit for ration card eligibility, in line with rising inflation.

Rao pointed out that while the government has been slow to address the issue of ration card issuance, the BRS's efforts have ensured that public administration and caste census applications will be considered continuously. He demanded that the government revise the income and land limits for eligibility to reflect current inflation rates.

Under KCR's leadership, the government had previously raised income and land limits for ration cards—rural income limits were increased to Rs. 1.5 lakh, and urban limits to Rs. 2.5 lakh, with land limits also adjusted. However, Rao insisted that further changes are necessary to ensure the poor are not left



behind. Rao also emphasized that employees, low-income groups, and agricultural laborers should be entitled to ration cards. He urged the government to remove restrictions linked to employment and ensure all eligible individuals can benefit from the Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa Scheme.

Rao concluded by urging the government not to impose cuts during the ration card distribution process, which he views as crucial support for the poor.

Minister Rajanarsimha Defends Health Services

Rajanarsimha on BRS Health Service Failures
Health Dues Cleared, Rates Revised, Says Minister
Rajanarsimha Rejects Harish Rao's Allegations

TPN Correspondent |

Telangana | Jan 20: Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha has strongly countered the comments made by former BRS Minister Harish Rao regarding the suspension of health services. Rajanarsimha accused Harish Rao of undermining the Arogyva Sri scheme, saying that Harish Rao had been responsible for watering down the scheme during his tenure in the BRS government.



Rajanarsimha further criticized Harish Rao's claims, stating that under the BRS regime, hospitals were not paid, and the prices for medical packages were not revised. He expressed anger over an outstanding amount of approximately Rs. 730 crore left unpaid.

The Minister highlighted that the current Congress government is working to clear these dues and resolve the issues left by the BRS administration. He pointed out that Rs. 1,130 crore had been paid in just one year, including the clearance of the old dues from the BRS period. Additionally, the government has revised the rates of medical packages, increasing charges by 22 percent, and is working to resolve other issues raised by hospital owners.

Rajanarsimha emphasized that his government is committed to ensuring that health services improve and the outstanding payments are cleared as part of their plan to strengthen the healthcare system.



BJP MP Etala Rajender Criticizes Congress Over Hydra Ruckus

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad| Jan 20: BJP Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender has criticized the Congress government for allegedly creating unrest over the issue of Hydra for the past three months. He pointed out that the poor residents of Balajinagar and Jawahar Nagar, who have lived there



for over 40 years, are not illegal occupants. Rajender clarified that the land in question belongs to the Defence Department, originally acquired by the British government, covering 5,877 acres. He noted that the government had allotted land to 1,705 people in Arundhati Nagar, with some land being given to those who had undergone family planning at the time. The BJP MP also highlighted the ongoing land scams in Arundhati Nagar and expressed concern about the fate of the poor. He claimed that if the underprivileged buy land and build homes, the current government would demolish them. His remarks came in response to what he called a disruption created by the Congress government in the name of Hydra.

Etala Rajender's statements underline growing tensions over land ownership and the treatment of the poor living in these areas, as political leaders continue to voice their concerns.

BRS Confident of Telangana's Return: Vinod Kumar

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad| Jan 20: Boinapalli Vinod Kumar, a senior leader of the BRS, made sensational comments about former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), stating that the people of Telangana cannot imagine the state without his leadership. He expressed concern over the difficulties the people are facing under the Congress government, contrasting



the current situation with the significant development under KCR's leadership. Vinod Kumar reminded that various central government institutions had praised Telangana's development, awarding the state for its progress. However, he noted that such positive

conditions are no longer present under the Congress rule.

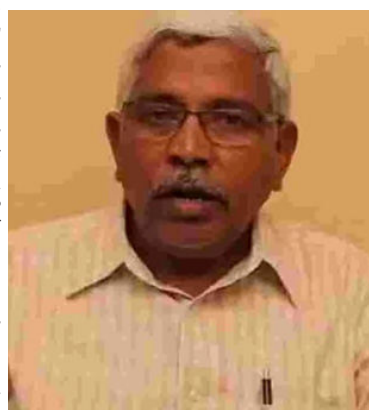
He expressed confidence that the BRS government would make a strong return in Telangana. Speaking virtually at the first meeting of the NRI BRS UK's new executive committee, Kumar accused the Congress of continuing its "anarchic rule," marked by illegal arrests and detentions. He criticized the Congress for failing to fulfill its promises even after a year in power, asserting that the people of Telangana are dissatisfied with the current administration.

MLC Kodandaram Criticizes KCR's Rule, Defends Constitution

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad| Jan 20: MLC Prof. Kodandaram expressed strong opinions on the current political scenario, criticizing both the previous KCR government and the ongoing disregard for the Constitution. He emphasized that without Dr. BR Ambedkar's Constitution, justice for the people would be impossible and the sacrifices made by Telangana's people for a separate state would be meaningless.

Addressing a gathering in Suryapet, Kodandaram acknowledged mistakes during the KCR regime and stressed that such misuses of power should not go unchallenged. He criticized the government's handling of public funds, urging that taxpayer money be used responsibly. Kodandaram also warned against altering the Constitution, as he believed it is a safeguard against illegal gains by the rulers.



He expressed regret over the government's failure to deliver on the expectations of the people and the sacrifices of Telangana martyrs. Kodandaram pointed out that the TRS, now BRS, had transformed drastically under KCR's rule, citing issues such as reduced RTC services and the controversial Kaleshwaram project. He also noted the arrests of political opponents, signaling a disregard for democratic principles.

Kodandaram concluded by calling for governance that aligns with the people's aspirations, in line with the sacrifices made for Telangana's formation.

Minister Uttam Clarifies Ration Card Distribution Criteria



TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad| Jan 20: Telangana Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy clarified that ration cards will be provided to all eligible individuals, regardless of whether they appear on the caste census list. Responding to concerns about the ration card distribution process, Minister Reddy emphasized that eligibility will be the key factor, not caste census inclusion.

He pointed out that the government has been distributing ration cards since January 26, and this will continue as an ongoing process. Reddy urged people not

to misunderstand the government's approach, stressing that applications submitted in Gram Sabhas are being carefully considered. He assured that no limits will be imposed on the issuance of ration cards to eligible citizens, underscoring the government's commitment to ensuring fair access for all.

Minister Reddy's statement aimed to address confusion surrounding ration card distribution, reaffirming the government's focus on inclusivity and fairness in the allocation process.

MLC Kavitha Calls for Review of Ration Card Distribution Process



TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad| Jan 20: BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has urged the government to review the current ration card distribution process. Speaking at a review meeting on the development and welfare of Nizamabad district, Kavitha highlighted the issue of ration card applications. She revealed that approximately 1.27 lakh applications were submitted through Mee-seva in Nizamabad but only 26,000 appli-

cations were processed based on the caste census, leaving a large number of applicants unaddressed.

Kavitha expressed concern that excluding the remaining applicants was unfair and called for greater transparency in the ration card issuance process. She further requested the government to disclose the details of the public administration applications received. Additionally, she suggested revisiting the income limit criteria for ration cards, advocating for a review to ensure the system serves all eligible citizens fairly.

In her address, Kavitha also welcomed the provision of 3,500 houses in her constituency through the Indiramma Indlu scheme but urged the government to settle the pending bills for partially constructed houses from the past. She emphasized the need for swift action on these matters to support the people of Nizamabad.

TPCC Chief Celebrates Sankranti Abroad



TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad| Jan 20: TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud recently participated in the Sankranti celebrations hosted by the Melbourne Telugu Association in Australia. Expressing his joy, he highlighted the importance of preserving Telugu culture and traditions even while living abroad. Goud, along with SAT Chairman Shivsena Reddy and Advisor Jitender Reddy, celebrated the festival with the local Telugu community in Melbourne.

Speaking at the event, Goud emphasized the significance of Sankranti, describing it as the biggest festival that blends culture, tradition, and the hard work of farmers.

He pointed out that Sankranti symbolizes the joy of farmers as they celebrate the harvest of their labor, deeply connected with nature.

Goud also acknowledged the efforts of Telugu people in Australia, noting that despite being far from home, they continue to contribute to both their local communities and the development of Telangana. He encouraged the NRIs to invest in Telangana, urging them to contribute to the state's growth and prosperity.

Goud concluded by wishing the Sankranti festival would bring new light and happiness to all.

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If that happens, the situation here may become more pathetic.

WHAT IF REVANTH REDDY DOESN'T BECOME CM AGAIN?

This is the major setback for real estate. This is the concern and doubt among all the real estate people. That is why the Future City and new Metro routes are not making an impact on the real estate market. They are saying, "Mr. Revanth Reddy has changed metro routes and plans after coming to power. If he loses power in the next elections, the coming Government may change these plans again, and then we will be losers." Moreover, Mr. Revanth Reddy is CM on behalf of Congress, and the party can change the CM at any time as per their history. All these doubts are circulating in the minds of the people, and they are hesitant to invest in real estate.

Most of the analysts are naming HYDRA as a major factor, but that is not the truth, if we discuss with the people at the ground level. Before HYDRA, common people were used to buying plots or flats by believing builders. But after HYDRA, people are checking all the plans and approvals, and then only they are willing to buy. This is the only change that has come. But the builders who were used to manipulating the rules to get high margins have faced a setback due to HYDRA. That part of the business has come down, mainly because of the HYDRA implementation.

So, the Chief Minister Mr. Revanth Reddy has to build confidence among people that he will come back to power. If that environment is seen, people will invest with confidence; otherwise, the real estate sector cannot regain its pace as before.

Vivekananda Questions Revanth's Trustworthiness

**Vivekananda Questions Revanth's Claims
BRS MLA Criticizes Revanth's Leadership
Vivekananda Slams Revanth's Comments**



TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad| Jan 20: BRS MLA KP Vivekananda Goud made sensational comments regarding TPCC President Revanth Reddy, questioning his leadership abilities and the trustworthiness of his claims. Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan, Vivekananda criticized Revanth for his controversial statement in the assembly, where he compared the state to a cancer patient. Vivekananda raised concerns about which company would choose to invest in Telangana under such leadership, questioning the credibility of Revanth Reddy's foreign tours and decision-making.

He alleged that Revanth Reddy's ill-considered decisions had caused damage to the state, particularly in terms of the systems that Chief Minister KCR had established, including 24-hour electricity, a reliable water supply, law and order, and an environment conducive to investment. According to Vivekananda, Revanth's actions had reversed these achievements, further damaging the state's prospects for future growth.

Vivekananda also criticized Revanth Reddy's comments on the government's handling of investments. He pointed out how Revanth claimed that the government's decisions had caused losses to organizations, even ordering the arrest of a representative who voiced these concerns. The BRS MLA also questioned Revanth's promises related to loan waivers and the implementation of 6 guarantees in just 100 days, calling them false assurances.

Vivekananda concluded by emphasizing that the people of Telangana would not forget Revanth's negative remarks about the state and questioned how the public could trust someone who had undermined the state's progress with such statements.



Land Grabbing Case Against YV Subbareddy

Police Register Case Over Gachibowli Land Dispute
Former TTD Chief Faces Legal Action in Land Grab



Pardhu -TPN | Hyderabad : A land grabbing case has been registered against former TTD chairman YV Subbareddy at the Gachibowli police station, sparking significant attention. The complaint alleges that Subbareddy attempted to grab two acres and thirty pits of land located in Kondapur Survey No. 87. The accusations also include demolishing boundary walls

and using a JCB machine to encroach on the land.

