



Jana Sena Gets Election Commission Recognition!

The 'Glass Symbol' is now permanent!



No Matter the Sector, Indians Will Win: CM

CM Strengthens AP's Global Presence at Davos With Investment Invitations



ity produce like barley, maize, and rice for Carlsberg's operations. Speaking at the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) session at WEF, Chandrababu reiterated Andhra Pradesh's commitment to "speed of doing business" and second-generation reforms. He emphasized the state's focus on green hydrogen and green fuel, aligning with global sustainability goals. The Chief Minister proudly noted the contributions of Telugu people across 100 countries and their potential to become global leaders. "Telugu people are excelling worldwide, and Andhra Pradesh is prepared to seize every opportunity to advance in the global market," he stated. With a focus on "Vikasit Bharat 2047," Chandrababu expressed confidence in India's rise as the world's leading economy by 2047, with Andhra Pradesh playing a pivotal role in this transformation. Through proactive engagement with global leaders, Andhra Pradesh is set to emerge as a hub for innovation, sustainability, and economic growth.

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Pradesh's 1,000-kilometer coastline and robust port infrastructure, inviting Maersk, a global maritime transport leader, to invest in the state. He outlined the potential for Andhra Pradesh to become a transportation hub for the Asia-Pacific market, emphasizing job creation and export growth. Maersk's presence could further enhance port infrastructure, including Visakhapatnam Port, and strengthen AP's position as a logistics hub.

2. Cisco CEO Chuck Robbins

In discussions with Chuck Robbins, Chairman and CEO of Cisco, Chandrababu proposed establishing a Global Capability Center (GCC) in Vi-

sakhapatnam or Tirupati. He cited the state's skilled talent pool and offered support for manufacturing network components in Andhra Pradesh. The CM emphasized Cisco's potential to drive technological innovation and infrastructure development in the region.

3. LG Chem CEO Shin Hak-cheol

Chandrababu invited South Korea's LG Chem Ltd to set up a \$1.5 billion lithium-ion battery plant in Andhra Pradesh. He also discussed opportunities in the petrochemical sector in

Visakhapatnam and a semiconductor unit in Tirupati. Assuring full support, he encouraged LG Chem to explore Andhra Pradesh as a key destination for manufacturing and innovation.

4. Carlsberg Group CEO Jacob Arup Anderson

Chandrababu proposed that Carlsberg Group establish an integrated brewery and bottling unit in Andhra Pradesh. He suggested locations such as Visakhapatnam, Krishnapatnam, and Sri City, while advocating partnerships with local farmers to source high-quality

On the second day of the World Economic Forum (WEF) conference in Davos, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu intensified efforts to position Andhra Pradesh as a premier investment destination. Hosting a bustling AP Pavilion at the WEF, Chandrababu engaged with global business tycoons, exploring collaboration opportunities to propel the state's growth.

Key Meetings and Proposals

1. Maersk CEO Vincent Clerk
Chandrababu highlighted Andhra

AP Pioneering Smarter, Sustainable Governance Through AI: Nara Lokesh

Lokesh Highlights State Leadership in AI and Deep Tech at Davos

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On the second day of the World Economic Forum (WEF) conference in Davos, Andhra Pradesh IT, Electronics, Human Resource Development, and Education Minister Nara Lokesh emphasized the state's leadership in leveraging advanced technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Deep Tech for governance and development.



Participating in a roundtable discussion titled "AI for Good - Shaping a Smarter, Sustainable Tomorrow" at the Davos Belvedere, Lokesh shared the state's vision for using technology to drive social and economic progress. The panel, moderated by NDTV Group Executive Editor Vishnu Som, included notable participants such as Matt Renner (President of Global Revenue, Google Cloud), Archana Vyas (Director, Program Advocacy, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation), and Daniel Susskind (Senior Research Associate, University of Oxford).

Andhra Pradesh at the Forefront of Tech Innovation
Minister Lokesh highlighted that Andhra Pradesh, under the progressive leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, is at the forefront of deploying AI and Deep Tech for good governance and citizen-centric services. He revealed that the state is collaborating with global tech leaders like Google to integrate AI into administration, ensuring transformative changes in healthcare, agriculture, and citizen

services. "We are not just utilizing AI for easier governance but are also spearheading its application for social development. Andhra Pradesh is paving the way for smarter, sustainable governance," Lokesh remarked.

AI City in Amaravati

Lokesh announced plans to establish an AI City in Amaravati, designed to revolutionize productivity in agriculture through remote sensing and AI technologies. The initiative also aims to enhance public healthcare delivery while minimizing costs, ensuring accessibility for all.

India's AI Ecosystem and Growth

Citing industry insights, Lokesh noted that India's AI market, ranked 4th globally on the Vibrancy Index, is projected to reach \$8.3 billion in 2025,

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Janasena Leader Politically and Morally Isolated

- Mr. Santosh of Pedana Constituency attempts suicide in front of MLA.
- The dispute revolves around Guduru TDP President Mr. Swamy Naidu.
- ₹1 lakh allocated for Kankatava village allegedly withheld by Swamy Naidu.
- Upon questioning, Swamy Naidu abused Santosh with filthy language.
- MLA Krishna Prasad left the scene after Santosh consumed pesticide.

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Collector Issues Notices to DRO Malola for Playing Rummy During Serious Meeting

TPN Correspondent
Anantapur, Jan 22

In a shocking incident, District Revenue Officer (DRO) Malola was caught playing online rummy during an important meeting at the Anantapur District Collectorate, chaired by Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Chairman of the Single-Member Commission on SC Classification. The incident, which occurred at the Revenue Bhavan, has sparked outrage across Andhra Pradesh.

District Collector Vinod Kumar responded swiftly, ordering an investigation into the DRO's inappropriate behavior. Notices were issued to Malola, demanding an explanation for his actions during the meeting. The Collector directed the Joint Collector to conduct a thorough inquiry, stating that appropriate action would be taken based on the findings of the report.

The meeting, attended by senior officials including Collectors Vinod Kumar and Chetan, SP Jagadish, and Assistant Collector Vinootna, was focused on the critical issue of SC classification. However, while the discussion progressed, DRO Malola was seen engrossed in playing rummy on his smartphone, disregarding the seriousness of the proceedings. Eyewitnesses reported that despite the presence of higher officials and numerous associations submitting petitions on the SC classification issue, the DRO appeared indifferent, immersed in his game. This behavior has drawn severe criticism from the public and government employees, who expressed anger over the irresponsibility shown by a senior official in such a crucial meeting. Collectorate staff alleged that DRO Malola has a history of indulging in online poker during office hours. Citizens have demanded strict disciplinary action against the DRO, emphasizing the need for accountability and professionalism in government offices.

Roads and Development Reviewed by Minister Anitha At Vizianagaram

TPN Correspondent
Vizianagaram, January 21

A review meeting on roads, NREGS, revenue, and Panchayat Raj (PR) departments was held at the Vizianagaram Collectorate, chaired by State Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha. The minister stated that 80% of road-works in the district have been completed and assured that 100% would be finished by the end of this month. Minister Anitha highlighted the efforts of Panchayat Raj Minister Pawan Kalyan, who spearheaded developmental projects worth hundreds of crores under NREGS. She discussed pre-hold lands and instructed revenue officials to ensure smooth operations and integrity in land-related matters, cautioning against any malpractices. Long-standing officials have been transferred, and an investigation has been ordered into officials accused of corruption during the previous government's tenure.

The minister criticized the past government for prioritizing personal gains over public welfare, contrasting it with the NDA government's focus on serving the people. She emphasized that Sankranti was celebrated peacefully this year without any disruptions.

Referring to the Ramatirtham incident, Minister Anitha defended the government's decision to provide relief through the CM Relief Fund, stating it was given to a person unjustly accused in the case.

"Govt Takes Steps to Curb Drug Addiction and Ensure Liquor Quality"

TPN Correspondent
Visakhapatnam, Jan 22

Minister Kollu Ravindra has accused the previous YSRCP government of drastically increasing liquor prices, leading to widespread addiction to low-cost substances like marijuana among the youth. He stated that the coalition government, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, is taking decisive measures to address these issues by ensuring quality control in liquor sales and implementing strict regulations.

During an inspection of the Jerry Pothulapalem depot of Andhra Pradesh Beverages Corporation on Tuesday, Minister Ravindra reviewed records and interacted with depot workers to understand their challenges. He highlighted the shortcomings of the previous government, which lacked a proper scanning system to



track liquor sales, allowing alcohol from neighboring states to enter the market unchecked. The minister pointed out that under the YSRCP government, drastic hikes in liquor prices made alcohol unaffordable for many, pushing youth towards marijuana. In contrast, the coalition government has introduced a six-step testing process for liquor to ensure quality and improve public health. He added that the government's efforts aim to provide

affordable and safe liquor while preventing adulteration and illegal sales.

Minister Ravindra also announced the implementation of a new program, "Navodaya," starting January 29, which focuses on controlling adulterated alcohol. Key features include:

- Allocation of 10% of liquor shops to Kallu Geetha workers with a 50% concession in license fees.
- Strict action against belt shops, including filing cases and seizing operations.
- Efforts to address insufficient margins for wine shop owners.

The minister assured that the coalition government is committed to addressing the issues caused by the previous administration's policies and ensuring a safer and healthier environment for the youth of Andhra Pradesh.

AP BJP Announces District Presidents; Daggubati Purandeshwari Congratulates Leaders

TPN Correspondent
Amaravati, Jan 22

The BJP high command has announced the list of newly elected district presidents for Andhra Pradesh. The announcement, made on Tuesday, includes appointments for 24 districts, reflecting the party's commitment to a democratic process in its organizational elections.

State BJP president Daggubati Purandeshwari congratulated the newly appointed district leaders and urged them to work inclusively with party workers. Speaking on the occasion, she emphasized the importance of strengthening the party at the grassroots level and assured that the Central Government is extending all possible support to Andhra Pradesh. She highlighted the resumption of Polavaram construction, particularly the new diaphragm wall, as an example of the Center's commitment to the state's development.

List of Newly Appointed AP BJP District Presidents:

- Parvathipuram Manyam District: Dwarapureddy Srinivasa Rao
- Alluri Seetharamaraju District (Araku): Matham Shanthakumari
- Srikakulam District: Siripuram Tejeswara Rao
- Vijayanagaram District:



- Uppalapati Rajesh Varma
- Visakhapatnam District: Mantena Parashuram-raju
- Anakapalle District: Dwarapureddy Parameswara Rao
- Kakinada District: Bikkina Visveswara Rao
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Kona-seema District: Adabala Satyanarayana
- East Godavari District: Pikki Nagendra
- West Godavari District: Ainampudi Sridevi
- Eluru District: Chautapalli Vikram Kishore
- NTR District: Adduri Sri-ram
- Guntur District: Cherukuri Tirupati Rao
- Palnadu District: Eluri Venkata Maruthi Shashi Kumar
- Ongole District: Seggam Srinivasulu

- Nellore District: Pareddy Vamsidhar Reddy
- Tirupati District: Samanchi Srinivasa Rao
- Annamayi District: Vasanta Sai Lokesh
- Chittoor District: Surapaneni Jagadishwar Naidu
- Kadapa District: Jangiti Venkata Subbareddy
- Satya Sai District: Gorantla Mohan Shekhar
- Anantapur District: Kona-kondla Rajesh
- Kurnool District: Bapuram Ramakrishna Paramahansa
- Nandyala District: Abhiruchi Madhu

Purandeshwari expressed confidence that these leaders would work diligently to strengthen the BJP across Andhra Pradesh, paving the way for the party's future successes.