The police have registered the case under sections 329(3), 324(4), 351(2), and r/w 3(5) of the BNS Act against Subbareddy along with his followers, including Y. Chinnapol Reddy, Y. Swarnalathareddy, Anil Kumar, Nagi Reddy, Kukatapalli Siva, Moin, and others.

The complainant, Narasimha Reddy, claims that Subbareddy encroached upon his land with the assistance of other individuals. Narasimha Reddy further alleged that Subbareddy not only encroached on the property but also altered the name-board to his advantage. The dispute involves land that Subbareddy allegedly purchased from Anil Reddy, who later accused Subbareddy of illegally seizing the land. Anil Reddy and Narasimha Reddy are reportedly followers of Telangana's Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha.

Both parties have filed complaints, and the police are currently investigating the case based on the mutual accusations. This legal dispute has stirred significant controversy and is currently under scrutiny by local authorities.

KTR Criticizes Congress for Double Standards, Calls It a Lesson



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad | Jan 20: BRS Party Working President KTR has criticized the Congress party for what he termed as its double standards, especially in the context of its changing stance toward AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal. KTR called out the Congress for acting differently when needed, labeling it

a "lesson" for the party. He pointed to the Congress's shifting attitude towards Kejriwal—from praising him as truthful, wise, and righteous during the Delhi Assembly elections, to now portraying him as corrupt and ineffective. KTR alleged that the Congress party is a textbook example of double standards in politics.

Further criticizing Congress, KTR highlighted that promises made by the party to various sections of society in Telangana—such as students, farmers, the elderly, and women—remain unfulfilled even after a year. He expressed frustration over Congress's similar promises to the people of Delhi. He suggested that before attempting to deceive the voters of Delhi, Congress leaders should consult with the people of Telangana to understand their grievances and experiences with unfulfilled promises.

62 Kg Ganja Seized in Hyderabad, One Arrested

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad | Jan 20: An interstate drug peddler was arrested in Hyderabad on Saturday, January 18, with the police seizing 62 kg of ganja worth Rs 15.5 lakh. The arrest was made by the Commissioner's Task Force South East Zone, in coordination with the Chaderghat police, at Nalgonda X Road. The accused, identified as 35-year-old Raju Jat Raju, an ice cream vendor and drug peddler, is originally from Madhya Pradesh and has been operating from Maharashtra.

Maharashtra. He revealed that he had purchased the ganja from a supplier named Subhash in Odisha. On January 11, Purshottam placed an order for the ganja, which Raju was transporting to Maharashtra when he was apprehended while waiting for a taxi to the Kachiguda railway station.

Raju has been booked under the NDPS Act, and the investigation is ongoing.

In a related incident on Friday, railway police arrested two women, Ishrat Bano and Kanchan, for smuggling ganja at the Secunderabad railway station, seizing ganja worth Rs 4.4 lakh from them.

During interrogation, Raju confessed to peddling ganja for five years, supplying it to a consumer named Purshottam from



RAF Conducts Area Familiarization Exercise in Hyderabad's Old City

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad, Jan 20: The Rapid Action Force (RAF) conducted an area familiarization exercise in Bhavaninagar, Hyderabad, on Sunday, January 19. Two companies of the RAF, accompanied by Hyderabad police, marched through various areas of Bhavaninagar and nearby police stations as part of the exercise.



environment of sensitive areas.

The primary objective of the exercise was to familiarize the RAF personnel, who come from various parts of the country, with the communal-sensitive areas. This will help them respond swiftly and efficiently during times of trouble, ensuring there is no delay when action is required.

Mirchowk Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Venkateshwar Rao and Bhavaninagar Station House Officer (SHO) M Balaswamy participated in the exercise, which is aimed at ensuring that RAF units are well-prepared and familiar with the geography and

The RAF, a specialized unit of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), was established in 1992 to handle civil unrest, riots, and public disturbances. The unit's fast response capability is crucial for managing emergencies effectively.

Two Die in Accident in Hyderabad's Kanchanbagh

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad | Jan 20: Two people lost their lives while another person was injured in a tragic accident that took place in Kanchanbagh, Hyderabad, early on Sunday, January 19. The accident occurred near Vikas High School on Kanchanbagh Road when the motorists lost control of their vehicle.

Following the accident, the two deceased individuals were shifted to Osmania General Hospital (OGH) for postmortem. The injured person is currently undergoing treatment at a local hospital.

The Kanchanbagh police have stated that the accident occurred around 5:00 AM and are suspecting it to be a case of drunken driving. However, they have yet to receive a formal complaint regarding the incident.

This fatal accident adds to a recent series of road mishaps in the city. Just a few days earlier, on January 14, a man died in an accident in Malakpet while traveling to meet friends on his birthday. Additionally, a software engineer died in a separate accident in Jeedimetla, where a collision between two bikes led to the fatality.

Authorities are continuing to investigate the circumstances surrounding these accidents and urge drivers to exercise caution on the roads.

Madhapur Cannabis, Hash Oil Bust, IT Employees Arrested

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad | Jan 20: A major drug bust took place in Madhapur, where the Shamshabad Excise Task Force seized 830 grams of cannabis and 14 grams of hash oil. The gang behind this illegal activity had been targeting software engineers living in the IT corridor.



The operation, which spanned areas including Madhapur, Serilimgampalli, Gachibowli, Kondapur, and Nanakramguda, revealed that the gang had been selling

cannabis to students and young professionals in the region, making them addicted to the drug.

In a recent sting operation, the police caught the suspects red-hand-

ed while they were selling cannabis to a software engineer in Siddique Nagar, Madhapur. Two individuals were arrested, and the cannabis, along with a bike used for the transactions, was seized.

The police have registered a case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, and further investigations are underway to dismantle the entire drug network targeting young professionals and students in the city.

Ganja Seized in Auto in Chandanagar: Accused Arrested

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad | Jan 20: In a significant drug bust, the DTF Shamshabad team apprehended Hasif Sheikh, a resident of Hafizpet, for trafficking ganja. Sheikh was caught while transporting around 1.5 kg of dry ganja from Bidar. The accused had been selling the ganja in various areas, including Kondapur, Miyapur, Nanakramguda, and Gachibowli,

at a rate of ₹7,200 per packet. He was caught red-handed while attempting to sell the illegal drugs in his auto. The police seized the auto and mobile phone used by the accused in the operation. Hasif Sheikh has been taken into custody, and a case has been registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The investigation is ongoing.



Fraud in Bar Licenses Accused Arrested in Hyderabad

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad | Jan 20: The Rayadurgam police arrested a man accused of defrauding individuals by promising bar and restaurant licenses. G. Venkatapavan, the prime accused from Kondangal, along with three accomplices posing as excise officials, allegedly cheated two victims out of ₹80 lakh.

The victims, Nagarjuna from Kapeta and Dharma Reddy from Kompally, were promised licenses after being assured of connections with government and excise officials. However, they were duped when they paid the hefty amount without receiving any licenses in return.

The victims approached the Rayadurgam police, leading to the registration of a cheating case. The police detained Venkatapavan and his associates for questioning, and the investigation is ongoing.

Hyderabad Restaurant Under Fire After Woman Finds Snail in Salad

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad | Jan 20: A restaurant in the city is facing severe backlash after a woman discovered a live snail in her quinoa avocado salad. The incident occurred when the woman placed an order via the food delivery app, Swiggy, from the restaurant Shoyu.

Upon receiving her order, what was meant to be a healthy meal turned into a disturbing experience when the woman noticed the snail in her salad. She shared a video of the discovery on Instagram, which quickly gained attention. In the video, she showed the salad with the snail placed on a napkin branded with Shoyu's logo. The post sparked concerns among social media users about food hygiene and safety at eateries across Hyderabad.

This is not the first food safety violation to come under scrutiny in the city. Recently, a restaurant in Ghatkesar was criticized after a blade was found in a biryani order, and three individuals fell ill after consuming food from a local restaurant. The Telangana Food Safety Department has also uncovered several violations, including improper food storage and unhygienic kitchen conditions.

These incidents highlight ongoing concerns over food safety in Hyderabad, despite periodic raids and inspections. They underscore the need for stricter enforcement of food safety regulations across the city.



BRS Farmers' Protest in Nalgonda on 21st

TPN Correspondent | Nalgonda | Jan 20: The BRS party will hold a farmers' protest on the 21st of this month at 10 am at the Nalgonda Ghadiaram Center, demanding the implementation of election promises made to farmers by the Congress government. Local former MLA Kancharla Bhupal Reddy revealed that the party's working president KTR will participate in the protest.



Bhupal Reddy criticized the Congress party for deceiving people

with false promises, especially to only 35% of farmers, and the farmer assurance scheme had many restrictions. He further

highlighted that while Congress promised Rs. 15,000 per acre, they are now offering only Rs. 12,000. The Rs. 500 bonus is a mere token, and there is no 24-hour electricity as promised.

The protest aims to highlight the unfulfilled promises of the Congress government and demand the proper implementation of their commitments to farmers. BRS leaders have vowed to continue their fight for the rights of the farmers and the fulfillment of Congress's election promises.

KCR, Chandrababu, Pawan Kalyan in the Same Frame!



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad | Jan 20: KCR's popularity in Telangana is growing day by day, especially as the Congress government under Revanth Reddy continues to falter in delivering on its promises. In contrast, KCR, despite taking on significant debts, has not only contributed to the state's development but has also successfully implemented welfare schemes. Supporters are calling for KCR to return to power.

In a surprising development, a banner featuring KCR, Chandrababu Naidu, and Pawan Kalyan has sparked a stir across Telangana. The banner, which appeared at the Maisamma fair at Ghatkesar Gattu in the Khammam district, has raised eyebrows. The unknown individuals who set up the banner claimed that while Chandrababu has already served as Chief Minister, KCR is set to follow soon.

This banner, showcasing these political leaders together, has left many speculating about the political implications, especially with the current shift in power dynamics. It has created a buzz across the state, leading to further discussions about the upcoming elections and alliances in Telangana.

Arogya Sri Services Halted in Telangana

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad | Jan 20: Arogya Sri services were abruptly halted in Telangana on Sunday morning, leaving patients, especially those in critical conditions, in severe distress. The sudden suspension of the scheme has created chaos in healthcare facilities, as many people from poor and middle-class backgrounds depend on Arogya Sri for quality medical treatment in private hospitals.



Arogya Sri has been a vital lifeline for thousands of families, providing access to healthcare without incurring heavy expenses. However, private hospitals have now withdrawn from the scheme, citing unpaid dues of Rs.

1,000 crores from the government. The delay in clearing these arrears has led to the suspension of the scheme.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka re-

cently held a meeting with private hospital management to discuss the release of the Arogya Sri funds. However, the issue remains unresolved, and the hospitals have now taken the decision to stop providing services under the Arogya Sri scheme.

As a result, ordinary citizens are facing significant difficulties in accessing medical care. This development has raised concerns about the future of the scheme and the impact it will have on the health and well-being of vulnerable sections of the population.

ACB Suspends Metpally Sub-Registrar for Bribe



TPN Correspondent | Jagtial | Jan 20: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has suspended Asifodheen, the Sub-Registrar of Metpally in Jagtial district, after he was caught accepting a bribe for the registration of a mortgage deed. The suspension was ordered by the DIG of the Registration Department.