Janasena Leader Politically and Morally Isolated

TPN Correspondent
Pedana, Jan 22

Mr. Seeram Santosh, a secondary-level leader in Janasena working in Guduru Mandal of Pedana constituency, is now hospitalized after attempting suicide by consuming pesticide. His condition remains critical. The incident, which highlights a rift within the alliance, occurred in the presence of Pedana Constituency MLA Mr. Kagita Krishna Prasad and Guduru TDP President Mr. Potina Swamy Naidu. Shockingly, both were in the same car and simply left the scene after Santosh's drastic step.

The issue arose from ₹1 lakh in Panchayat funds allocated for Kankatava village, the native place of Santosh. The funds, ordered by Mr. Pawan Kalyan during his tenure as Panchayat Raj Minister, were intended for local development. Santosh proposed gathering villagers to decide on utilizing the funds. However, Swamy Naidu rejected the idea, asserting that he alone would decide on the fund's utilization. With the help of officials, Swamy Naidu reportedly blocked Santosh's plans and falsely claimed the funds had not been released.

When Santosh discovered the funds had been disbursed and were under Swamy Naidu's control, he questioned the TDP leadership and filed complaints with the MLA and Janasena leaders. Instead of addressing the issue, Swamy Naidu allegedly resorted to abusive language, humili-

ating Santosh and other Janasena workers. Audio evidence of the abuse was submitted, but no action was taken. To Santosh's further dismay, Swamy Naidu was later promoted to Water Association President with the MLA's backing. This neglect and disregard for Janasena cadre's grievances pushed Santosh to confront the MLA on the road. In frustration and despair, he consumed pesticide in front of the MLA, who left the scene without intervening.

Santosh's father has now questioned both the TDP and Janasena leadership: "My son worked tirelessly for the alliance despite our poor financial situation. Now, who will answer for his plight—TDP or Janasena leaders?"

This incident highlights the lack of coordination and monitoring within the TDP-Janasena alliance, leading to growing discontent among Janasena cadres, particularly those from modest financial backgrounds who worked hard to secure the alliance's victory.

Will Support Jana Sainiks in Every Possible Way: Samineni Udayabhanu

NTR District Jana Sena Party President and former MLA Samineni Udayabhanu Garu visited Santosh, a Jana Sena activist from Guduru, who is receiving treatment at a private hospital in Vijayawada, accompanied by Jana Sena Party leaders. Speaking to Santosh's family, Udayabhanu Garu assured them of full support from the party.



Election Commission Reserves Glass Symbol for Janasena Party

TPN Correspondent
Amaravati, Jan 22

The Central Election Commission has delivered good news to Pawan Kalyan's Janasena Party, officially reserving the glass symbol for the party. In a letter sent to Janasena chief Pawan Kalyan, the Election Commission clarified that the glass symbol is now permanently assigned to Janasena, marking a significant milestone for the party.

This development recognizes Janasena as a party officially registered and acknowledged by the Election Commission of India. The glass symbol, which has been synonymous with Janasena, will now remain its permanent electoral identity.

Janasena achieved remarkable success in the last general elections with a 100 percent strike rate, securing 21 assembly seats and two MP seats. The party's impressive performance and growing influence have now been further validated with this recognition from the Election Commission.

The announcement has boosted the morale of Janasena cadres, who are celebrating the party's achievement. Party leaders expressed gratitude to the Election Commission and reiterated their commitment to working under Pawan Kalyan's leadership to fulfill the aspirations of the people of Andhra Pradesh.

AP Pioneering...

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with a compound annual growth rate of 27.86 percent. He highlighted the central government's commitment, evidenced by the allocation of ₹10,354 crore for the AI mission in the Union Budget.

Lokesh also referenced a joint study by ServiceNow and Pearson, which estimates that India's AI sector could create 2.73 million new jobs by 2028.

Partnership with Google for AI Solutions

Andhra Pradesh's partnership with Google will focus on developing AI solutions, enhancing digital infrastructure, and supporting skill development within the state's startup ecosystem. Lokesh stated that this collaboration between the government, industry, and academia will help address real-world challenges and accelerate growth in various sectors.

Vision for the Future

Concluding his address, Lokesh emphasized that Andhra Pradesh's commitment to advanced technology and sustainable development reflects India's broader vision of becoming a global leader in AI and innovation. "The use of AI will transform governance and development in Andhra Pradesh, setting a benchmark for the rest of the country," Lokesh said.

AP DGP Pledges to Make Andhra Pradesh a Cannabis-Free State

TPN Correspondent
Sri Sathya Sai Dist, Jan 22

Andhra Pradesh Director General of Police (DGP) Dwaraka Tirumala Rao has announced the formation of an Eagle Task Force to combat the cultivation and sale of cannabis in the state. Speaking at Puttaparthi Prasanthi Nilayam after a special darshan at the Maha Samadhi of Sathya Sai Baba on Tuesday, DGP Dwaraka Tirumala Rao emphasized the government's commitment to eradicating cannabis and ensuring a safer Andhra Pradesh.

The DGP clarified that cannabis cultivation in Andhra Pradesh is limited to 100 acres and that the plants grown during the season have already been removed. He dismissed allegations that the agency areas of Andhra Pradesh are major cannabis hubs, terming such claims as baseless slander.

Highlighting the supply chain, the DGP stated that cannabis is being transported into Andhra Pradesh from neighboring Odisha.

Home Minister Anitha Criticizes Botsa Satyanarayana for Ignorance of Culture and Traditions



TPN Correspondent Vizianagaram, Jan 22
Home Minister Vangalupudi Anitha has lashed out at former Minister Botsa Satyanarayana, accusing him of lacking understanding about the distinction between an accused and a witness. Speaking

at a review meeting with officials and legislators at the District Collectorate on Tuesday, Anitha expressed her disappointment that Botsa, despite holding several ministerial positions, seemed unaware of this fundamental difference, particularly regarding the Ram

idol destruction case in Ramatheertham. Anitha further criticized Botsa's comments, questioning his grasp of cultural values and traditions. She contrasted the actions of the TDP leadership with those of YSRCP leaders, stating that unlike the latter, TDP leaders refrained from indulging in casino games or obscenity during the Sankranti celebrations. Anitha proudly stated that there were no complaints or conflicts regarding the organization of the Sankranti festivities, emphasizing the smooth conduct of the celebrations under TDP's leadership. Additionally, Anitha reiterated that the strength of the TDP lies in its workers and expressed confidence that the party would be further strengthened through the spirit of its one-crore membership drive.

Janasena Party Issues Clear Instructions on Deputy CM Issue

TPN Correspondent Mangalagiri, Jan 22
Speculation surrounding the Deputy Chief Minister and Chief Minister positions in Andhra Pradesh has led to growing tensions within the alliance government. Recently, TDP and Jana Sena leaders have voiced aspirations for their preferred leaders to hold key positions, sparking controversy. In response, the high command of both parties has issued a stern warning to their ranks, particularly Jana Sena, prohibiting any public comments on these matters. The high command's concern stems from the possibility of these comments being manipulated by opposition parties, specifically the YSRCP, to create discord within the alli-

ance. The YSRCP has reportedly launched a malicious campaign, claiming that the TDP is considering making Nara Lokesh the Deputy CM instead



of Pawan Kalyan, which has sparked further speculation. The TDP high command, in turn, instructed all leaders to cease discussing this issue. Jana Sena leaders, although generally quiet on the mat-

ter, have seen some members speaking out in favor of seeing Pawan Kalyan in the CM position. In light of these developments, the Jana Sena high command has issued clear instructions to its party ranks to avoid any further discussions on the Deputy CM issue. Both TDP and Jana Sena high commands are focused on maintaining party unity and avoiding any misunderstandings that could harm the coalition's image. There are allegations that some internal actors may be deliberately trying to sow division within the alliance, with suspicions that YSRCP leaders are behind the efforts to create rifts. The high commands of both parties have made it clear that any violation of these instructions will not be tolerated.

Minister Dola Bala Veeranjanya Swamy Criticizes Jagan Over Ambedkar Statue Installation

TPN Correspondent Andhra Pradesh, Jan 22
Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare Minister Dola Bala Veeranjanya Swamy has criticized Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's handling of the installation of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue, emphasizing that the groundwork for the project had already been laid by former CM Chandrababu Naidu. During an inspection of the Ambedkar statue and surrounding areas at the PWD grounds in Vijayawada on Tuesday,

the Minister stated that land had been allocated for the project in Amaravati and that the Amaravati Memorial Park had been set aside for its construction. Minister Swamy expressed frustration with Jagan's decision to rush the installation of the statue before the elections, asserting that many aspects of the project remained incomplete. He noted that while some work had been done, there was still much to be finished, and the entire project would be completed soon.

The Minister also reassured that no factionalism would arise within the coalition government, emphasizing the commitment to completing the project as planned. He called for cooperation to ensure the successful realization of the memorial, which honors Dr. Ambedkar's contributions. The Minister's comments underscore the ongoing political tension between the current and previous administrations over the handling of significant state projects.



BJP MLA Vishnu Kumar Raju Responds to Speculation About Lokesh as CM

TPN Correspondent Vishakhapatnam, Jan 22
BJP MLA Vishnu Kumar Raju has responded to recent comments regarding the possibility of making Nara Lokesh the Chief Minister, stating that such discussions are premature and speculative. He clarified that any opinion on the matter would come from the parties within the coalition government, adding that there is no need to jump to conclusions at this stage. Raju emphasized that while the coalition is currently in power, it is too early to speculate about leadership positions, particularly the role of Chief Minister. He also expressed that making a fuss over such speculation was unnecessary. Regarding the recent financial package for the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, Raju stressed that the Center had made a sig-



nificant contribution, and it was important not to undermine the positive impact of the financial aid. He noted that the substantial package should be acknowledged for its potential to help revive the plant and benefit the region.