Following the suspension, Junior Assistant Bal Singh has been temporarily assigned the role of Sub-Registrar. However, the registration process was halted from Friday afternoon as the ID was locked.

In a subsequent move, Vijay Bhaskar, a Senior Assistant from the Karimnagar DIG office, has been appointed as the new in-charge Sub-Registrar. He will take charge on Monday, and the registration process will resume once the new ID is updated. The department has taken swift action to ensure the smooth continuation of services after the disruption caused by the suspension.

Fake Currency Stirs Trouble in Chadmalhandanda, Kamareddy District

TPN Correspondent | Kamareddy | Jan 20: Fake 500 rupee notes have caused a stir in Chadmalhandanda, Gandhari mandal, Kamareddy district. The incident came to light after devotees noticed counterfeit currency being circulated during the Lakshamma Temple anniversary celebrations, held annually during the Sankranti festival.

During the event, devotees contribute money for the temple's development, and the temple committee lends it to the needy on

interest. Reports indicate that there was approximately one crore rupees in the temple's fund this year. However, after the fair, some recipients of the money found fake 500 rupee notes among the bundles they received.

Several victims have already filed complaints at the local police station. Authorities have detained multiple individuals connected to the incident and are currently interrogating them. The police are investigating the matter further to identify and apprehend the culprits behind the fake currency circulation.



Congress Leaders Threaten Dalit Tahsildar with Suspension



TPN Correspondent | Mahbubnagar | Jan 20: The pressure on government officials from ruling party leaders is increasing in Mahbubnagar, with Dalitha Tahsildar of Pentlavelli mandal, recently becoming a target. Tahsildar, under pressure from Congress leaders, refused to work against the rules, prompting threats of suspension.

In Kollapur constituency of Nagarkurnool district, several officials have been facing harassment due to political pressure. The Congress leaders reportedly threatened the Dalit Tahsildar, stating they would enter her office only after she was suspended. During a public event, they threw papers at her, dis-

regarding her position as a woman and Dalit official.

Dalit groups have condemned this behavior. Malamahanadu state leaders PV Rao and Govuraju have expressed outrage over the incident. They stated it was unacceptable for ruling party members to threaten the Tahsildar for following the law. They demanded action against the responsible leaders, warning that protests would be organized if no steps were taken.

This incident highlights the growing intimidation of officials, particularly Dalit officers, in the face of political pressure.

40 Injured as Van Overturns While Heading to Deity in Adilabad

TPN Correspondent | Adilabad | Jan 20: A tragic accident occurred in Male Borgaon, Narnoor mandal of Adilabad district, when a van carrying 40 people overturned while on its way to see the deity in Kerameri mandal. The incident happened when a group of tribal devotees from Narnoor mandal were traveling to the Kapili deity in Kerameri.



The van lost control on a bend and overturned, resulting in injuries to all passengers. Thirty people were treated at the Narno Government Hospital, while the remaining ten were transferred to Adilabad for further treatment. Doctors reported that two of the injured are in critical condition.

Authorities are still gathering full details of the incident. The condition of the injured passengers is being closely monitored, and investigations into the cause of the accident are underway.

Road Accident Near Ghatkesar: Several Injured on Way to Yadagirigutta

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad | Jan 20: A road accident occurred near Ghatkesar on the Warangal Highway when a DCM vehicle carrying 35 devotees overturned due to brake failure. The group was traveling from Upunutala village to Yadagirigutta when the incident took place. Several people were injured in the accident, and the locals immediately informed the

police. Police personnel rushed to the scene and transported the injured to the Ghatkesar Area Hospital for treatment.

The full details of the incident are still being gathered, and authorities are investigating the cause of the brake failure. The condition of the injured passengers is yet to be updated.

Congress Leaders from Janagama Join BRS Party

TPN Correspondent | Janagama | Jan 20: The trend of political migration to the BRS party continues in Janagama district. Recently, several Congress leaders and activists from Ankushapuram and Akkarajupalli villages in Tari-goppula mandal have officially joined BRS.



On Sunday, MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy welcomed these new members into the party during a ceremony at the Janagama district MLA camp office. The new members were honored with pink scarves as a symbol of their induction into the party. Speaking on the occasion, Palla Rajeshwar Reddy urged the party leaders to work diligently to ensure that all eligible individuals benefit from government schemes.

Prominent figures present at the event in-

cluded BRS Mandal President Pingili Jagannathan Reddy, official spokesperson Chiliveru Lingam, leaders Jonnagoni Sudarshan Goud, Muddasani Venkat Reddy, Arjuna Sampath Reddy, George Reddy, former MPP Nookala Krishnamurthy, Bhukya Jumal Nayak, former Sarpanch Mukkera Buchiraj Yadav, Pogula Ashok Kumar, Tallapalli Poshayya, and Bhukya Ravi.

Arvind Kejriwal Admits to Unfulfilled Promises Ahead of Delhi Polls

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
Ahead of the February 5 Delhi assembly elections, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal acknowledged his government's failure to fulfil three major promises. Addressing a gathering in Laxmi Bai Nagar on Saturday, Mr. Kejriwal reassured the public of his commitment to completing the projects in the next five years.

- Kejriwal admitted falling short on promises to clean the Yamuna, ensure 24-hour drinking water, and upgrade Delhi's roads to European standards.
- He reiterated his focus on completing these projects in two to three years.
- Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit criticized the AAP government for the capital's pollution crisis. "I am truthful to my promises. I could not fulfil three commitments: cleaning the Yamuna river, providing clean drinking water round the clock, and transforming Delhi's roads to European stan-



dards," Kejriwal admitted. He added that efforts to clean the Yamuna will take two to three years, with ongoing work already showing progress. On the issue of clean water, Mr. Kejriwal highlighted an initiative launched recently in Rajendra Nagar, stating, "24-hour drinking water supply has begun in one

colony, and this will be expanded across Delhi." He reaffirmed that all three promises would be fulfilled within the next term if re-elected. Congress Criticizes AAP on Pollution and Infrastructure
Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit, contesting from the New Delhi constituency, criticized the AAP government for failing to address

pollution in Delhi and the Yamuna River. At a press conference, he accused the Kejriwal government of neglecting sewage treatment facilities, resulting in the Yamuna becoming the "most polluted stretch" in the world. "The Kejriwal government boasted in 2023 about cleaning the Yamuna but has made little progress," said Dikshit. He also dismissed the blame placed on stubble burning for Delhi's air pollution, citing vehicle emissions, weak public transport infrastructure, and reduced green cover as the primary causes. Dikshit further claimed that the number of Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) buses had decreased from 5,500 in 2013 to around 3,000, indicating a failure to enhance public transportation in the capital. With promises and criticism shaping the election discourse, the upcoming polls will serve as a crucial test for the Kejriwal-led AAP government.

Four, Including Two Children, Die in Ghaziabad House Fire



TPN Correspondent | Ghaziabad :
A devastating fire, caused by a suspected short circuit, claimed the lives of four family members, including two children, in Ghaziabad early Sunday morning. The victims were asleep when the fire engulfed their home. The deceased have been identified as Gulbahar (32), her two minor sons, and a relative's son who lived in the same house. Gulbahar's husband, Shah Nawaz, managed to escape unhurt. Chief Fire Officer Rahul confirmed that firefighters recovered the charred bodies after extinguishing the blaze. "The fire broke out in the early hours while the family was asleep. Unfortunately, four lives were lost in the incident," he said. The tragic loss underscores the importance of ensuring electrical safety in residential areas. Local authorities are investigating further to prevent such incidents in the future.

Several AAP Leaders Join BJP Ahead of Delhi Assembly Polls

Delhi gears up for a heated electoral battle with prominent leaders switching parties.



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
In a significant political shift ahead of the Delhi Assembly elections, several leaders and members from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Sunday. Among the notable figures was Kapil Naagar, who contested

twice from Kamla Nagar ward of the Model Town Legislative Assembly. He joined the BJP, along with over 100 AAP workers. The joining ceremony took place in the presence of BJP state president Virendra Sachdeva, signaling a further strengthening of the BJP's

position as the Delhi Assembly elections approach. In another event, BJP candidate from Kalkaji assembly constituency, Ramesh Bidhuri, welcomed several AAP workers into the party fold. During the event, Mr. Bidhuri expressed his gratitude to the new joiners and emphasized the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying, "There is nothing more fortunate than becoming a part of PM Modi ji's family. Modi ji says only one thing - everyone's support, everyone's development, everyone's faith, everyone's effort. We all need to make an effort to ensure India is recognized as a developed nation by 2047." Mr. Bidhuri, who is contesting against Chief Minister Atishi from the Kalkaji constituency, also criticized her for allegedly neglecting the voters over the past four and a half years. "People are facing a

very difficult situation. Streets and roads are in shambles. The sewerage system is malfunctioning. You can't enter the house without mud stuck to your shoes. Drinking water is contaminated," he remarked. The Delhi Assembly polls are scheduled for February 5, with vote counting to take place on February 8. The contest is shaping up to be a three-way battle between the ruling AAP, BJP, and Congress. Despite its earlier dominance in Delhi, Congress has struggled in recent elections, failing to win a single seat in the 2020 Assembly elections. AAP, on the other hand, had a landslide victory in 2020, securing 62 out of 70 seats, while the BJP won only eight seats. The defection of several AAP leaders to BJP could have an impact on the political landscape as the election draws near.

Olympic Medallist Manu Bhaker's Grandmother and Uncle Killed in Road Accident



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi :
Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker has been struck by a personal tragedy as her maternal grandmother, Savitri Devi, and uncle, Yudhveer Singh, were killed in a road accident in Charkhi Dadri, Haryana, on Sunday, January 19. The accident occurred around 9 am on Mahendragarh Bypass Road when a Brezza car collided with the scooter on which Bhaker's relatives were travelling. Reports indicate that the car driver fled the scene following the accident. Local authorities have launched an investigation into the incident.

A relative of the deceased spoke to the media, explaining that the accident took place under foggy weather conditions. "There was fog, they met with an accident. We appeal to the administration to investigate it properly. They were Manu Bhaker's maternal uncle and maternal grandmother," the relative said. Upon receiving the distress call, the police arrived at the scene, took the bodies into custody, and sent them for post-mortem at the civil hospital. ASI Suresh Kumar of the local police station confirmed the details of the accident, stating that the victims died at the spot and the car driver had yet to be found. "We got the information about the accident involving a car and a scooter. Both the persons on the scooter died. We could not find the driver of the car at the spot," Kumar said. The tragic loss comes just two days after Bhaker, a celebrated shooter, was conferred with the prestigious Khel Ratna Award by President Droupadi Murmu. The sudden demise of her family members has cast a shadow over her recent achievement. The authorities are continuing their investigation into the circumstances surrounding the accident, and efforts are underway to locate the driver responsible for the collision.

Indian Women's Team Wins Historic First-Ever Kho Kho World Cup

India's women's Kho Kho team creates history with their victory at the Kho Kho World Cup.