Govt Attracts ₹4 Lakh Crore Investments in 7 Months - GV Anjaneyulu

TPN Correspondent Vinukonda, Jan 22
The coalition government in Andhra Pradesh has successfully attracted investments worth ₹4 lakh crore within just seven months, according to Chief Whip and Vinukonda MLA GV Anjaneyulu. Speaking to the media on Tuesday, Anjaneyulu credited Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for his relentless efforts in rejuvenating the state's industrial and economic landscape. He emphasized that the government's focus on bringing in industries, investments, and creating jobs has gained recognition from the people. Anjaneyulu highlighted the stark contrast between the five-year

rule of the YSRCP government and the current administration, which has focused on tangible progress for the state. He also lauded the ongoing visit of CM Naidu and Minister Lokesh to Davos, where they held fruitful discussions with ArcelorMittal Executive Chairman Lakshmi Mittal. This partnership will lead to a ₹1.4 lakh crore greenfield steel project near Anakapalli,



with a production capacity of 17.8 million tonnes over two phases. Anjaneyulu criticized the inefficiency of the YSRCP government, particularly in neglecting the Vizag Steel Plant and failing to protect workers' interests. He contrasted this with the coalition government's success in securing substantial central funds, including ₹15,000 crore for Amaravati's development, ₹12,000 crore for the Polavaram project, and ₹11,440 crore for the Vizag Steel Plant. He concluded by praising CM Naidu's unwavering dedication to rebuilding Andhra Pradesh and expressed confidence in achieving a prosperous future for the state.

Madhavi Latha Files Complaint Against JC Prabhakar Reddy for Offensive Remarks



TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Jan 22
Film actress Madhavi Latha has filed a formal complaint with the Cyberabad police against TDP leader and Tadipatri Municipal Chairman JC Prabhakar Reddy for making offensive comments about her. The actress approached the Cyberabad Commissionerate in

Gabbibowli to lodge her complaint, expressing deep hurt over the remarks made by JC Prabhakar Reddy. Speaking to the media, Madhavi Latha questioned whether it was enough for someone to apologize after making indecent remarks about women, especially film actresses. She revealed that her family mem-

bers were feeling scared and upset due to JC's behavior. She also questioned the message such actions send to the public, especially in a leadership position. The controversy began when JC Prabhakar Reddy organized a special event for women in Tadipatri at JC Park on the night of December 31. During the celebration, Madhavi Latha posted a video on social media advising women to avoid attending the event, citing concerns over anti-social activities taking place in the park. In response, JC made derogatory comments about her, calling her a prostitute. He later issued an apology for his remarks. Madhavi Latha's complaint highlights the need for accountability, and she has called for appropriate action against those who use such language to insult women.

Chandrababu's Resolve: MLA Kotla Praises CM's Efforts to Save Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

TPN Correspondent Kurnool, Jan 22
MLA Kotla Surya Prakash Reddy has lauded Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for his unwavering determination in securing a financial guarantee of ₹11,400 crore from the Central Government to save the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant from privatization. In a press release on Tuesday, Kotla emphasized that Naidu's "steel resolve" had prevented the steel plant—an important asset for the state from being sold off. He expressed gratitude to the Central Government for its financial assistance, which will help the plant recover from losses. Kotla described the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant as a "jewel" for Andhra Pradesh,

noting that it was established after significant sacrifices by the people. He criticized former Chief Minister YS Jagan for failing to support the plant and instead attempting to sell its assets. Kotla accused the previous YSRCP government of negligence, which led to the plant's financial struggles, and pointed out that Jagan's lack of efforts to secure support from the Center had paved the way for privatization talks. However, he credited Chandrababu Naidu, who, as the opposition leader at the time, devised a strategic plan to protect the steel plant. MLA Kotla also thanked the Centre for its ₹1,650 crore immediate assistance and praised the collaborative efforts of the TDP, Janasena,



and BJP, which intensified efforts to secure the financial aid. He condemned Jagan for attempting to undermine the plant and stated that no Telugu person would forgive him for such actions.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Introduces QR Code Payments for Tax Convenience



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada, Jan 22

Paying taxes in Vijayawada has become more convenient with the introduction of QR code payment options by the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC). In-charge Commissioner Dr. D. Chandrasekhar announced that QR codes for Google Pay and PhonePe have been set up at all cash counters within the city limits to facilitate online payments.

This initiative aims to simplify the tax payment process, allowing citizens to pay property tax, vacant land tax, and other dues without standing in long queues at cash counters. Dr. Chandrasekhar emphasized that the new system will save time and enhance the efficiency of tax collection for the municipal corporation.

He urged residents to take advantage of the QR code payment system and ensure timely payment of their taxes. The Commissioner also requested the citizens of Vijayawada to cooperate with the corporation by clearing their dues promptly to support the city's development and services. This digital payment option is expected to reduce inconvenience for taxpayers and promote seamless, cashless transactions across the city.

Clash Between Hijra Communities in Nandigama Leads to Injuries and Property Damage



TPN Correspondent | Nandigama, Jan 22

A serious altercation took place between two Hijra communities in Nandigama on Tuesday, resulting in injuries and the destruction of two cars. The incident occurred when Hijras from Vijayawada came to DVR Colony in Nandigama to collect a due payment from Hijras in the area.

Reports suggest that Hijras from DVR Colony owed money to Hijras from Vijayawada, and when they attempted to settle the debt on Tuesday, a confrontation broke out. The disagreement quickly escalated into a violent clash, with both groups attacking each other. During the altercation, several Hijras from both communities were injured, with one person from Vijayawada suffering a head injury.

In the aftermath of the incident, both communities filed complaints at the Nandigama Police Station. A large number of Hijras from both sides gathered at the police station, prompting an investigation. The Nandigama Station House Officer is currently interrogating both parties involved in the conflict.

The situation remains tense as the police work to resolve the issue and prevent further violence between the two groups.

State Governor to Attend National Voters Day Program in NTR District

TPN Correspondent | NTR Dist, Jan 22

The 15th National Voters Day program, organized under the leadership of the State Chief Electoral Officer, will take place at Tummalapalle Kalakshetra on January 25. Honorable Governor Abdul Nazeer will attend the event as the chief guest, according to District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sha. In preparation for the event, District Collector Dr. Lakshmi Sha conducted a meeting with officials from various departments at the Pingali Venkaiah Conference Hall on Tuesday. She emphasized the importance of making the state-level program a success and directed officials to ensure all necessary arrangements are completed.

Key highlights of the event include the participation of IAS and IPS officers from across the state, as well as the distribution of EPIC cards to young voters by the Governor. The District Collector instructed that:

- Special seating arrangements for VIPs and guests be made near the stage.
- Liaison officers be appointed to assist visiting IAS and IPS officers receiving awards.
- Voter registration counters be set up at the venue with application forms 6A, 6B, 7, and 8 readily available.
- Continuous electricity supply and media coverage be ensured, with live feeds and LED screens



provided. The Youth Welfare Officer was tasked with ensuring the attendance of NCC, Bharat Scouts, and Guides students, while the RIO was advised to mobilize college and university students for voter registration.

Officials including District Revenue Officer Lakshmi Sha Narasimham, Vijayawada RDO Kavuri Chaitanya, and other key representatives from various departments participated in the meeting to coordinate efforts for the event's success.

Criticism Over Incomplete Works at Ambedkar Statue Site in Vijayawada

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada, Jan 22

Former Minister Nagarjuna and Vice RCP cadres have raised strong objections to the current state of the Ambedkar statue, constructed by former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy. The 125-foot statue, dedicated to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, has been a point of contention since its installation over a year ago. Nagarjuna and other leaders criticized the new government for neglecting the statue site after the change of power, highlighting that several promised developments were either delayed or left incomplete. They pointed out that the names were removed from the statue, the night lights were taken down, and it is now being rented out to businesses instead of being maintained as a significant cultural site.



The leaders also questioned why the statue was not installed in Amaravati over the five years of the previous government. They further highlighted the lack of progress on the promised federal and convention centers, with basic facilities like air conditioners, canteens, and boundary walls still missing. Salaries for employees working at the site have reportedly not been paid.

In their statement, the leaders expressed concerns about the government's apparent disregard for Dr.

Ambedkar's legacy, calling it an attempt to undermine his ideology. They demanded the completion of the remaining works and the restoration of the statue's significance as a historical and cultural landmark. Karnataka's Social Welfare Minister's team had previously praised the statue's construction under the leadership of the former CM. Nagarjuna and the coalition leaders have now called for a detailed investigation into the halted works and any irregularities in the project. They emphasized that the Ambedkar statue must be preserved and developed properly for future generations.

MLA Ramu Hails Financial Package for Vizag Steel Plant



TPN Correspondent | Gudivada, Jan 22

MLA Venigandla Ramu has praised the announcement of a ₹11,440 crore financial package by the Central Government for the Visakhapatnam Steel Industry, highlighting the hard work and sacrifices made

by many individuals to secure this achievement. Speaking at a media conference held at the TDP Prajavedika on Tuesday evening, Ramu credited the announcement to the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, emphasizing that it is a testament to his commitment to the state's industrial growth.

Ramu strongly criticized the current government under Jagan Mohan Reddy, stating that the YSRCP has disregarded the Visakhapatnam Steel Industry and failed to protect its interests. He alleged that Jagan's repeated visits to Delhi as Chief Minister were attempts to compromise his cases, rather than securing benefits for the state. The MLA also contrasted the leadership styles of Naidu and Jagan, asserting that Chandrababu Naidu has consistently brought significant packages and development opportunities to the state during his visits to Delhi. He further accused Jagan Mohan Reddy of dividing the state into three parts after coming to power in 2019, a move that he believes has hindered the state's progress. Ramu concluded by reiterating that Chandrababu Naidu is a leader who follows through on his promises, unlike the current administration.

Jaggayyapet Police Seize 218 kg of Cannabis at Chillakallu Toll Plaza, Four Arrested

TPN Correspondent | Jaggayyapet, Jan 22

In a significant drug bust, Jaggayyapet Police seized 218 kg of cannabis worth approximately ₹30 lakhs at the Chillakallu Toll Plaza. The operation was conducted as part of the state government's ongoing efforts to eradicate cannabis trafficking and make Andhra Pradesh a cannabis-free state.

The seizure occurred during routine vehicle checks under the supervision of Jaggayyapet Inspector P. Venkateshwarlu and his team. The operation was part of the surveillance set up by City Police Commissioner Sri S. V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS, and Rural D.C.P. Sri K. M. Maheswara Raju, IPS, who have been intensifying efforts to curb illegal cannabis trafficking in the region.

According to the police, four individuals were arrested for illegally transporting the large quantity of ganja. The accused were identified as:

1. Biyyala Nageswara Rao (33)
2. Anumala Prasad (55)
3. Talari Ramana (29)
4. Baipu Reddy Yellaiah (31)

The accused, from Anakapalle district and Narsipatnam mandal, were attempting to transport the ganja from Odisha to Hyderabad, where they planned to sell it at a higher price. They had purchased the cannabis at a low rate in Odisha and hoped to make a quick profit by selling it in Hyderabad.

The seized cannabis, along with the two cars used for transportation, was handed over to the authorities. Jaggayyapet Circle Inspector P. Venkateshwarlu has registered a case, and further investigations are underway. The operation underscores the increasing vigilance of the police in curbing drug trafficking in the region.



Mylavaram Landslide Victims Protest Over Lack of Justice After 10 Years



TPN Correspondent | Mylavaram, Jan 22

Ten years after the landslides that forced the demolition of homes for road expansion in 2016, victims in Mylavaram are demanding justice and compensation for their losses. On Tuesday, affected individuals protested on the main road, highlighting the lack of development and justice despite the promises made during

the demolition process. The protestors expressed their anger and frustration, stating that their homes were demolished in the name of development, yet no significant progress has been made in improving their living conditions. Many victims have stated that suicide seems to be their only option if their issues are not addressed.

CPM leaders have expressed strong support for the victims, condemning the government's inaction and pledging to stand by them in their fight for justice. The protest has brought attention to the plight of those who have been waiting for justice and compensation for the past decade, with no resolution in sight. The victims are demanding that the government take immediate steps to rectify the situation and provide them with the compensation and support they deserve.

TDP Committed to Welfare of Muslim Minorities Says MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy



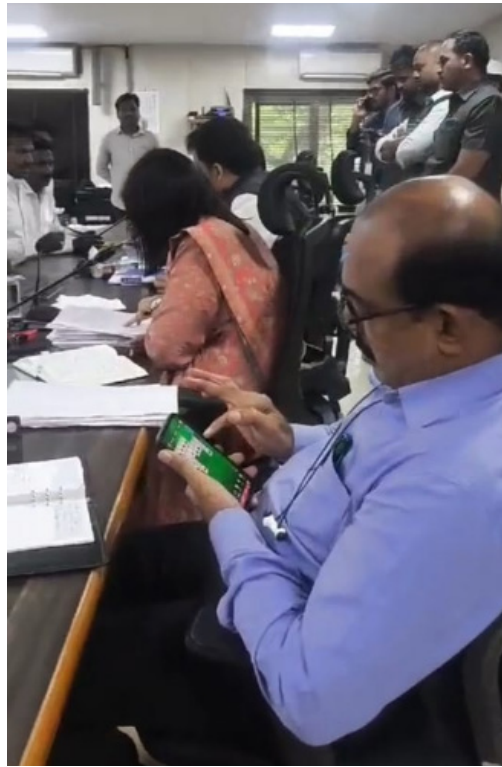
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Srikalahasti, Jan 22
Srikalahasti MLA Bojjala Venkata Sudheer Reddy reaffirmed the Telugu Desam Party's (TDP) commitment to the welfare of Muslim minorities, emphasizing their development as a priority. Speaking during his inspection of the Eidgah in the town on Tuesday, the MLA highlighted several initiatives undertaken by the coalition government under Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh. MLA Sudheer Reddy announced a development package of ₹50 lakhs for

the Eidgah, which includes repairs to the Shadi Mahal and the construction of walls on the premises. He directed the Panchayat Raj and Municipal authorities to prepare proposals to implement these works promptly. The Muslim community brought several issues to the MLA's attention, including the dilapidated state of the Shadi Mahal and the need for additional facilities. The MLA assured that all concerns would be addressed and reiterated his dedication to continuing the legacy of his father, former minister Bojjala Gopalakrishna Reddy, who had worked tirelessly for the welfare of Muslim minorities.

The announcement was met with gratitude and enthusiasm from the community, with Muslim leaders expressing their happiness at the MLA's swift response. The program was attended by TDP city president Vijay Kumar Naidu, former marketing committee chairman Chenchai Naidu, state minority executive secretary Shakir Ali, and several local leaders, including Akram, Shafi, Umesh Rao, Khader Basha, and others. Their participation underscored the party's united effort toward the welfare of all communities in Srikalahasti.

Anantapur DRO Caught Playing Rummy During Crucial Meeting Sparks Outrage

TPN Correspondent
Anantapur, Jan 22
A video of District Revenue Officer (DRO) Malola playing rummy during a crucial meeting chaired by SC Classification Commission Chairman Rajiv Ramzan Mishra has gone viral, triggering widespread criticism. The meeting, held at the Collectorate, was attended by collectors of both districts and senior officials, making the DRO's actions highly controversial. The video, which circulated widely on social media, showed DRO Malola engaging in a card game during the meeting. This reckless behavior has become a hot topic of discussion across the district, with many criticizing the lack of professionalism and respect for the proceedings. District Collector has taken serious note of the incident, reportedly expressing strong displeasure over the DRO's conduct. The public and officials alike have condemned the act, questioning the accountability and focus of such a senior official during a significant meeting. The incident has not only tarnished the reputation of the DRO but also raised



concerns about maintaining decorum and discipline in official gatherings. Further action against the DRO is expected, as the issue continues to draw attention across the district.

Chittoor Native and Maoist Leader Chalapathi Reddy Killed in Chhattisgarh Encounter

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Chittoor Dist, Jan 22
In a significant encounter in Chhattisgarh, Maoist leader Ramachandra Reddy alias Pratap Reddy, popularly known as Chalapathi Reddy, was killed. Chalapathi Reddy, who had been serving as the secretary of Odisha Maoists, was among the top Maoist leaders sought by authorities. The government had announced a reward of up to ₹1 crore for his capture. Chalapathi Reddy hailed from Matyam Paipalle village in Thavanampally Mandal of Chittoor district. He completed his primary education in his native village and pursued higher studies, including postgraduate education, in Madanapalle and Tirupati. Initially, Chalapathi worked as an employee in the Sericulture Department in Madanapalle before being transferred to Visakhapatnam.

It was during his time in Visakhapatnam that he came into



senior Maoist leader, Ramakrishna, were involved in a high-profile firing incident in the Visakhapatnam Agency area. His death in the Chhattisgarh encounter has now been confirmed by the government. Chalapathi's parents are deceased, and his family has largely distanced itself from his activities. He is survived by his son, who resides in his native village, and his elder brother Chandrasekhar Reddy, who works in the silk industry department in Madanapalle. Another elder brother had passed away earlier. Villagers and family members in Matyam Paipalle have expressed that there has been no contact between Chalapathi Reddy and his family for a long time. The encounter marks a significant blow to the Maoist movement, with authorities viewing it as a major success in their efforts to curb extremism.

Chittoor District Army Jawan Karthik Killed in Terrorist Firing

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Ragimanu Penta, Jan 22
Tragedy struck Chittoor District as Army Jawan Karthik from Ragimanu Penta, Bangarupalyam Mandal, lost his life following militant firing in North Jammu and Kashmir. Karthik, who joined the Indian Army in 2017, sustained critical injuries during a fierce exchange of fire between the Indian Army and militants. Despite efforts, he succumbed to his injuries yesterday while undergoing treatment. Karthik hailed from a humble farmer's family and was known for his dedication and bravery. His untimely demise has left the entire village and Mandal in mourning, with residents expressing their grief and respect for the



young soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. The soldier's body was brought to his hometown at midnight, accompanied by Army officials. Heartbroken family members, friends, and neighbors gathered to pay their respects. The final rites are set to be performed today in Ragimanu Penta, with full military honors under the auspices of Army officials. Karthik's heroic sacrifice will be remembered as a testament to his courage and commitment to the nation. His loss has deeply moved the community, leaving behind a void that will be hard to fill. The entire district stands united in extending their condolences to Karthik's family during this time of grief.

Vizianagaram Collector Alerts Officials to Prevent Diarrhea Outbreak

TPN Correspondent
Vizianagaram, Jan 22
District Collector A. Shyam Prasad has directed officials to take immediate preventive measures to curb the spread of diarrhea in Kurupam, Parvathipuram district. During a teleconference held on Tuesday with medical officers and officials from various departments, the Collector emphasized the urgent need for coordinated efforts to tackle the outbreak. The Collector revealed that 25 people have already received treatment for diarrhea at the Kurupam Community Health Center, with additional patients seeking care at private hospitals. To prevent further spread, he instructed the DMHO, DCHS, DPO, and RWS officials to work collaboratively on immediate

interventions. Specific instructions were given to the District Panchayat Officer to ensure strict sanitation measures in the Kurupam Major Panchayat. Rural Water Supply engineering officers were ordered to conduct regular water quality tests and ensure the availability of clean drinking water. Medical officers were tasked with providing timely treatment and implementing measures to prevent new cases. The Collector also mandated regular cleaning of water tanks in the panchayat and insisted that the next cleaning dates be marked clearly on the tanks. He stressed the importance of raising public awareness about environmental cleanliness and maintaining daily sanitation without fail.



As part of the response, District Medical and Health Officer Dr. S. Bhaskara Rao, Nodal Officer Dr. M. Vinod Kumar, and medical teams organized a medical camp in Kurupam. They distributed free medicines and ORS packets to affected individuals and created awareness about preventive measures.

Gouri Peddi's Contributions Celebrated on His 34th Death Anniversary in Tirupati



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Tirupati, Jan 22
The 34th death anniversary of Sriman Gouri Peddi Ramasubba Sharma, a renowned devotee of Tirumala Sri Venkateswara Swamy and a literary stalwart, was celebrated in

a grand manner at Annamacharya Kalamandir on Tuesday. The event highlighted his invaluable contributions to literature and devotion, inspiring the youth to follow in his footsteps. Famous centenarian Sri Bharat Sharma delivered a lecture titled "Sahithi Shikharam - Sri Gouri Peddi," emphasizing the significance of Gouri Peddi's efforts in analyzing Annamacharya's verse poems. He explained how Gouri Peddi's deep understanding brought clarity to Annamacharya's

Devotees Protest at Shikhareswaram Over Temple Entry Restrictions

TPN Correspondent
Srisaillam, Jan 22
Tensions flared at Shikhareswaram, located 9 km from the Srisaillam Mallikarjuna Swamy temple, as devotees staged a protest on the main road. The protest was sparked by forest department officials denying devotees access to the Ishtakameshwari temple, a revered shrine in the region. The devotees, upset by the restrictions, gathered on the road, voicing their discontent. The protest led to vehicular traffic coming to a



standstill, creating inconvenience for travelers and pilgrims. Devotees expressed their disappointment over the forest department's actions, stating that the temple holds significant spiritual importance and denying access disrupted their religious practices. They urged authorities to reconsider the restrictions and allow free entry to the Ishtakameshwari temple. The situation remained tense as devotees demanded immediate action from officials. Local authorities are working to address the issue and restore normalcy in the area.

Delhi Election 2025 and the Battle for Kalkaji

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The battle for Kalkaji in the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections is shaping up to be a high-stakes contest with Delhi CM Atishi of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) facing fierce competition from BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri and Congress' Alka Lamba, who is aiming for a revival of the grand-old party in the National Capital.

- **AAP's Atishi faces stiff competition from BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri and Congress' Alka Lamba in Kalkaji.**
- **BJP campaigns on local issues and freebie promises**
- **Congress focuses on women empowerment.**
- **NCP's entry into Kalkaji could split votes, complicating the battle for victory.**



Atishi, who has been representing Kalkaji for the AAP, is seeking re-election and has already embarked on a series of rallies and roadshows to galvanize voter support. A day before filing her nomination, Atishi held a major roadshow in Giri Nagar to connect with residents and garner backing for the AAP's third-term aspirations. Under AAP's tenure, Kalkaji has seen initiatives like Mohalla Clinics, MCD school upgrades, and welfare programs. However, with anti-incumbency sentiment at an all-time high and allegations of scams and flip-flopping from Arvind Kejriwal, the party's fortunes might be at risk.

BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri, known for his criticism of AAP's governance, has tailored his campaign around addressing local issues such as road connectivity, water shortages,

and sewage inefficiencies. His promise of implementing similar freebie schemes like AAP's, such as the Atal Canteen offering food for just ₹5, is seen as a bid to attract voters seeking change.