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
In a remarkable feat of athleticism and teamwork, the Indian women's Kho Kho team has clinched the first-ever Kho Kho World Cup, marking a historic moment for the sport in the country. The team's victory has not only brought them international recognition but has also spotlighted Kho Kho, one of India's oldest traditional sports, as a force to be reckoned with on the global stage. The Indian women's team displayed unmatched skill and determination throughout the tournament, defeating some of the best teams from around the world. Their performance has sparked a wave of enthusiasm and inspiration among young athletes, particularly women, across India. The Kho Kho World Cup, held in [location], saw a series of thrilling matches, with India emerging as

the dominant force, showcasing the strength and unity of the team. The players' exceptional display of coordination and perseverance proved to be the key to their success, with each match being a testament to their rigorous training and commitment to the sport. This victory comes at a time when Kho Kho is gaining renewed attention and recognition in India, with increasing efforts to promote traditional sports alongside more mainstream competitions. The women's team's historic achievement is expected to inspire a new generation of athletes to take up Kho Kho and contribute to its growth both domestically and internationally. India's triumph at the Kho Kho World Cup has not only solidified the nation's prowess in this traditional sport but also highlighted the importance of nurturing women's sports talent. As the sport gains



more visibility, it is expected that Kho Kho will see a surge in participation, with more youngsters aspiring to take the field in future competitions. With the victory, the Indian women's team has set a new benchmark

in the history of Kho Kho and has made a significant impact in the global sports arena. This triumph serves as a reminder of the power of perseverance, teamwork, and the ability to achieve greatness on the world stage.

'One District One Product' Exhibited At Maha Kumbh

The ODOP initiative promotes India's rich handicraft heritage at the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj.



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
The Centre's 'One District One Product' (ODOP) initiative is making a notable presence at the Maha Kumbh 2025 in Prayagraj, with items such as carpets, glass toys from Firozabad, and wooden toys from Varanasi showcased to the devotees. The exhibition of these handicrafts aims to highlight the unique products of various districts, fostering local craftsmanship and entrepreneurship. In addition to this, e-commerce giant Flip-

kart has set up a stall at the Mahakumbh, offering a platform for entrepreneurs to sell their products for free. This move is part of the initiative to promote small businesses and provide them with wider exposure. Sharad Tandon, the Joint Commissioner of Industries for the Prayagraj Division, shared that during the Kumbh Mela in 2019, the event generated a business worth Rs 4.30 crore, and the expectations for this year's business have surged, with figures reaching up to Rs 35 crore.

The ODOP initiative, which aims to promote local handicrafts and cottage industries, has garnered significant attention, with products like zari-zardosi, glass toys, and wooden toys becoming major attractions for the devotees attending the Kumbh. Furthermore, products that have received Geographical Indications (GI) recognition are also being prominently displayed, reinforcing the country's diverse craft traditions.

2025's First Mann Ki Baat

PM Modi Praises EC, Highlights Maha Kumbh

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the first Mann Ki Baat broadcast of 2025, commended the Election Commission (EC) for leveraging technology to empower democracy and ensuring a fair polling process. The address, held on Sunday, also celebrated the ongoing Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj and emphasized India's democratic and cultural heritage.

- *PM Modi lauds EC's technological advancements ahead of National Voters' Day.*
- *Maha Kumbh praised for fostering unity and showcasing India's civilizational strength.*
- *The PM reflects on India's democratic journey and its constitutional values.*

With National Voters' Day approaching on January 25, PM Modi emphasized the importance of democratic participation, urging citizens to vote in large numbers. "The Election Commission has modernized and strengthened the electoral process, using the power of



technology to empower the people," he said. This statement comes amid opposition criticism of the EC, particularly regarding the integrity of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). Reflecting on India's journey as a democracy, PM Modi noted, "Doubts were cast on our viability as a democracy after independence, but India has proved them wrong. After all, India is the mother of democracy."

The broadcast included audio clips

of Constituent Assembly members like Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, and Syama Prasad Mookerjee, highlighting their vision and values. "We must draw inspiration from our Constitution makers to build an India they would be proud of," he said.

On the Maha Kumbh

Discussing the ongoing Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj, PM Modi praised the event for its inclusivity and spiritual significance. "People of various castes and regions have come together without discrimination. Extensive participation, especially by the youth, strengthens our civilizational roots and assures a golden future," he remarked.

The prime minister also noted the event's global recognition, calling it a matter of pride for all Indians.

With Republic Day just a week away, PM Modi's address underscored the significance of the Constitution's 75th anniversary and India's commitment to democratic and cultural values.

Rahul Gandhi Faces FIR Over

Remark on Fighting Indian State

TPN Correspondent | Guwahati

Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition, is facing legal trouble following his remarks during the inauguration of the Congress Party's new headquarters on January 15 in Delhi. Gandhi's statement, where he accused the BJP and RSS of capturing institutions and claimed the Congress is "fighting the BJP, the RSS, and the Indian State itself," has led to an FIR being filed against him in Guwahati.

The complaint, lodged by Monjit Chetia at Pan Bazar Police Station, cites sections 152 and 197(1)d of the BNS for "acts endangering the sovereignty, unity, and integrity of India." These charges are cognizable and non-bailable.

In the FIR, the complainant alleged



that Gandhi's remarks crossed the boundaries of permissible free speech and posed a significant risk to public order. "By declaring that his fight is against the 'Indian State itself,' the accused has consciously incited subversive activities and rebellion among the populace. This is an attempt to delegitimize the authority of the State and to portray it as a hostile force," Chetia stated.

He further attributed Gandhi's comments to frustration over repeated electoral failures, claiming the Opposition leader is using his platform irresponsibly. "Instead of maintaining public confidence in democratic institutions, he has chosen to provoke rebellion, endangering India's unity and sovereignty," Chetia added.

PM Modi Dials Yogi Adityanath Over Maha Kumbh Fire Incident

Over 70 huts and 10 tents destroyed by fire triggered by cylinder blasts; no casualties reported.



TPN Correspondent | Prayagraj

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached out to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath regarding the devastating fire at the ongoing Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj. The incident, caused by cylinder blasts, destroyed over 70 huts and 10 tents in Sector 19 of the mela grounds on Sunday evening.

- *Fire broke out at the Gita Press camp, destroying 70-80 huts and 10 tents.*
- *PM Modi spoke with CM Adityanath to assess the situation.*
- *No casualties reported; the fire was brought under control by emergency teams.*

The fire erupted around 4:30 pm due to a cylinder explosion in the Gita Press tent and rapidly spread to adjacent huts and tents. Thick black smoke engulfed the skies over the mela, prompting swift action by firefighting and disaster response teams.

ADM Mela, Vivek Chaturvedi, confirmed, "Around 70-80 huts and 8-10 tents have been burnt. Fortunately, there are no casualties, and everyone has been safely rescued. The fire has been extinguished."

The Uttar Pradesh government deployed over 15 fire tenders, along with teams from the NDRF and



SDRF, to tackle the blaze. DIG NDRF, MK Sharma, stated, "Four NDRF teams worked alongside other agencies to bring the fire under control."

Maha Kumbh Mela DIG Vaibhav Krishna assured, "An inquiry will determine the exact cause of the fire. The situation is now under control, and no casualties have been reported."

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath visited the site to review the situation and instructed officials to ensure safety measures are strengthened to prevent such incidents. PM Modi's engagement highlights the importance of the Maha Kumbh Mela, a globally significant religious event drawing millions of devotees.

While the quick response prevented any loss of life, the incident has raised concerns about safety protocols and infrastructure in such large gatherings.

Saif Attacker Is Bangladeshi, Changed Name After Coming To India

Police suspect illegal entry and name change facilitated the crime.

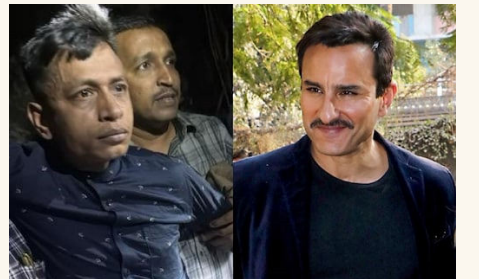
TPN Correspondent | Mumbai

Mumbai Police have identified the man accused of breaking into actor Saif Ali Khan's Bandra residence and attacking him as a Bangladeshi national, Shariful Islam Shehzad. The suspect, who allegedly entered India illegally and adopted the alias Bijoy Das, has been living in Mumbai for the past four months, working with a housekeeping agency.

- *Saif Ali Khan was stabbed six times during a burglary attempt at his Bandra home.*
- *The accused, Shariful Islam Shehzad, is believed to have illegally entered India from Bangladesh.*
- *Police have invoked charges under the Passport Act and other sections against him.*

Deputy Commissioner of Police Dixit Gedam confirmed the arrest and revealed critical details during a press briefing. "The investigation shows the accused could be from Bangladesh. He does not possess any Indian documentation. We have recovered items indicating his Bangladeshi origin and suspect he entered India illegally," Mr. Gedam stated.

The incident unfolded late



Wednesday night when the intruder broke into Mr. Khan's home via the fire exit. The actor's maid, Junu, raised the alarm upon spotting the man. In the ensuing confrontation, the intruder stabbed Mr. Khan six times before fleeing the scene. Both the actor and his maid sustained injuries and were rushed to Lilavati Hospital. Doctors have confirmed that Mr. Khan is recovering.

Police said the suspect, arrested from Thane, attempted to rob the actor. "The intruder demanded money and, when opposed, attacked Mr. Khan and the maid," the police statement noted. Charges under the Passport Act and sections related to illegal entry have been filed against Shehzad.

Investigators are currently verifying the accused's background and seeking further information about his activities since entering India.

Kerala Leads India's Push for Energy Efficiency and Decarbonization

Focus on Advanced Strategies, Renewable Energy Adoption, and Sustainability

TPN Correspondent | Thiruvananthapuram

Kerala is taking bold steps towards achieving a carbon-neutral future with its latest push for energy efficiency and decarbonization. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power, has urged state governments and State Designated Agencies (SDAs) to adopt advanced energy efficiency strategies to reduce carbon emissions and contribute to India's Net Zero target by 2070. These strategies focus on promoting energy efficiency, expanding renewable energy use, and increasing electric power adoption across sectors.

During a meeting in Thiruvananthapuram, A. Chandra Sekhara Reddy, Media Adviser for Southern States and Union Territories (BEE), and Hari Kumar, Director of the Energy Management Centre (EMC) Kerala, met with K.R. Jyothi Lal, Additional Chief Secretary of Kerala's Power Department. The discussion centered around utilizing communication strategies to enhance energy efficiency initiatives, combat climate change, and minimize greenhouse gas emissions.

- *Kerala announces the International Energy Festival in Thiruvananthapuram, February 7-9, 2025.*
- *Kerala aims for carbon neutrality by 2050 and 100% renewable energy by 2040.*
- *Rapid adoption of electric vehicles and Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) technology.*
- *Energy efficiency measures could save 12-15% of projected electricity demand by 2030.*
- *Over ₹10 lakh crore potential in energy efficiency investments, says BEE Secretary.*

K.R. Jyothi Lal emphasized, "Kerala is dedicated to becoming a leader in energy efficiency and carbon neutrality. The IEFK 2025 will unite global energy professionals, policymakers, innovators, and investors to explore strategies



Sri KR Jyothi Lal Additional Chief Secretary Dept. of Power, Govt. of Kerala is releasing a report in the impact of Communication Strategies for enhancing Energy Efficiency in Southern States, submitted by A Chandra Shekhar Reddy (Media Adviser Southern States UTs BEE MOP GOI)

for a greener future. Key initiatives include advancing energy efficiency, scaling renewable energy, promoting electric mobility, and adopting sustainable building practices."

BEE Secretary Praises

Kerala's Vision

Milind Deora, Secretary of BEE, who participated online, commended Kerala's proactive approach, noting the state's efforts in organizing IEFK 2025 as a platform for showcasing energy efficiency programs and attracting investments. He also highlighted the vast energy efficiency investment potential of over ₹10 lakh crore in the country, encouraging southern states to capitalize on this opportunity.