Meanwhile, Congress' Alka Lamba is focusing on women empowerment, critiquing AAP's Mukhya Mantri Mahila Samman Yojana and pledging to provide ₹2,500 to women under the Pyari Didi Scheme. Lamba's campaign calls out AAP for not fulfilling promises made to women over the last decade. During her roadshow in Kalkaji, she posed a pointed question to voters: "If they wanted to give ₹2,100 to you every month, why didn't they do it until now when they have been in power for 10 years?"

An additional factor adding uncertainty to the race is the Nationalist Congress Party

(NCP) entering the fray, with the party fielding a candidate in Kalkaji. While the NCP has had limited success in Delhi elections, it may disrupt the vote share, potentially affecting the outcome for one of the three major contenders.

The Delhi Assembly elections are set to take place on February 5, 2025, with the results to be announced on February 8, 2025. This election will be closely watched, as AAP seeks to secure a third consecutive term in office, while the BJP hopes to leverage its 2019 Lok Sabha sweep to shift the mandate. Congress, on the other hand, will attempt to make a comeback after being ousted in 2013.

With the vote just weeks away, Kalkaji has become a key battleground in the Delhi elections as the three parties fight for supremacy in the constituency.



Gautam Adani Attends Maha Kumbh With Family

TPN Correspondent
New Delhi/Prayagraj

Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani, accompanied by his wife Priti Adani and elder son Karan Adani, attended the Maha Kumbh festival in Prayagraj today. The family participated in several rituals at the Mela ground, including the preparation of the 'Mahaprasad' (sacred meal) and its distribution to the Kumbh pilgrims.

The family offered prayers at Triveni Sangam, the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and mythical Saraswati rivers. Following the prayers, Gautam Adani and his family members were seen partaking in the prasad together.

The Adani Group has partnered with ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) to provide meals for devotees during the Maha Kumbh Mela, which began on January 13 and is expected to attract about 40 crore devotees.

Mr. Adani expressed his gratitude in a tweet, describing the experience as "amazing, unique, and extraordinary," and thanked all the workers and security personnel for their dedication to the event.



Atishi Seeks Security In Kalkaji

Alleges Bidhuri's Nephew & BJP Workers Threatening AAP Volunteers

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

In a letter to the Returning Officer of Kalkaji Assembly Constituency, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP candidate Atishi has raised serious concerns over the safety of her party's volunteers in the constituency. She alleged that BJP workers, along with Ramesh Bidhuri's nephew, who is a BJP candidate from Kalkaji, have been involved in intimidating and threatening AAP volunteers in the Govindpuri area.

The incident, according to Atishi's letter, occurred on January 20 in Gali No. 1, Govindpuri. AAP volunteers, including Rekha Bassi, Sanjay Gupta, Mani Mamta, Aradhna, Sunita Pandey, Sher Singh, and Hari Shankar Gupta, were reportedly verbally and physically threatened by BJP workers. Atishi demanded that security be deployed in the Kalkaji constituency to ensure the safety of her volunteers and to prevent further incidents of intimidation.

The ongoing election campaign in Kalkaji has seen rising tensions, and Atishi's request for security highlights the increasingly hostile political environment in the area. The allegations of threats have sparked concerns over the safety of candidates and their supporters in the lead-up to the elections.

AAP vs BJP Over Arvind Kejriwal's 'Raavan Came As Golden Deer' Remark

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The political battle between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has intensified over Arvind Kejriwal's recent remarks referencing Raavan from the Ramayana. Delhi BJP Chief Virendra Sachdeva criticized Kejriwal for allegedly misrepresenting Hindu mythology, calling him a "poll Hindu" and accusing him of insulting Hindu sentiments.

At an election rally, Kejriwal recounted the story of Raavan abducting Sita, comparing BJP leaders to the "golden deer" from the Ramayana. However, Kejriwal's recounting deviated from the traditional version, where Maricha, under Raavan's orders, transformed into the golden deer to lure Lord Ram away. BJP leaders seized on this narrative inaccuracy to attack Kejriwal.

- **BJP accused Kejriwal of mocking Hindu faith and called him a "poll Hindu."**
- **AAP countered by accusing BJP of defending Raavan and misleading the public.**
- **The controversy escalates just weeks before the Delhi Assembly elections.**

Delhi BJP Chief Virendra Sachdeva alleged that Kejriwal's comment was not only inaccurate but disrespectful to Hindu beliefs. "When did Raavan come as a golden deer? Kejriwal is obsessed with gold even after living in Sheeshmahal," said Sachdeva, referring to alleged irregularities in the renovation of the Chief Minister's residence during Kejriwal's tenure.



The BJP also announced that its leaders would fast in protest, asserting their commitment to safeguarding Hindu traditions. "Lord Ram will do justice," added Sachdeva. Responding to the criticism, AAP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia accused the BJP of stooping low by defending Raavan. "Their politics has fallen to the extent of backing Raavan. They may prove more dangerous than Raavan for the poor and workers if they gain power," Sisodia posted on X.

Kejriwal, addressing reporters, mocked BJP's protests, stating, "BJP loves Raavan so much they're camping outside my house. They have demonic tendencies. I warn the poor in Delhi—if these people come to power, they will devour you like demons."

The exchange underscores the heightened political tension in Delhi as the Assembly elections approach, with both parties leveraging faith and mythology to sway voters.

NCP Fields Candidates Against Kejriwal In New Delhi Seat, Atishi In Kalkaji

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Ahead of the 2025 Delhi Assembly elections, the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), led by Ajit Pawar, has announced its slate of 30 candidates. Among them, Vishvanath Agarwal has been fielded against AAP's Arvind Kejriwal in the New Delhi constituency, while Zameel will contest against Chief Minister Atishi in Kalkaji.

The NCP, which has traditionally had a limited presence in Delhi politics, is making a bold move by contesting independently in this election. The party, which has historically struggled in the capital, failed to win any of the five seats it contested in the 2020 Assembly elections. This will mark the NCP's first election in Delhi following the party's split into Ajit Pawar's faction and Sharad Pawar's faction in July 2023.

- **NCP announces 30 candidates for Delhi Assembly elections, including Vishvanath Agarwal and Zameel.**
- **Agarwal to contest against AAP's Arvind Kejriwal in New Delhi, Zameel against CM Atishi in Kalkaji.**
- **NCP faces a challenging electoral landscape, with limited historical success in Delhi.**

In the New Delhi constituency, Arvind Kejriwal will face competition from BJP's Parvesh Verma and Congress's Sandeep Dikshit. Meanwhile, Atishi, the current Chief Minister of Delhi, is up against Congress's former Chandni Chowk MLA, Alka Lamba.

981 Candidates File Nomination For Upcoming Delhi Polls

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Ahead of the Delhi Assembly elections in February 2025, a total of 981 candidates filed 1,521 nomination papers, with scrutiny scheduled to take place today. The final date for the withdrawal of nominations is January 20.

The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Delhi revealed that a significant number of nominations were filed on January 17, the last day for filing. The data shared by the CEO's office highlights the district-wise distribution of nominations. The North district registered the highest number, with 183 nominations from 108 candidates, followed by

South West district, where 153 nominations were filed by 108 contestants.

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Other districts such as West, Central, New Delhi, North West, and South East also reported substantial nominations. West district saw 170 nominations from 104 candidates, while Central district recorded 154 nominations

from 99 candidates. New Delhi district had 135 nominations from 85 candidates, North West district saw 139 nominations from 90 candidates, and South East district recorded 140 nominations from 93 candidates.

Meanwhile, in the lead-up to the elections, Delhi Police registered 180 cases of alleged Model Code of Conduct violations from January 7 to January 14. A total of 7,454 individuals were arrested for various offences, including violations under the Excise Act, as preventive measures to maintain law and order. Delhi will go to the polls on February 5, with results expected on February 8.





Kejriwal's Rare Praise For Sheila Dikshit

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

In a rare acknowledgment of a political rival, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal praised former Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit while accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of engaging in unethical practices to woo voters in the New Delhi constituency. Kejriwal, the AAP candidate from the seat, alleged that the BJP was distributing money and gifts in an attempt to influence voters. Addressing the public, Kejriwal said, "This constituency has always been home to educated and peace-loving citizens. Sheila ji, who contested from here before me, was a dignified leader who fought elections with respect. But today, the BJP has turned it into a game of money. They are openly distributing Rs 1,100 to buy votes. Is this what our democracy stands for?"

- **Kejriwal accuses BJP of distributing Rs 1,100, blankets, and gifts to sway voters.**
- **Praises Sheila Dikshit's dignity in campaigning, contrasting it with BJP's alleged tactics.**
- **Urges voters to accept gifts but not compromise on their democratic rights.**

Kejriwal expressed his dismay over reports of BJP workers distributing blankets and sheets even in areas like Kidwai Nagar, home to senior government officials. "They are trying to bribe additional secretary-level officers with sheets. Videos are circulating where officials are asking, 'Do you think you can buy us with a sheet?' This reflects the kind of mindset they have," he remarked, directly attacking BJP candidate Parvesh Verma. The AAP leader advised voters to accept the gifts but not sell their votes. "They are giving away sarees, shoes, and jackets. Take them; after all, it's your money that they have looted. But do not let them buy your vote. Your vote is your voice in Indian democracy. Don't let them insult it by valuing it at Rs 1,100," Kejriwal said, adding, "Come February 5, you won't even see their faces in this constituency."

14 Naxalites Killed in Chhattisgarh Encounter

HM Amit Shah Says 'Naxalism Breathing Its Last'

TPN Correspondent | Raipur

In a significant blow to Naxalism, 14 Naxalites, including one carrying a ₹1 crore bounty, were neutralized by Chhattisgarh Police near the Chhattisgarh-Odisha border on Monday. The operation, conducted jointly with the CRPF and Odisha's Special Operations Group (SOG), is still underway, with further details awaited.

The encounter comes amid heightened anti-Naxal operations in the region. Earlier on January 17, two BSF jawans were injured in an IED explosion set off by Naxals in Narayanpur district. The attack occurred during a road-opening deployment near Camp Garpa, confirmed Narayanpur SP Prabhat Kumar.

- **A ₹1 crore bounty Naxalite was among the 14 killed.**
- **The operation involved Chhattisgarh Police, CRPF, and SOG Odisha.**
- **Arms, ammunition, and Maoist literature were recovered from the site.**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah commended the security forces for their success in combating Naxalism. In a post on X, he stated, "Another mighty blow to Naxalism. Our resolve for a Naxal-free India is stronger than ever, and Naxalism is breathing its last today."

This development follows a series of recent anti-Naxal encounters. On January 12, five



Naxalites, including two women, were killed in Bijapur district. Security forces recovered automatic rifles, explosives, and other materials from the encounter site.

IG Bastar P Sundarraaj confirmed ongoing search operations in South Bastar, while IG Raipur Zone Amresh Mishra reported the recovery of sophisticated weapons, including AK-47s, SLRs, and INSAS rifles.

The Chhattisgarh government continues its concerted efforts to eliminate Naxalism from the region, with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and other officials reiterating their commitment to achieving a Naxal-free state.

RG Kar Victim's Father Slams CM Mamata Banerjee, Alleges Evidence Tampering

TPN Correspondent | Kolkata

The father of the RG Kar rape and murder victim has accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of "tampering with evidence" in the high-profile case. His criticism came after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court sentenced the prime accused, Sanjay Roy, to life imprisonment.

In a press conference on January 21, 2025, the victim's father expressed his dissatisfaction with the CBI's handling of the case and claimed that the life sentence was inadequate. He alleged, "She (CM Mamata Banerjee) can say a lot of things, but she only tampered with evidence. The then Commissioner of Police (Vineet Goyal) and others had also interfered. Could she not see all this from the beginning?"

The case has stirred political and public outrage, particularly after the West Bengal government announced plans to appeal the life sentence in the Calcutta High Court, seeking capital punishment for the convict.

- **Victim's father accuses Mamata Banerjee of interfering with evidence in the RG Kar rape-murder case.**
- **The Sealdah court sentenced Sanjay Roy to life imprisonment, rejecting demands for the death penalty.**
- **Opposition BJP accuses the TMC government of shielding party-linked individuals.**

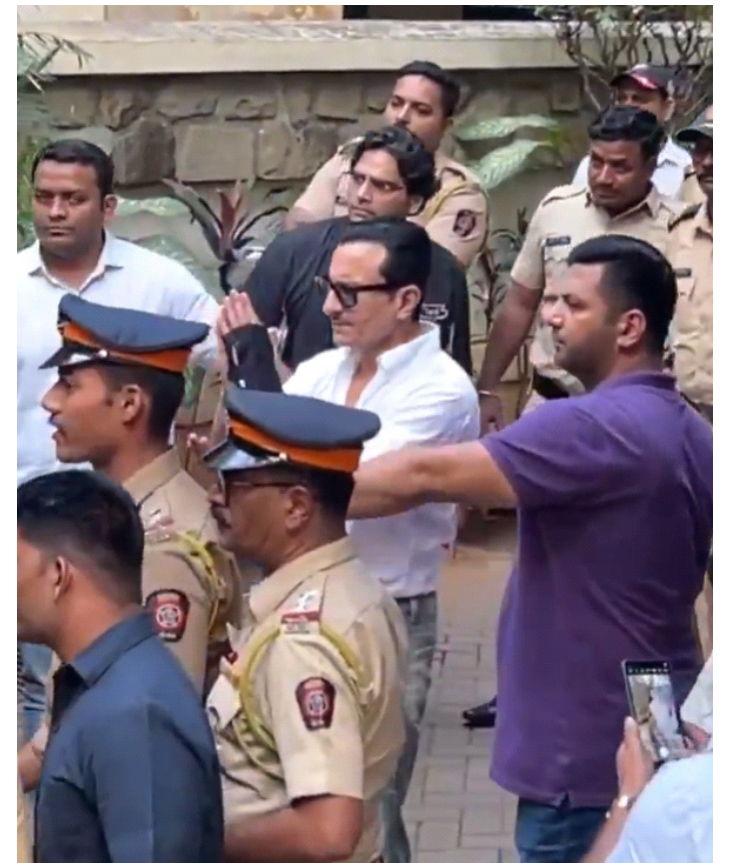
Mamata Banerjee has faced sharp criticism from opposition parties, including the BJP, which has alleged deliberate destruction of evidence to protect individuals linked to her administration. The chief minister has denied all allegations, asserting that her administration and the Kolkata Police conducted the investigation with integrity.

The Sealdah court sentenced Sanjay Roy to life imprisonment until death, rejecting calls for the death penalty, stating the crime did not meet the "rarest of the rare" standard. In addition, Roy was ordered to pay a ₹50,000 fine, while the state government was directed to provide ₹17 lakh compensation to the victim's family.



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Saif Ali Khan Returns Home After Knife Attack



TPN Correspondent | Mumbai

Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan returned home on Tuesday, January 21, five days after being injured in a knife attack during a scuffle with an intruder at his residence. Discharged from Lilavati Hospital earlier in the day, Saif was seen dressed casually in a white shirt and blue jeans as he made his way home to his Bandra residence, 'Satguru Sharan.'

As Saif arrived at his residence, dozens of paparazzi and supporters gathered outside to catch a glimpse of the actor. Surrounded by police and security, he acknowledged their presence with a thumbs up and later paused inside the building complex to wave at the cameras.

The incident occurred at Saif's Bandra residence, leading to heightened security for the actor and his family. Reports suggest that Kareena Kapoor had also visited the hospital to accompany her husband before his discharge. Fans have expressed relief at Saif's recovery and have commended his resilience in handling the ordeal. The police investigation into the attack is ongoing, with the authorities ensuring the family's safety.

BJP's Delhi Poll Manifesto Part 2, AAP Hits Back

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) released the second part of its manifesto for the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections, promising to tackle "misgovernance and corruption" by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and ensure solutions to citizens' problems. The manifesto also includes another round of freebies, including free education for needy students in Delhi government institutions and financial support for young people appearing for entrance exams.

Voting for Delhi's 70 Assembly seats will be held on February 5, with results scheduled for February 8. In the 2020 elections, AAP secured 62 seats.

The BJP also introduced a range of proposals, including a 'skills training' program aimed at over 1.5 lakh youth, and special financial benefits for students from Scheduled Castes. In a direct attack on AAP, BJP promised a thorough investigation into the tragic deaths of three civil service aspirants in July, who died after a basement in Old Rajinder Nagar flooded.

- **BJP promises free education for needy students and cash aid for young exam candidates.**
- **Party also proposes welfare board for domestic workers with insurance benefits.**
- **BJP targets auto-rickshaw and taxi drivers, promising life insurance and scholarships for their children.**

Ex-Union Minister Anurag Thakur introduced the "Modi ki guarantee" for these promises, ensuring they would be implemented in a time-bound manner if the BJP wins.

AAP Hits Back

AAP Chief Arvind Kejriwal swiftly responded to the BJP's manifesto, criticizing the party for introducing a clause that would restrict free education to "eligible children" in Delhi government schools. Kejriwal claimed this would create unnecessary barriers for families seeking to enroll their children, contrasting it with AAP's policy of offering free education to all. He also pointed out that BJP had previously announced the cessation of free healthcare and education in the city, urging voters to be cautious about BJP's plans for the future.

Siddaramaiah sparks row with controversial remark on rapes

'Were there none during BJP regime?'

TPN Correspondent | Bengaluru

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah stirred a political storm on Tuesday after responding to BJP's criticism of deteriorating law and order in the state following the KR Market rape incident in Bengaluru. Siddaramaiah retorted by questioning whether rape cases did not occur during the BJP's tenure, igniting sharp reactions across political circles.

Speaking to reporters in Belagavi, Siddaramaiah stated, "Did rape incidents not happen during the BJP tenure? There should be no rapes. Women should get security, but some socio-pathic people do such things. We will take stringent action against them."



The incident in question occurred on January 19, when a woman waiting for a bus at KR Market was allegedly misled by two

men and taken to Godown Street, where they reportedly raped her. Bengaluru Po-

lice have arrested both suspects, and Commissioner B Dayananda confirmed the arrests while noting that the case involved extortion and sexual assault.

The BJP has criticized the Congress-led government for its alleged failure to maintain law and order, citing the KR Market rape and other crimes as examples. Leader of Opposition R Ashoka lambasted the government on X, stating, "Law and order in the state has collapsed. The common people are living in fear, and there's no safety for girls. Resign from your position and free the people of the state from this misrule and anarchy."

Donald Trump Signs Executive Orders on Day One

Birthright Citizenship, WHO Exit, and more..

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Donald Trump, on his first day as the 47th President of the United States, signed a series of executive orders aimed at reversing Biden-era mandates and reinstating his "America First" agenda. The sweeping orders addressed issues ranging from immigration to energy policy and global alliances. In total, Trump signed over 200 executive actions, including memoranda and proclamations, marking a decisive start to his second presidential term. These actions included: Pardons for Capitol Rioters: Trump pardoned around 1,500 individuals involved in the January 6 Capitol riot, stating his commitment to justice for what he called "political persecutions."

Immigration Reform: Orders declared illegal immigration at the U.S.-Mexico border a national emergency and targeted automatic birthright citizenship for children of undocumented immigrants. He also suspended the U.S. refugee resettlement program for four months.

WHO Exit: Trump fulfilled a campaign promise to withdraw the U.S. from the World Health Organization (WHO), citing its alleged failures during the COVID-19 pandemic and perceived bias toward China.

Paris Climate Agreement Withdrawal: The President signed an order formally withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement, prioritizing domestic interests over global climate goals.

Energy Policy: Declaring a national energy emergency, Trump announced plans to fill strategic oil reserves and ramp up energy exports, calling oil the "liquid gold" vital to U.S. prosperity.

Federal Hiring Freeze: Trump froze government hiring and mandated federal employees to return to full-time in-person work, rolling back remote working arrangements from the pandemic era.



Economic Measures: Orders were issued to cut regulations, lower housing costs, and repeal restrictions on Arctic oil drilling.

Weaponization of Law Enforcement: Trump directed investigations into alleged misconduct by federal agencies during the Biden administration.

Empowering the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE): Trump established the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), led by Elon Musk, to recommend significant cuts to government programs and spending to streamline federal operations.

Rolling Back Transgender Protections: An order was signed declaring that the federal

government will officially recognize only two biological sexes—male and female. This move reverses protections extended to transgender individuals under previous administrations.

Additional Orders: Other notable actions included renaming the Gulf of Mexico to the "Gulf of America," reinstating Mount Denali's former name "Mount McKinley," and rolling back protections for transgender individuals.

President Trump emphasized the importance of these actions in his inaugural speech, saying, "We will be a rich nation again, and it is that liquid gold under our feet that will help to do it."

Putin Calls Xi, Vows To Strengthen Ties After Trump Inauguration

TPN Correspondent | Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping held a video meeting on Tuesday, emphasizing their commitment to strengthening the strategic partnership between their nations. The call came just hours after Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 47th President of the United States.

Addressing Xi as his "dear friend," Putin expressed a desire to chart "new plans for the development of the Russian-Chinese comprehensive partnership and strategic cooperation." The Kremlin released visuals of the meeting, showcasing Putin waving at Xi during the exchange.

Putin highlighted the alignment of Moscow and Beijing's national interests and views on global power relations. "Our ties are self-sufficient and independent of domestic political factors or the current global situation," he noted. The video call reflects a growing bond between Russia and China, both of which face increasing pressure from the West. Russia is engaged in a conflict with NATO-backed Ukrainian forces, while China contends with US measures aimed at countering its military and economic influence.

The two leaders have framed the West as decadent and in decline, contrasting it with their nations' shared push-back against historical grievances, including the Soviet collapse and European colonial dominance over China. As the United States identifies China as its top competitor and Russia as its primary nation-state threat, the relationship between Moscow and Beijing appears to deepen, rooted in mutual geopolitical interests.