Kerala's Decarbonization Roadmap

As part of its decarbonization roadmap, Kerala is prioritizing energy efficiency to meet the growing demand for electricity, reduce reliance on fuel imports, and ensure environmental sustainability. According to the National Electricity Plan, energy efficiency measures could save 12-15% of the projected electricity demand by 2030. Kerala is also focusing on the rapid growth of electric vehicles and plans to implement V2G technology, which will allow EV charging only during off-peak hours to optimize energy consumption.

Director of EMC, Dr. Hari Kumar, thanked the BEE for its support in Kerala's energy conservation efforts, highlighting their importance in addressing climate change and fostering sustainable development. With its ambitious plans and collaborative efforts, Kerala aims to lead the way in India's energy transformation. Through partnerships with other southern states like Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Karnataka, Kerala is setting a global example for climate action and sustainable energy solutions.

Tourist asked to speak 'Kannada' in emergency call during burglary

TPN Correspondent | Bengaluru

A Spanish tourist, Jesus Abrielle, has alleged that during a burglary at his apartment in Bengaluru, an emergency operator asked him to speak in Kannada, leading to the disconnection of his call. The incident occurred in the early hours of January 15, when two burglars broke into Abrielle's flat in Richmond Town.

According to Abrielle, the burglars entered through the bedroom window, making off with valuables including a laptop, a ring, and important documents. The burglars fled through

a sliding window, leaving Abrielle frightened and alone in one room.

When he called the emergency helpline to report the crime, the operator allegedly asked him to speak in Kannada. Unable to communicate effectively, Abrielle disconnected the call. The incident has sparked criticism, with some blaming language fanaticism in Karnataka for ruining the state's global-friendly brand. This robbery has caused a loss of ₹82,000 worth of valuables, and police investigations are ongoing to identify the suspects.

Donald Trump's Inauguration Celebrations Kick Off

Event Details, Venue, Guest List And More

TPN Correspondent | Washington DC

Donald Trump will be sworn in as the 47th president of the United States at 12 pm EST (10:30 pm IST) on Monday, as the US Constitution mandates that each new president's term begins at noon on January 20. The inaugural celebrations started with a star-studded 500-member reception at the Trump National Golf Club in Virginia, followed by a rally and candlelit dinner for supporters in Washington, DC.

Inauguration Gala and Ceremony Trump's inaugural festivities include 18 galas, with three key official events. On Sunday, the President-elect held a "Make America Great Again Victory Rally" at Capital One Arena, which will be the first event in Washington DC since his 2021 speech at the Ellipse. He also attended a candlelit dinner with supporters.

The inauguration ceremony will see Trump sworn in by Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts. This will be his second time officiating for Trump, after the 2017 inauguration.



Following the oath, Trump will deliver his inaugural address, outlining plans for his second term. Incoming Vice President JD Vance will also be sworn in.

Inaugural Luncheon and Executive Orders

Post-ceremony, Trump and other leaders will attend a celebratory luncheon in Statuary Hall at the US Capitol. The event is hosted by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC). Afterward, Trump will likely sign a series of executive orders, fulfilling campaign promises and reversing Biden-era policies.

The president is expected to reinstate several executive orders from his first term that were revoked by President Biden. This will be followed by attendance at three official inaugural balls: the Commander in Chief Ball, the Liberty Ball, and the Starlight Ball.

National Prayer Service and Venue Change
The official end of the inauguration

celebrations will be a National Prayer Service at the Washington National Cathedral on Tuesday at 11 am (9:30 pm IST). This interfaith service marks the conclusion of the event.

Trump had planned to hold the ceremony outdoors in front of the Capitol building, but a last-minute change moved the event inside the Capitol Rotunda due to forecasts of extreme cold. Although the indoor venue has a much smaller capacity of around 600, it has affected the anticipated crowd size, with 220,000 tickets originally available. Trump announced that supporters could watch a live feed at Capital One Arena, with room for up to 20,000 attendees.

Presidential Parade and Musical Performances

The inaugural parade, typically held along Pennsylvania Avenue, will take place indoors this year at Capital One Arena. This change marks the first time the parade has been moved indoors since 1985. Trump has invited several high-profile guests, including tech billionaires Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, and Mark Zuckerberg. Musicians such as Carrie Underwood, Lee Greenwood, Kid Rock, and the Village People will perform during the celebrations.

Inaugural Luncheon and Guest List

Though the menu for Trump's inaugural luncheon is still unknown, previous luncheons have included American classics. Trump is known for his love of simple, savory meals, so dishes like steak and lobster may be included. The guest list is also impressive, with figures from both tech and politics. Outgoing President Joe Biden will attend, as will former Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. Trump has also invited foreign leaders, including Italy's Giorgia Meloni, Hungary's Viktor Orban, Argentina's Javier Milei, and China's Xi Jinping.

Executive Orders and Global Diplomacy

Trump is preparing to sign multiple executive orders, which could include mass deportations, expanded oil drilling, and potential pardons for the January 6 rioters. A meeting is scheduled immediately after the inauguration between US officials and foreign ministers from the "Quad" nations—Japan, India, and Australia—an alliance seen as a counterbalance to China's growing influence.

Lex Fridman: The US Podcaster Who Will Visit India To Interview PM Modi

TPN Correspondent, India

American podcaster Lex Fridman announced on Sunday that he will interview Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February. The podcast will focus on PM Modi's vision for India's technological and cultural future. Fridman shared his excitement about visiting India, stating that it will be his first trip to the country, where he looks forward to experiencing its vibrant culture and meeting its people.

Fridman, born in Chkalovsk, Tajikistan, and raised in Moscow, moved to the United States at the age of 11. He holds degrees in computer science and electrical engineering from Drexel University. His professional journey includes a stint at Google and a current position as a research scientist at MIT.

Fridman launched his podcast, initially called The Artificial Intelligence Podcast, in 2018, later rebranding it to The Lex Fridman Podcast. Over the years, it



has featured high-profile guests such as Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, Donald Trump, and Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Despite controversies, including a 2022 interview with rapper Kanye West, Fridman continues to advocate for tough, honest conversations. Outside of podcasting, he holds a first-degree black belt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu.

Fridman's upcoming podcast with PM Modi is expected to offer insights into India's growing role in global technological and cultural advancements.

Farmers Clash on India-Bangladesh Border; Situation Under Control, Says BSF

TPN Correspondent | Malda

Timely intervention by BSF and BGB defuses escalating tensions.

Tensions flared on Saturday morning along the India-Bangladesh border near the Sukdevpur Border outpost in Malda after a disagreement between farmers from both countries spiraled into a brief clash. The incident, which occurred around 11:45 am, involved accusations of crop theft and escalated into stone-throwing and verbal abuses, according to the Border Security Force (BSF).

- Farmers from India and Bangladesh clashed near the Sukdevpur border outpost.
- BSF and BGB intervened promptly to defuse the situation.
- Recent disputes over border fencing



work add to ongoing tensions.

A BSF statement confirmed that the altercation began when Indian farmers accused Bangladeshi farmers of stealing crops. The situation intensified as farmers from both sides gathered in large numbers. However, swift action by the BSF and their Bangladeshi counterparts, the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), pre-

vented further escalation.

"The situation was immediately brought under control following timely intervention by BSF and BGB personnel. Farmers were dispersed and sent back to their respective territories. No injuries were reported," the BSF stated.

In light of the incident, the BSF urged Indian farmers to avoid border disputes and report grievances directly to personnel stationed at the border. The BGB also played a key role in managing their side of the conflict and ensuring calm.

This clash comes in the wake of recent objections by the BGB over border fencing efforts by India, which they claimed were encroaching into Bangladeshi territory. The matter was resolved through discussions, and construction resumed without further issues.

Dakota Johnson Visits Siddhivinayak Temple with Sonali Bendre

The Hollywood star embraces India's spiritual essence during her stay.



TPN Correspondent | Mumbai Hollywood actress Dakota Johnson, in Mumbai for Coldplay's Music of the Spheres World Tour concert, took time out to visit the iconic Siddhivinayak Temple on Sunday. Accompanying her were Bollywood actresses Sonali Bendre and Gayatri Joshi, who joined her in seeking Lord Ganesha's blessings.

Johnson, who arrived in the city on Thursday with her boyfriend and Coldplay frontman Chris Martin, has been immersing herself in the local culture. In a

video circulating online, Dakota is seen donning a graceful navy-blue ethnic outfit paired with an orange dupatta, while Sonali and Gayatri opted for elegant beige and off-white traditional ensembles, respectively.

The trio's visit to the temple was met with admiration from fans, who praised their spiritual gesture. Johnson's visit to India and her connection with Indian culture continue to make headlines as she explores the city during her stay.

UP Men Lured by Job Offers, Sent to Russia's War Front

TPN Correspondent | Azamgarh

Nearly a dozen young men from Azamgarh and Mau districts in Uttar Pradesh were promised jobs in Russia as security guards, helpers, and cooks, with a salary of Rs 2 lakh per month. However, their lives took a tragic turn as they were forcibly recruited into the Russian army and sent to the front lines of the Russia-Ukraine war.

Three of the 13 men, including Kanhaiya Yadav from Azamgarh and Shyamsundar and Sunil Yadav from Mau, have lost their lives on the battlefield. Two others, Rakesh Yadav and Brijesh Yadav, returned home after sustaining

injuries. The families of eight men—Vinod Yadav, Yogendra Yadav, Azharuddin Khan, Humeshwar Prasad, Deepak, Ramchandra, Arvind Yadav, and Dharendra Kumar—are still anxiously waiting for news.

The victims were duped by agents, including Vinod Yadav, who offered them lucrative jobs but sent them to the war instead. Yogendra Yadav's brother, Ashish Yadav, shared how his sibling was sent to Russia under the pretext of a security guard job but was later forced into military service. Similarly, Azharuddin Khan's mother recalled her son's final words before he joined the

Russian army.

Families have demanded government intervention to locate the missing individuals and take action against the agents responsible. Rakesh Yadav, who managed to return home, recalled the grueling training he underwent and the deceptive contracts signed in Russian.

The Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) reported that 12 Indians have died while serving with the Russian military, and 16 are currently listed as missing. As of August last year, Russia ceased recruiting foreign nationals into its armed forces.

Hamas Hands Over First Israeli Hostages As Gaza Truce Begins

TPN Correspondent, Gaza

On Sunday, the first three Israeli hostages were handed over to the Red Cross as part of a long-awaited Gaza truce, signaling a significant step towards peace after over 15 months of war. The hostages, all women, were transferred in Gaza City ahead of their return to Israel. The handover followed a delay of nearly three hours in the ceasefire, which had been scheduled to begin at 8:30 AM. The delay occurred due to a dispute over the list of hostages to be freed. Despite the holdup, Israel's military continued operations, resulting in casualties before the truce officially began.

As soon as the ceasefire took effect,



trucks carrying essential humanitarian aid entered Gaza, providing much-needed relief for displaced Palestinians. Thousands of residents, carrying their belongings, began returning to their homes in the war-torn region. Many ar-

eas, especially in northern Gaza, have been left in ruin, with residents like Rana Mohsen from Jabalia describing their return to rubble as "home."

A total of 33 Israeli hostages are set to be released in exchange for around 1,900 Palestinians in Israeli custody. This truce, which marks the beginning of a 42-day ceasefire, aims to pave the way for a permanent end to the conflict. However, a second phase of the truce is still under negotiation.

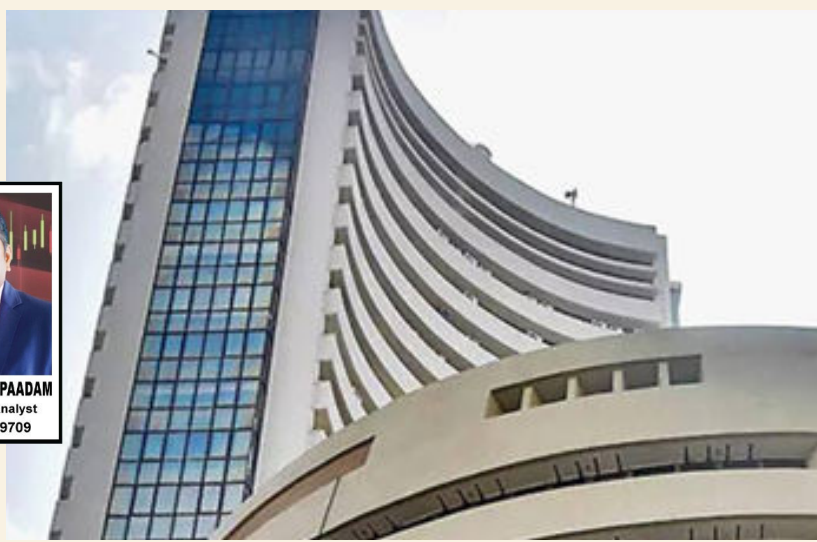
The families of the hostages are cautiously hopeful, while the situation remains tense in both Gaza and Israel, with both sides prepared for the possibility of the conflict reigniting.

Stock Markets Brace for Turbulence Ahead of Budget and Global Developments

Domestic stock markets are likely to be volatile this week. Donald Trump's inauguration as US President on January 20, rising dollar index and US bond yields are negative factors. Benchmark indices may fluctuate for a few more days. IT, pharma and FMCG stocks are showing some strength. Last week, profit booking was seen in media, realty, consumer durables, healthcare and pharma stocks. Demand for metal, CPSE, PSU bank and oil and gas stocks increased. Investors should be vigilant as the Union Budget approaches.



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this counter, which closed at Rs. 362 with a gain of 2.30% last Friday, investors should take a position at Rs. 350 with a target price of Rs. 385/390. Stop loss at Rs. 340 is mandatory.

tion at Rs. 720/730 with a target price of Rs. 640. Stop loss should be kept at Rs. 625.

RVNL



These shares, which touched a lifetime high of Rs.647 in July last year, have corrected by 44%. Interest in Railway shares has increased due to expectations of a 20% increase in allocations to Railways in the Budget and their availability at attractive prices. Investors should enter the Rs.400/410 range with a target price of Rs.455 in this counter, which closed at Rs.426 last Friday with a gain of 3.71%. Stop

loss should be kept at Rs.390.

Coal India:

This counter, which has fallen by 30% from its lifetime high, is currently showing momentum. As it has already fallen sharply, a trend reversal is likely. These shares have risen by 8% in the last four sessions. Investors should buy Rs.400/410 in this counter, which closed at Rs.387 in the previous session. Buy at Rs.380 with a target price of 430/450. Place a stop loss at Rs.365.



Tata Consumer:



This counter, which touched a lifetime high at Rs.1250, has corrected by 30%. It found key support at Rs.880. Since then, it has been showing some strength. Investors should take a position at Rs.940 with a target price of Rs.1050 in this counter, which closed at Rs.954 in the previous session. Place a stop loss at Rs.925.

Stock Recommendations

Indus Tower

These stocks, which hit a lifetime high in September last year, have undergone a 31% correction. The latest trend reversal has started at the key support level of Rs. 320. Gaining four times in the last five sessions and rising 13% compared to Nifty is a good sign. There are expectations that it will release better results in the third quarter. In



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Marico

Currently, the FMCG sector is showing some strength. Marico shares, which have corrected by 20% from their lifetime high, are currently moving at key levels. Accumulation is underway. The fact that it is moving at the 200-day and 21-day average value is a positive factor. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 664 with a gain of 1.81% last Friday, investors should take a posi-



Budget FY26: Govt could cut customs duty on raw materials to boost manufacturing

In a bid to boost local manufacturing, the government is considering reducing customs duties on raw materials used in industries such as medical equipment, electronics, and footwear in the upcoming Union Budget for FY26. Tax experts suggest that this move could help streamline the sector and reduce classification disputes.



could lead to a reduction in raw material costs for sectors such as medical equipment, white goods, electronics, footwear, and toys. Singh noted that a comprehensive review of the customs duty rate structure was announced in the 2024-25 Budget to help simplify the regime, reduce duty inversion, and minimize disputes in the future.

Deloitte India's Partner for Indirect Tax, Harpreet Singh, shared that key demands for the 2025-26 Budget, to be presented in Parliament on February 1, would focus on simplifying customs duties, rationalizing the rate structure, and managing disputes. Singh believes the government will likely reduce customs duties on raw materials in sectors like healthcare, electronics, home appliances, and pharmaceuticals, which have been prioritized for boosting local manufacturing under the phased manufacturing plan.

The rationalization of customs duties, which is expected to be a significant feature of the FY26 Budget,

This potential reduction in customs duties is part of the government's ongoing efforts to encourage domestic manufacturing, particularly in industries vital to economic growth. By lowering the costs of key raw materials, the government aims to create a more competitive manufacturing environment, ultimately supporting the growth of local industries and reducing reliance on imports.

India Set to Allow 1 Million Metric Tons of Sugar Exports Amid Surplus Stocks



India is set to permit the export of 1 million metric tons of sugar during the current season, according to government and industry sources. This move aims to help sugar mills export surplus stocks from the world's second-largest producer of sugar while stabilizing local prices.

The Indian government is expected to soon issue an official order allowing the export of the 1 million tons of sugar. This decision, which had been speculated in recent weeks, could add downward pressure to global sugar prices, as India's surplus will add to global supply. Sources, who wished to remain anonymous, revealed the upcoming announcement but were not authorized to speak to the media.

The move comes as a surprise to many traders, given that India's sugar production is expected to fall short of consumption for the first time in eight years. Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Uttar Pradesh account for over 80% of the country's total sugar production. However, lower cane yields in these states have led to revised output estimates for the 2024-25 season.

Sugar production in India is projected to drop to approximately 27 million tons from 32 million tons last year, falling short of the country's annual consumption of over 29 million tons. Despite the reduced production estimates, India remains one of the largest sugar exporters globally, with its export markets including Indonesia, Bangladesh, and the UAE. India was the second-largest sugar exporter from 2018 to 2022, averaging 6.8 million tons annually.

Deepak Ballani, Director General of the Indian Sugar and Bio-energy Manufacturers Association, commented that the limited export of 1 million tons is good news for the sugar industry, as next year's production is expected to be stronger. This move will likely offer some relief to sugar mills and ensure a more balanced supply chain, despite the shortfall in domestic production.

World Bank Predicts Further Reduction in India's Fiscal Deficit

India's fiscal deficit is projected to continue shrinking, primarily driven by increasing tax revenues, according to a World Bank report. This positive trend is expected to support the government's fiscal consolidation efforts.

The report highlights that India stands out in South Asia with its improving fiscal position, while other nations in the region, such as Pakistan and Bangladesh, are facing challenges like higher interest payments and infrastructure investments, keeping their fiscal deficits stable. In contrast, India's growing tax revenues are helping reduce its fiscal deficit.

Inflation in South Asia is expected to moderate, supported by stabilizing exchange rates, with countries like India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka seeing inflation levels within or below target ranges.

India is also expected to remain the fastest-growing economy among the world's largest economies, with a forecast GDP



growth of 6.7% for FY2025-26 and FY2026-27. The World Bank's report attributes this growth to the robust performance of India's services sector and a strengthening manufacturing sector, bolstered by government measures to improve logistics infrastructure and simplify tax regulations.

Private consumption is expected to rise due to an improving labor market, better credit availability, and easing inflation. At the

same time, investment growth is anticipated to remain strong, supported by private investments, healthy corporate balance sheets, and favorable financing conditions. This economic resilience is expected to provide stability in the coming years.

India's fiscal deficit for the current financial year is projected to decrease to 4.9% of GDP, down from 5.6% in 2023-24. Strong direct tax collections, including a 15.4% increase in net direct taxes, alongside robust GST collections, are contributing to this fiscal improvement.

The increased tax revenues give the government more financial flexibility, allowing it to invest in infrastructure projects and welfare schemes. A lower fiscal deficit also reduces the need for borrowing, enabling more funds for private investments and supporting higher economic growth and job creation. Furthermore, a reduced fiscal deficit helps maintain a stable inflation rate, ensuring continued economic stability.

India's Economic Environment Boosting Private Investments, Says CII Survey

India's current economic climate is improving favorable for private investments, with the country emerging as a "bright spot" amidst the global economic challenges, according to a recent survey by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The ongoing pan-India survey, which aims to cover 500 firms by the first week of February, has released its interim results based on a sample of 300 companies of various sizes, including large, medium, and small businesses.

The early findings of the survey highlight that a significant 97 percent of the firms surveyed are planning to increase employment in the fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26, reflecting the optimism surrounding the country's economic prospects. This is a strong indicator of the growing confidence among businesses in India's economic recovery and potential for expansion.

Additionally, 79 percent of the respondents reported an increase in their workforce over the past three years, signaling that com-



panies are already responding positively to the economic environment by creating more jobs. This trend aligns with the government's push to support the manufacturing sector and boost employment through various initiatives, including infrastructure development and the "Make in India" campaign.

The CII survey's findings are in line with other positive economic indicators, with India being projected as one of the fastest-growing economies globally. The country's GDP growth is expected to remain robust, and foreign investment is also expected to rise, thanks to favorable policies and an improving business climate.

As India navigates global uncertainties, its domestic economic fundamentals appear strong, and the confidence displayed by businesses in expanding their workforce suggests that the country's economic resilience is continuing to strengthen. These positive developments not only contribute to the growth of the economy but also help in creating a more competitive and inclusive job market.

The final results of the survey, which will cover a broader spectrum of industries, are expected to provide deeper insights into the private sector's expectations and outlook for the coming years.

Instagram Expands Reels to 3 Minutes, Revamps Profile Grids

Instagram has introduced several new features to enhance the user experience, including an exciting update to its Reels functionality. Users can now upload videos up to three minutes long, a significant increase from the previous 90-second limit. The announcement was made by Instagram head Adam Mosseri via a Reel on Saturday, bringing the platform in line with similar video-sharing features on YouTube Shorts.

The decision to extend the length of Reels follows YouTube's recent change to allow videos up to three minutes long and comes just before the anticipated TikTok ban in the United States. Despite this update, Instagram's Reels still cannot compete with TikTok's maximum video length of 60 minutes.

Along with the Reels update, Instagram has also revamped its profile grids. The iconic square profile images have now been replaced with rectangular grids, offering users a fresh look at



their posts. This change is designed to create a more dynamic and engaging layout, better suited for displaying content across Instagram's various features.

In another notable update, Instagram is now allowing users to see which Reels their friends have liked, adding a more social and interactive element to the platform. This feature allows users to discover popular content among their circle of friends, further enhancing Instagram's focus on social sharing.