UK plans "rapid" inquiry into grooming gangs after Starmer-Musk row

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The UK government has announced a "rapid" national review of the sexual exploitation of children by grooming gangs, following a heated exchange between US tech billionaire Elon Musk and Prime Minister Keir Starmer earlier this month. The controversy centers around sex offenses that occurred over decades, committed by men of predominantly South Asian origin in several northern English towns. The government's move comes amid heightened public concern over the issue. Interior Minister Yvette Cooper revealed that she had ordered a three-month "rapid audit" to assess the scale and nature of gang-based exploitation across the country. The review will also consider the "cultural and societal drivers" of child sex abuse, alongside a detailed examination of ethnicity data and the demographics of the gangs and their victims. Cooper emphasized that several local inquiries, similar to those conducted in the past, would be initiated to explore specific cases of abuse. She dismissed the opposition's call for a new national inquiry, arguing that local reviews provide more detailed and relevant insights that can lead to effective change.

India Hails Neutral Expert's Stand on Indus Water Treaty

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The Neutral Expert appointed by the World Bank has upheld its competence to resolve differences between India and Pakistan over the Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric projects under the Indus Water Treaty. This decision, announced on Tuesday, was welcomed by India as a vindication of its consistent position on the matter.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) issued a statement asserting that the Neutral Expert's decision aligned with India's view that these disputes fall under its jurisdiction as outlined in the treaty. The projects are located in Jammu and Kashmir, with their designs being the focus of contention. The Indus Water Treaty, signed in 1960 with



the World Bank as a signatory, governs the usage of the Indus River system by India and Pakistan. Disagreements arose over the technical design features of the two hydroelectric projects, leading to separate requests by the two nations. Pakistan sought the establishment of a Court of Arbitration,

while India called for a Neutral Expert's intervention.

In 2022, the World Bank appointed both a Neutral Expert and a chairman of the Court of Arbitration. However, India has refused to recognize the parallel arbitration process, emphasizing that the treaty does not allow for simultaneous proceedings.

In its ruling, the Neutral Expert affirmed its authority to proceed with addressing the merits of the points of difference raised. The MEA stated that India would fully participate in the process to ensure resolution in line with the treaty's provisions.

India reiterated its commitment to bilateral discussions with Pakistan on treaty modifications and review under Article XII (3) of the treaty.



66 Killed in Fire at Turkey Ski Resort, Some Jumped to Safety

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A devastating fire at the Grand Kartal hotel in Kartalkaya ski resort, Turkey, claimed 66 lives and left 51 injured early Tuesday morning. Witnesses reported guests desperately attempting to escape by using ropes, bedsheets, and, tragically, jumping from windows.

The fire broke out at 3:27 am (0027 GMT) in the 12-storey hotel, believed to have start-

ed in the restaurant area. Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya confirmed the number of casualties and described the incident as a "great pain" for the nation.

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan expressed deep sorrow over the tragedy, cutting short his address at the AKP party congress. He assured the public of a thorough investigation, stating, "All necessary steps will be taken to uncover the cause and hold those responsible accountable."

Television footage depicted thick smoke billowing from the hotel with snow-capped mountains in the background. The wooden-clad structure, partially perched against a cliff, posed challenges for firefighters.

A survivor criticized the hotel's safety standards, alleging the absence of alarms and functional fire stairs. However, Tourism Minister Nuri Ersoy claimed the hotel had two fire escapes.

Extremely Critical Fire Risk as Winds Batter Los Angeles

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Southern California faced an "extremely critical" fire risk on Monday as hurricane-force winds swept through the region, raising fears of fresh devastation in an area already reeling from deadly wildfires that have claimed at least 27 lives since January 7.

The National Weather Service (NWS) warned of winds gusting up to 88 miles (142 kilometers) per hour, which, combined with dry conditions, could reignite or fuel new fires. Ariel Cohen of the NWS described the situation as "particularly dangerous," emphasizing the potential for explosive fire growth.

- Winds up to 88 mph recorded, heightening fire risks across the region.
- Palisades Fire 59% contained; Eaton Fire 87% contained.
- Los Angeles Mayor promises enhanced preparedness to tackle emergencies.

Firefighters have made significant progress in containing the Palisades Fire, which burned 40,000 acres, and the Eaton Fire in Altadena. However, officials remain vigilant, pre-deploying firefighting resources to high-risk areas to avoid the criticism of unpreparedness faced earlier this month.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass expressed

confidence in the city's readiness, saying, "We will be very prepared for the worst-case scenario, though we hope it doesn't come to that."

The disaster has also sparked political debates, with newly sworn-in President Donald Trump taking aim at California's Democratic leadership over their handling of the crisis. Trump criticized the state's response, calling it inadequate, and pledged federal support during his planned visit to the fire-affected areas later this week. Governor Gavin Newsom responded by urging collaboration and mutual respect, emphasizing the need for partnership to address the scale of devastation effectively.



Markets Decline Sharply Amid Global Headwinds and Bearish Trends



Domestic stock markets have been bleeding at an unprecedented level. On Tuesday, all the benchmark and broad market indices were shaken. They fell further as if they did not know what to do. This is due to negative international signals, Trump's threat to impose 100 percent tariffs on BRICS countries after his inauguration, the strengthening of the dollar, successive sales by foreign institutional investors, and expectations that the Bank of Japan will increase interest rates. The Nifty fell below 23,000 for the first time since June 7 last year. The fact that it finally closed above that is a positive factor. At present, the bears' grip on the markets is strong.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 77,073 in the previous session, opened at 77,261 on Tuesday. It touched an

intraday low of 75,641. It reached an intraday high of 77,337. It ended at 75,838, down 1,235 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 23,421, touched a low of 22,976 and a high of 23,426. It closed at 23,024, down 320 points. The Nifty Bank fell 779 points to settle at 48,570.

In the Nifty50, 9 companies gained and 41 lost. Apollo Hospitals, Tata Consumer, BPCL, Shriram Finance were the top gainers. Trent NTPC, Adani Ports, ICICI Bank, and Adani Enterprises lost the most. All sectoral indices were mixed today. Consumer durables and realty rose more than 4 percent. Bank, auto, finance, IT, media, pharma, oil and gas indices fell by 1-2 percent. Fear Index India



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VIX rose 3.89% to a six-month high of 17.06. Market breadth on NSE today turned in favor of sellers. Out of a total of 2887 stocks traded, only 715 gained. 2095 lost. 77 stocks remained unchanged. Shares of 26 companies touched 52-week highs. 58 stocks reached 52-week lows.

Rupee closed flat at 86.58 against the dollar. Citi maintains Buy rating on Paytm with a target price of Rs 900. Bernstein maintains Outperform rating on Zomato with a target price of Rs 310. ICICI Bank shares fell sharply today. Nifty fell below 23000 for the first time since June 7, 2024. Newgen Soft shares fell 15% after Jefferies downgraded it. Indraprastha Gas has chosen January 31 as the record date for the issue of bonus shares. Adani Energy has been awarded the Bhadla-Fatepur project worth Rs 25000 crore. UCO Bank's profit is Rs 639 crore. SEBI Chief Madhabi Buch expressed confidence in creating a platform that will allow trading before the listing of shares. TCS has created a record of becoming the world's second IT company with a brand value of \$ 20 billion.

1. Tata Consumer Products (Tata Consumer)
Tata Consumer Products is a lead-

ing player in the FMCG sector, offering beverages (tea, coffee, water) and food products. It is expanding into value-added segments such as health and wellness. Growth prospects driven by product innovation, premiumization, and rural market penetration. Risks include raw material price volatility and competition in the FMCG space.



2. JSW Steel : JSW Steel is one of India's largest steel producers, with a diverse product portfolio and global operations. It has consistently expanded capacity and improved operational efficiency. Benefiting from robust infrastructure and construction growth in India. Risks include global steel price volatility and high raw material costs.



3. Berger Paints : Berger Paints is one of India's leading paint manufacturers, offering decorative and industrial coatings. It has a strong presence in urban and rural markets with a focus on premium products. Growth driven by urbanization,



housing demand, and premium product launches. Risks include raw material price fluctuations and competition from peers.

4. Greenlam Industries : Greenlam is one of India's largest laminate manufacturers, offering a wide range of decorative surface products including laminates, veneers, and engineered wood flooring. Well-positioned to benefit from the growth in real estate and interior design sectors. Risks include rising raw material costs and competition from domestic and international players.



5. Paradeep Phosphates : Paradeep Phosphates is a leading fertilizer manufacturer in India, producing phosphatic and complex fertilizers. It plays a crucial role in supporting India's agricultural sector. Growth driven by rising demand for fertilizers and government subsidies for the agricultural sector. Risks include dependency on raw material imports and regulatory changes in subsidies.



EKO TEJAS Disrupts the EV Market with Affordable Price and Innovative Options

In a rapidly growing electric vehicle (EV) market, EKO TEJAS, a brand under the umbrella of Green Fuel Alternatives Pvt. Ltd., has emerged as a noteworthy contender. Despite fierce competition from established brands, EKO TEJAS is making its mark with its innovative designs, affordable pricing, and customer-centric offerings.

Founded in 2017, EKO TEJAS is headquartered in Gooty, Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh, with its manufacturing base spread across 12 acres and a built-up area of 25,000 sq ft. With an investment of ₹10 crores, the company is capable of producing up to 720 E-bikes and 100 E-carts per month, with an ambitious goal to increase its capacity to 5,000 E-bikes monthly. The brand's focus on providing economical and environmentally friendly transportation has made it a popular choice for customers across multiple states. EKO TEJAS boasts a dealer presence of nearly 100 dealerships in 10 states, including Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Haryana, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. This expanding footprint showcases the growing demand for the company's affordable EV options, especially in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

Affordable Price Range: EKO TEJAS offers E-bikes starting at just ₹49,999, attracting customers who would otherwise pay over ₹1 lakh for similar specifications from competing brands.

New Showroom in Palwancha:



EKO TEJAS has recently opened a new showroom in Palwancha, further expanding its reach and providing customers with easy access to their products.

Strong Dealer Network: With nearly 100 dealers across 10 states, EKO TEJAS continues to expand its footprint, especially in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

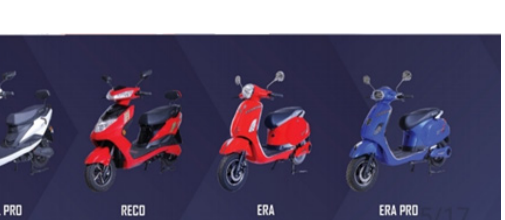
Customer-Centric Support: The company offers a range of services, including financing options, vehicle insurance, roadside assistance, and home charging solutions, ensuring a complete EV experience for its customers.

EKO TEJAS offers an impressive range of products designed to meet the needs of various customer segments. Their portfolio includes six low-speed models, such as Axel, Axel Pro, Era, Era Pro, Reco, as well as two high-speed models, EVXTRO and PRIVE. These bikes, priced attractively starting at just ₹49,999, are drawing in customers who would otherwise have to spend over ₹1 lakh for

similar specifications from other brands.