These changes come at a time when Instagram continues to evolve in response to the growing competition from platforms like TikTok and YouTube. The extended Reels duration and other updates aim to provide users with more flexibility and engagement options, solidifying Instagram as a key player in the short-form video space.

TikTok Shuts Down in the US Amid Looming Ban

TikTok has officially been banned in the United States as the deadline for the ban approaches. Users in the country can no longer use, download, or update the popular app. ByteDance, the Chinese company behind TikTok, has taken proactive steps by removing the app from both the Google Play Store and Apple App Store. Existing users who try to access TikTok are



now greeted with a message reading: "A law banning TikTok has been enacted in the U.S. Unfortunately, that means you can't use TikTok for now."

The move comes after months of heightened scrutiny of TikTok, with U.S. lawmakers expressing concerns over national security and data privacy. The app, which boasts millions of active users in the U.S., has faced increasing pressure due to its Chinese ownership, with the U.S. government fearing that user data could potentially be accessed by the Chinese government.

In the wake of the ban, former President Donald Trump is reportedly considering a 90-day reprieve for TikTok users in the U.S. This re-

prieve would allow users to access the app for a limited time while negotiations over its future continue. The possibility of a temporary extension has sparked debates on how to handle the app's fate in the U.S., with some calling for a full ban, while others argue for a solution that allows TikTok to continue operating under strict regulations.

The situation remains fluid, and the future of TikTok in the United States is uncertain. However, the recent steps taken by ByteDance suggest that the platform's presence in the U.S. may soon be fully curtailed unless an agreement is reached. Users across the nation are bracing for the final shutdown, while discussions around the app's future continue to unfold.

Man Credits ChatGPT for Diagnosing Rare Kidney Disease and Saving His Life

A Reddit user recently shared an extraordinary story of how ChatGPT helped him identify a life-threatening condition and ultimately saved his life. According to the man, after a routine workout, he started feeling unwell and sought the help of the AI chatbot, which played a crucial role in diagnosing a rare kidney disease even before doctors could.



The man explained that his symptoms began after a light workout consisting of pushups, squats, and planks. Despite not pushing himself too hard, he felt as though he had been "hit by a bus" the following day. He attributed it to high coffee intake and dehydration, but after two days of worsening symptoms, he became concerned and turned to ChatGPT.

After analyzing his symptoms, the chatbot suggested he seek immediate medical attention, diagnosing him with "moderate to severe Rhabdomyolysis." This rare condition occurs when muscle tissue breaks down rapidly, releasing proteins that can damage the kidneys. Upon further research, the man found that ChatGPT's diagnosis aligned with his symptoms, prompting him to visit a hospital for further testing.

Hospital lab results confirmed the chatbot's diagnosis of severe Rhabdomyolysis, which had the potential to severely affect his kidneys. He was

quickly hospitalized and spent a week under observation while receiving treatment. Had the man not sought medical attention when he did, the consequences could have been much worse.

Rhabdomyolysis can occur due to excessive exercise, trauma, or muscle injury without adequate rest, making it difficult to diagnose without medical expertise. The man's experience underscores the potential value of AI in offering guidance in urgent health situations, highlighting how tools like ChatGPT can assist in early detection and save lives.

Though this case is rare, it also demonstrates how technology can support timely medical intervention when symptoms might be overlooked or misdiagnosed.

Chinese Man Spends ₹3.5 Crore to Build Real Shin-Chan House, plans to create Kasukabe Town

A 21-year-old man from China has spent an astounding ₹3.5 crore (approximately \$400,000) to recreate the iconic house of Shin-Chan, the beloved anime character, as part of his dream to bring the world of the show to life. The house, with its distinctive red and white bricks, is now a photography hotspot for fans of the series, who flock to the location to capture a piece of the Shin-Chan universe.



Shen, a passionate fan of the anime, transformed his family's sheep farm into a replica of Shin-Chan's home. The project, which took over a year to complete, involved painstaking attention to detail. Shen even traveled to Shanghai multiple times to secure official licensing rights for the property, demonstrating his dedication to making this vision a reality. The nearly finished house covers 100 square meters and has already garnered significant attention from anime enthusiasts worldwide.

The construction of the house involved sourcing custom-made materials to closely resemble the original from the show, further contributing to the cost. With financial support from his mother, Shen was able to turn his dream into a reality. The house now serves as a popular photography destination, attracting fans and cosplayers eager to pose in front of the iconic

structure.

However, Shen's ambitions don't stop there. He plans to expand the Shin-Chan world by recreating Futaba Kindergarten, the fictional school from the anime, and transforming it into an educational center. Looking further into the future, Shen hopes to build the entire Kasukabe Town, the fictional setting of Shin-Chan, creating a fully immersive experience for fans.

This ambitious project is a testament to the power of fandom and the lengths some will go to bring their passions to life, offering a unique way for fans to interact with the beloved world of Shin-Chan.

UK Restaurant Charges Rs 10,000 for Pineapple Pizza — Here's Why

The age-old debate of pineapple on pizza has sparked strong opinions worldwide, and now, a UK restaurant has taken it to the next level. Lupa Pizza, located in Norwich, has decided to charge a staggering £100 (approximately Rs 10,500) for its Hawaiian pizza, making a bold statement about their stance on the controversial topping.



The owners and staff of Lupa Pizza are notably opposed to the idea of pineapple on pizza, which is why they've reluctantly included it on the menu at a sky-high price. The description on the menu humorously reads: "Yeah, for £100 you can have it. Order the champagne too! Go on, you monster!"

Co-owner Francis Woolf openly admits to his disdain for pineapple on pizza, telling The Guardian, "I absolutely loathe pineapple on a pizza." Head chef Quin Jianoran echoed his sentiments, stating, "I love a pina colada, but pineapple on pizza? Never. I'd rather put a bloody strawberry on one than that tropical menace."

Despite their strong opinions, Lupa Pizza's decision to add the Hawaiian pizza was driven by the desire to cater to customers' demands, though at a hefty price. The Hawaiian pizza was first created by Sam Panopoulos in the 1960s, when he added tinned pineapple to a ham pizza. Since then, it has remained a divisive dish, adored by some and reviled by others.

So far, no one has ordered the £100 pizza at Lupa, although Jianoran mentions that the online buzz surrounding the pizza has been "unbelievable." The restaurant is also running a poll to determine if pineapple should become a permanent fixture on their monthly special menu, with pineapple currently leading at 62%.

Interestingly, Lupa's pricing is not the highest for pineapple-based products. Last year, a red-hued pineapple variant in California was priced at nearly Rs 34,280, showing just how far some are willing to go for the tropical fruit.

While some traditional pizza makers reject pineapple, others, like Naples' Gino Sorbillo, are embracing it, aiming to combat food prejudice.

Deccan Premier Carrom League Season-3 Ends In a Grandeur Manner

Recognition of outstanding players and teams at a grand event honoring carrom excellence



The Deccan Premier Carrom League (DPCL) Season-3 Prize Distribution Function was held with great enthusiasm, recognizing exceptional talent in the sport of carrom. The event was presided over by Sri Dr. Neeraj Kumar Sampathy, Chairman of DPCL, and saw prominent dignitaries gracing the occasion. The function featured esteemed guests such as Sri V.D. Narayan, Secretary General of the International Carrom Federation, who served as the Chief Guest, and Sri Bharathi Narayan, General Secretary of the All India Carrom Federation, who was the Guest of Honour. Sri Sk. Abdul Jaleel, Chief Referee of the Tournament and General Secretary of the Andhra State Carrom Association, also attended the event, adding his valuable support and expertise. The event was a moment of celebration

for the winners, with top players and teams being honored for their exceptional performances throughout the league. The contributions of the carrom community were acknowledged, and the ceremony emphasized the importance of sportsmanship and excellence in the game.

- **Winners:** Jain Irrigation Pvt. Ltd. emerged victorious in DPCL Season-3.
- **Runners-up:** Strike Force secured the second position.
- **Prize pool:** A total of ₹12 lakh was distributed among the prize winners.

The entire carrom community expressed heartfelt gratitude to Carrom Live Chief Executive Sri Surya Devara Jayadev and his team for their unwavering dedication and support in making the league a success.

Winners and Prize Distribution

Jain Irrigation Pvt. Ltd. claimed the coveted first place in the DPCL Season-3, showcasing outstanding skill and teamwork. The runners-up, Strike Force, put up a fierce competition, while Navya Bharathi Strikers secured the third place. Charnin Challengers finished in the fourth spot, rounding out the top four teams. The prize pool for this season was an impressive ₹12 lakhs, which was distributed to the winners, reflecting the league's commitment to rewarding talent and excellence in carrom.

With the successful conclusion of Season-3, the DPCL continues to shine as a premier platform for carrom players, fostering growth and camaraderie within the sport. The event further established the league's growing presence and set the stage for even greater seasons to come.

Rohan Bopanna-Shuai Zhang Enter Mixed Doubles Quarterfinals Of Australian Open

Veteran Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna and his Chinese partner Shuai Zhang have advanced to the quarterfinals of the mixed doubles event at the Australian Open, following a walkover in their second-round match on Sunday. Originally scheduled to face the fourth-seeded pair of Taylor Townsend from the United States and Hugo Nys from Monaco, Bopanna and Zhang were granted a walkover, securing their spot in the last eight without stepping onto the court.



This marks another strong performance for the Indo-Chinese duo, who earlier impressed in their opening match by defeating Kristina Mladenovic of France and Ivan Dodic of Croatia with a 6-4, 6-4 win.

In the upcoming quarterfinals, Bopanna and Zhang will face the winner of the match between Hungary's Tímea Babos and El Salvador's Marcelo Arevalo, and the Australian pairing of Olivia Gadecki and John Peers.

The mixed doubles tournament at the Australian Open continues to be an exciting venture for the experienced Bopanna, who has previously enjoyed success in both men's and mixed doubles at Grand Slam events. With a solid start and their progression to the quarterfinals, the Indo-Chinese pair will look to carry this momentum forward as they aim for a spot in the semifinals.

Rishabh Pant Set to Lead Lucknow Super Giants in IPL 2025

Star wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant is reportedly set to be named the new captain of the Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) for the 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL) season. According to ESPNcricinfo, Pant will take over the leadership role after the franchise chose not to retain KL Rahul, who had led the team to the playoffs in the first two editions of the IPL. With Rahul's departure, LSG had two options for the captaincy: Pant or Shreyas Iyer, and the management opted for Pant.

Pant, who was purchased by LSG for a record-breaking Rs 27 crore during the IPL 2025 mega auction, became the most expensive player in the history of the tournament. His signing came after a fierce bidding war between LSG, Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), and Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH).

Despite efforts from Delhi Capitals (DC) to retain him using the 'Right To Match' card, LSG outbid all competitors and secured the dynamic batter's services.

Before joining LSG, Pant had represented Delhi Capitals throughout his IPL career since 2016. He amassed 3,284 runs in 110 matches, averaging 35.31, with one century and 18 fifties. Pant was appointed DC's captain in 2021, leading the team to the playoffs in that season.

Ahead of the IPL 2025 mega auction, LSG retained players like Nicholas Pooran, Mayank Yadav, and Ravi Bishnoi, alongside uncapped stars Mohsin Khan and Ayush Badoni. However, despite their strong squad, LSG had a disappointing 2024 season, finishing in 7th place with 14

points from seven wins in 14 matches.

LSG will look to Pant's leadership and explosive batting to help them improve their standing and push for a title in IPL 2025. The squad for the upcoming season includes notable players like Aiden Markram, David Miller, Mitchell Marsh, and Ravi Bishnoi, making them a formidable team on paper.



Pakistan Defeat West Indies by 127 Runs, Take 1-0 Lead in Two-Match Series

Pakistan secured a commanding 127-run victory over West Indies in the first Test of their two-match series in Multan. The win, achieved on the third day of the match, gave Pakistan a 1-0 lead, with spinner Sajid Khan playing a pivotal role in the victory.



Sajid Khan took 5 wickets for 50 runs, bringing his match figures to 9-115, while fellow spinner Abrar Ahmed contributed with 4 wickets for 27 runs. The West Indies were bowled out for just 123 in their second innings, falling short of their target of 251. Noman Ali also played a key role, taking 1-42, as Pakistan's spinners accounted for all the wickets in the West Indies' second innings.

The West Indies' best effort came from left-handed batter Alick Athanaze, who scored 55, the only half-century of the match for the tourists. Athanaze shared a 41-run partnership with Tevin Imlach for the sixth wicket before being dismissed by Sajid Khan. Abrar Ahmed then wrapped up the innings by taking the final wicket of Jomel Warrican.

Earlier in the day, West Indies' bowlers had impressed, with left-arm spinner Warrican claiming a career-best 7-32, helping dismiss Pakistan for 157 in their

second innings. Warrican's 7-wicket haul was the best by a West Indian bowler in Pakistan, surpassing Malcolm Marshall's 5-33 in Lahore in 1986.

Despite the spinners' clinical performance, Pakistan captain Shan Masood acknowledged the need for improvement in the batting department. "The spinners were clinical, but we need to add more runs with the last few wickets," he said.

West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite emphasized the importance of confidence, urging his batters to believe in their abilities. "We saw how Alick played, and we just have to be brave," Brathwaite remarked.

The second Test of the series will begin on January 25, 2025, also in Multan.

U19 World Cup: India Women Begin Title Defense With 9-wicket Win Over West Indies

India's U19 Women's cricket team began their title defense in fiery fashion, defeating West Indies by 9 wickets in the opening match of the ICC U19 Women's World Cup. The match, played at the Bayuemas Oval, saw India's bowlers dominate as they bundled West Indies out for a mere 44 runs in just 13.2 overs.



After winning the toss and opting to bowl first, India's bowlers were in complete control right from the start. Pace bowler Joshitha VJ (Player of the Match) made early breakthroughs, picking up 2 wickets for 5 runs in 2 overs. Parunika Sisodia and Aayushi Shukla then took charge, with Parunika finishing with 3 wickets for 7 runs, while Aayushi claimed 2 wickets for just 6 runs. The West Indies' poor running be-

tween the wickets also helped India, with three run-outs contributing to their collapse. India's bowlers, backed by sharp fielding, dismantled the West Indies' batting lineup with ease. Aayushi and Parunika both claimed a further wicket each to ensure the West Indies were bowled out for 44 runs.

In reply, India needed just 4.2 overs to reach the target, losing only one wicket. Vice-captain Sanika Chalke and wicketkeeper G Kamalini were unbeaten at the crease, scoring 18 and 16 runs respectively. Sanika played some exquisite shots, including three boundaries, while Kamalini hit three fours, including the winning shot. The match ended on a dominant note for India just as rain began to affect the stadium.

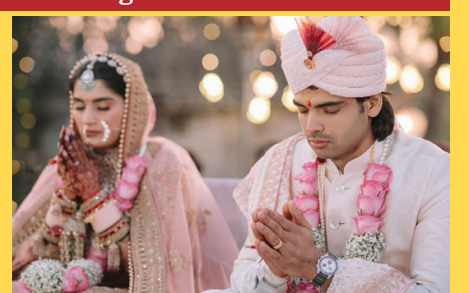
India's victory came on the back of solid performances in their warm-up games, where they defeated South Africa and Scotland. They will now face hosts Malaysia on Tuesday, with their sights firmly set on continuing their winning run in the tournament.

Neeraj Chopra Ties the Knot with Himani

Javelin star Neeraj Chopra leaves fans shocked with unexpected marriage announcement.

Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra has surprised fans with the announcement of his marriage to Himani. The javelin star took to social media on Sunday to reveal the news, leaving fans in awe. In a heartfelt tweet, Neeraj expressed his happiness, sharing the

joyous occasion with the world. His announcement has sparked a wave of congratulatory messages from fans and well-wishers across the globe. Congratulations to Neeraj and Himani on this new chapter of their lives!



Rana Daggubati Presents 'Premante': A New Romantic Thriller Starring Priyadarshi

Rana Daggubati, known for supporting strong, content-driven films, is taking on a new role as the presenter for Premante, the debut production venture of Jhanvi Narang. The film stars Priyadarshi in the lead role, alongside Anandi and popular television personality Suma Kanakala. Directed by Navaneeth Sriram, this movie marks his directorial debut. Puskur Ram Mohan Rao joins as the co-producer, with the project being produced under SV-CLLP and Spirit Media banners.

The film's title, Premante, was unveiled today with an eye-catching poster that features two tea glasses, hinting at a romantic conversation between the lead characters. The launch event saw Rana Daggubati clapping to mark the occasion, while Sandeep Reddy switched on the camera for the muhurtham shot, setting the stage for an exciting production journey.

Premante promises to offer a thrilling cinematic experience, with its tagline "Thrill U Praptirasthu" adding to the intrigue. The film blends elements of romance and suspense, with a focus on an emotional and intense storyline. The cinematography will be handled by Vishwanath Reddy, while the musical score will be composed by Leon James, further adding to the anticipation surrounding the film.

With a talented ensemble cast, including seasoned actors like Suma Kanakala and



the rising star Priyadarshi, Premante is expected to capture the audience's attention with its gripping narrative and emotional depth. Fans of romantic thrillers are eager to see how this fresh story unfolds under the directorial vision of Navaneeth Sriram, and with Rana Daggubati backing the project, expectations are high for this promising new film.

Varun Tej's Upcoming Horror Comedy 'VT15' Teases Korean Connection

Director Merlapaka Gandhi is back with a fresh and intriguing concept, bringing a unique blend of horror and comedy to the big screen with VT15, starring Varun Tej in the lead role. The film, tentatively titled VT15, marks an exciting new venture for the actor, who reunites with music director Thaman after the success of Toli Prema. The makers of the film recently announced the project, releasing an engaging concept poster that has already sparked curiosity among fans.

The poster for VT15 features an eye-catching design with a fire dragon logo surrounded by flames, creating an aura of mystery and excitement. Additionally, the presence of Korean text hints at an intriguing international connection, further piquing the audience's interest. The words "When haunting turns hilarious!" promise an entertaining and adventurous ride that combines the thrills of a horror story with the laughs of a comedy, making it a must-watch for fans of both genres.

Though the poster has given a glimpse of what's to come, the makers have been tight-lipped about the specific details of the cast and crew. However, the film's Korean influence is set to be a significant aspect, adding a layer of uniqueness to the narrative. Fans are eagerly waiting for more updates on the film, which is being jointly produced by UV Creations and First Frame Entertainment.

With Varun Tej leading the charge, VT15 promises to offer something new and exciting to moviegoers, blending spine-chilling moments with co-



medic relief in a never-before-seen manner. The collaboration between director Merlapaka Gandhi and the talented team behind the project sets high expectations for what could be one of the most entertaining films of 2025.

Marco 2 Officially Confirmed: Sequel to Mollywood's Violent Action Hit

Mollywood's action-packed blockbuster Marco, starring Unni Mukundan, has officially been confirmed for a sequel following its massive success at the box office in December 2024. The film, known for its intense and brutal action sequences, grossed over Rs. 100 crore and became a sensation in multiple languages, including Telugu, Hindi, and Tamil.

While rumors initially swirled about a potential remake of Vikram, the filmmakers have now confirmed that the sequel to Marco is in the works. Marco 2 promises even grander production and more intense violence, with an aim to surpass the original's success and create an even bigger impact in the ac-



tion genre.

Excitement around the sequel reached new heights when Unni Mukundan recently met Mollywood superstar Mohanlal, leading to specula-

tion that the legendary actor might be involved in the project. If Mohanlal indeed joins the film, it could become one of the most eagerly awaited releases in Malayalam cinema.

Directed once again by Haneef Adeni and produced by Sharif Mohammad, Marco cemented Unni Mukundan's position as one of Mollywood's leading action stars. The film's captivating soundtrack, composed by Ravi Basrur, also played a crucial role in its success and is expected to contribute similarly in the sequel.

Fans are eagerly anticipating updates as Marco 2 promises to push the boundaries of action cinema even further. With increased scale, higher stakes, and possibly the involvement of Mohanlal, the sequel is expected to be a major hit when it releases. Stay tuned for more news as this highly anticipated project progresses.

Nani Announces Release Date for Court – State vs ANobody

Actor Nani, known for his work as a producer on acclaimed films such as Awe and the HIT franchise, has taken on a new role as a presenter for the upcoming courtroom drama Court – State vs A Nobody. The film, starring Priyadarshi, Harsh Roshan, and Sri-devi in pivotal roles, has generated significant buzz due to its intense narrative and thought-provoking premise.

Nani made the official announcement via X, revealing that Court – State vs A Nobody will hit theaters worldwide on March 14, 2025. In his post, he expressed his excitement, saying, "A film that will move you and make you think in every sense. Will be the most

talked about topic on March 14th. Proud to present Court – State vs A Nobody." The first look poster of the film features Priyadarshi in the role of a lawyer, adding to the anticipation surrounding the film's release.

The story of Court – State vs A Nobody revolves around a young boy caught up in a legal battle, raising questions about justice, fairness, and the legal system. The movie promises to be a compelling exploration of the complexities of law and the pursuit of truth. The motion poster, which was recently unveiled, features an intense background score composed by Vijai Bulganin, known for his work in Baby.



Bhairavam Teaser Update: A Thrilling Action Drama Set for January 20 Release

Director Vijay Kanakamedala, known for his work on Ugram, is all set to deliver a thrilling action-packed drama with his latest project, Bhairavam. The film, which features Bellamkonda Sreenivas, Nara Rohith, and Manchu Manoj in the lead roles, is generating significant buzz among fans. The makers recently unveiled an intense teaser update poster, building anticipation for the upcoming release. The teaser is scheduled to launch on January 20 at AAA Cinemas in Ameerpet.

Bhairavam has already captured attention with the first-look posters of the lead actors, and the latest teaser poster promises more action and drama. Bellamkonda, Nara Rohith, and Manchu Manoj are seen in serious, intense expressions, signaling their characters' significant roles in the movie. The teaser update poster raises expectations, hinting at a high-octane cinematic experience.

The film will see Manchu Manoj playing the character of Gajapathi, while Nara Rohith will portray Rohit Varada. With the backdrop of thrilling action sequences, the film is expected to offer mass appeal, thanks to the distinct and powerful personas of the three lead actors. Music for Bhairavam has been composed by Sricharan, who is infusing classical tunes to enhance the drama and intensity of the film.

Produced by KK Radhamohan under the banner of Sri Sathya-sai Arts, Bhairavam promises to be a gripping narrative that blends intense action with compelling characters. The film's combination of thrilling sequences, mass appeal, and strong performances from the lead actors is expected to make it a highly anticipated release. Fans are eagerly awaiting the teaser launch on January 20, as they get ready for the exciting journey that Bhairavam is set to offer.