One of the key factors driving the popularity of EKO TEJAS is its range of attractive features and customer options. The brand offers a partnership with over five retail financiers, making it easier for buyers to finance both low-speed and high-speed models. Additionally, EKO TEJAS has tied up with leasing companies to cater to fleet managers and delivery partners.

In line with its commitment to providing a complete EV experience, EKO TEJAS has partnered with more than seven insurance providers, ensuring that customers have access to reliable vehicle insurance. The company also provides roadside assistance in select PIN codes and offers affordable home



charging solutions, particularly beneficial for customers in high-rise apartments. For dealers, EKO TEJAS offers stock finance facilities based on banking credentials and provides dedicated support for retail sales and social media lead generation.

The company's focus on customer satisfaction extends to its after-sales services. EKO TEJAS promises timely delivery, warranty claim services, and the availability of spare parts through a dedicated team. For customers seeking personalized solutions, the brand offers vehicle customizations to meet the needs of individual buyers and B2B customers.

Despite facing stiff competition from larger brands in the EV segment, EKO TEJAS has carved a niche for itself by providing affordable options without compromising on quality. Their approach to making electric transportation more accessible is proving to be a game-changer in the market. As more customers discover the value EKO TEJAS offers, the brand is set to continue its rapid growth, becoming a prominent player in the Indian EV space.

Deloitte Projects 6.5-6.8% GDP Growth for India in FY2024-25



Deloitte India has projected that India's GDP will grow at a rate of 6.5-6.8% in the current fiscal year, with a focus on adapting to the evolving global landscape and leveraging domestic strengths for sustainable growth. In its latest Economic Outlook report, Deloitte emphasized the importance of decoupling from global uncertainties and harnessing India's inherent potential to drive economic progress.

Despite challenges both globally and domestically, India continues to make strides in moving up the global value chains. One of the key indicators of this progress is the increasing share of high-value manufacturing exports, particularly in electronics and machinery and equipment sectors. These industries have shown significant growth, signaling India's potential to diversify its export base and compete on the global stage.

Deloitte India also revised its annual GDP growth projection for FY2024-25, expecting a growth rate between 6.5-6.8%. Looking ahead, the firm has forecasted an even more robust growth of 6.7-7.3% for the following fiscal year. The optimism stems from the country's ability to navigate global challenges and capitalize on emerging opportunities in key sectors such as technology, manufacturing, and services.

To ensure that this growth is sustainable, Deloitte India has stressed the need for India to adapt to shifts in the global economy. By strengthening its domestic industries and focusing on innovation, India can continue to grow while minimizing risks from external volatility.

The firm also pointed to India's resilience amid global disruptions and its increasing role as a key player in the global supply chain. As the country moves towards a more self-reliant economy, leveraging its strengths in manufacturing, technology, and services will be crucial to maintaining growth and competitiveness in the coming years.



Never Throw Away Boiled Egg Water – Here’s Why You Should Keep It

Ever wondered if you could make use of the leftover water after boiling eggs? While it may seem like something to pour down the drain, that cloudy, mineral-rich water holds surprising benefits that can positively impact your plants and garden. Instead of discarding it, consider using it in a way that benefits both your greenery and the environment.



The secret lies in the minerals released from the eggshells during boiling. When eggs are boiled, the calcium from the shells leaches into the water, turning it into a natural, chemical-free fertilizer. This nutrient-rich water is an excellent and eco-friendly option to nourish your plants without the need for synthetic chemicals.

Calcium plays a crucial role in supporting plant growth by balancing soil pH and enhancing nutrient absorption. Plants like tomatoes, peppers, and other calcium-loving species will particularly thrive with this natural booster. The process is simple: once the water has cooled down, use it to water your indoor plants or garden. You'll be amazed at how much stronger and healthier your plants

can grow with such a straightforward, sustainable practice.

Not only does this method help nourish your plants, but it also reduces kitchen waste. Instead of throwing the boiled egg water away, you're recycling it into something valuable for your home garden. This small act of reusing a common kitchen byproduct contributes to a greener, more sustainable lifestyle.

So, next time you boil eggs, don't rush to discard the water. Allow it to cool, and give it a second life as a natural fertilizer for your plants. It's an easy, cost-free way to boost your gardening efforts and make your plants greener and more vibrant. Why not give it a try? Your plants will thank you for it!

Foreign Vlogger Tries To Cook Puri Bhaji And Hates It – Viral Video Angers Indians

A foreign cook's attempt to make the classic Indian dish of aloo bhaji with puri has gone viral on social media, but not for the reasons he might have hoped. Sam Jose (@sam-jose) shared a video on Instagram of his journey to prepare this beloved combo, which left viewers scratching their heads and laughing at his missteps.



In the video, Sam explains that he followed the first recipe for puri bhaji he found on Google. He begins by chopping potatoes and tomatoes for the aloo bhaji and heats some oil in a pan. After adding what looks like cumin seeds (jeera), he tosses in the chopped tomatoes, seasoning them with salt and an unidentified masala. Once the tomatoes have softened, he adds the diced potatoes and mixes everything together, followed by some water to help the curry cook. He covers the pan and waits for it to simmer, but there's no indication of how long he lets it cook or if the flavors properly develop.

Meanwhile, Sam prepares the dough for the puris, using just four basic ingredients: flour, salt, oil, and water. He mixes them in a stand

mixer, which seems to be the quickest and easiest dough he's ever made. However, there's no footage of him kneading the dough, and he doesn't seem to understand the significance of this step. He cuts the dough into small pieces, rolls them out into thin circles, and compares them to "street tacos," even claiming they resemble tortillas. He fries the puris in hot oil, which causes them to puff up, but not as dramatically as the real deal would.

Finally, Sam plates the puris alongside the aloo bhaji and takes a bite. After tasting his creation, he rates it a 4/10, stating that he wouldn't eat it for breakfast again. The video, which has now gone viral, has sparked plenty of reactions from viewers, many of whom are amused by his approach to an iconic Indian dish.

Next-Generation iPad Air Likely to Feature M3 Chip, New Sizes Expected



Apple is reportedly preparing to launch its next-generation iPad Air lineup, following the introduction of the iPad Air with the M2 chip last year. Ahead of any official announcement, a new leak has surfaced, revealing potential details about the upcoming models, including display sizes, processors, and more. According to prominent tipster Evan Blass, Apple may release two new iPad Air versions with 11-inch and 13-inch display options, both powered by the upcoming M3 chip.

This would represent a significant upgrade from the current iPad Air lineup, which runs on the M2 chipset. Earlier rumors had suggested that Apple might bypass the M3 chip entirely in favor of the M4 chip, but these new leaks indicate that the M3 could indeed be making its way into the next-generation iPad Air models. The M3 chip is expected to offer enhanced performance and efficiency compared to the M2, making the new iPad Air models even more capable.

Blass also noted references to

other upcoming Apple products, including the iPhone SE 4 and iPad 11, which could launch alongside the iPad Air (M3). This suggests that Apple is gearing up for a broader product refresh in the coming months.

Currently, the iPad Air is available with 10.9-inch and 13-inch display options, both featuring a Liquid Retina (LCD) screen. The device is powered by the M2 chip and supports advanced features like Wi-Fi 6E and Bluetooth 5.3 connectivity. Additionally, it includes a 12-megapixel wide-angle camera and a USB Type-C port for charging and data transfer at 20W.

As for the upcoming models, it is expected that the iPad Air lineup will continue to offer a balance of power and portability, making it a strong competitor in the tablet market. The new M3-powered iPad Air models are likely to build on the success of their predecessors, offering users improved performance and an even better overall experience.

DeepSeek Unveils DeepSeek-R1: A Powerful and Cost-Effective Reasoning AI Model

Chinese AI lab DeepSeek, known for its innovative contributions to the field, has introduced its latest reasoning large language model, DeepSeek-R1. This new model, which follows the same mixture-of-experts architecture as its predecessor DeepSeek-V3, is positioned as a strong competitor to OpenAI's leading model, o1. In various tasks such as math, coding, and general knowledge, DeepSeek-R1 matches the performance of o1, while being significantly more affordable.

What sets DeepSeek-R1 apart is its ability to reason through complex problems in a manner akin to human thinking. The open-source model not only answers questions but also demonstrates reason-



ing capabilities, making it a powerful tool for users seeking more than just straightforward responses. This approach could potentially transform how AI is utilized in solving real-world challenges across multiple domains.

The new model has already generated considerable attention due to its impressive

performance and low cost. DeepSeek-R1 is reported to be 90-95% more affordable than OpenAI's o1, which makes it an attractive option for developers and companies looking for high-performance AI at a fraction of the price. This affordability is a continuation of DeepSeek's strategy of offering robust AI models without the high development and

usage costs associated with models from major players like Meta and OpenAI.

DeepSeek's reputation has been on the rise ever since the launch of its earlier model, DeepSeek-V3, which outperformed other models in terms of both capability and cost efficiency. Now, with the release of DeepSeek-R1, the Chinese AI startup is solidifying its position as a formidable player in the AI industry.

As DeepSeek continues to innovate and push the boundaries of AI development, the future looks bright for the open-source models. The affordability and effectiveness of DeepSeek-R1 could lead to wider adoption and greater access to cutting-edge AI technology across various industries.

VAC Signals: How Bengaluru is solving traffic woes using AI

Bengaluru's traffic congestion has long been a source of frustration for residents, with an increasing number of vehicles causing gridlocks at major intersections. In a bid to address this issue, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) has introduced Vehicle Actuated Control (VAC) signals at over 100 key junctions across the city. This smart solution utilizes artificial intelligence to optimize traffic flow and help commuters reach their destinations more efficiently.

VAC signals operate differently from traditional traffic lights, which change at fixed intervals regardless of traffic conditions. Instead, VAC signals monitor vehicles in real time at specific junctions. They adapt to the flow of traffic, allowing green lights to remain longer when more vehicles are present and shortening wait times when traffic is lighter.



This dynamic system reduces delays and minimizes congestion, making travel through busy areas smoother.

Moreover, VAC signals are designed to communicate with each other in Adaptive Traffic Control Systems (ATCS) mode. This feature enables signals at different intersections to coordinate with one another, improving traffic flow throughout the city. By working together, the signals can prevent bottlenecks, ensure smooth-

er transitions between junctions, and reduce the overall travel time for drivers.

Currently, Bengaluru has 103 B-ATCS signals in operation, with plans to expand this network. According to MN Anuchet, the Joint Commissioner of Police for Bengaluru Traffic, phase-1 of the project is set to be completed by the end of March, bringing the total number of VAC signals to 165. This expansion will cover more areas and further enhance the efficiency of Bengaluru's traffic management.

The introduction of VAC signals is a step toward modernizing the city's infrastructure and making commuting more convenient. With real-time monitoring and adaptive capabilities, these smart traffic lights hold the potential to alleviate Bengaluru's notorious traffic woes and improve the daily commute for its residents.

PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen Lead India's Charge at Indonesia Masters 2025

As Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen, along with the men's doubles pair Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, will spearhead India's challenge at the Indonesia Masters 2025, set to begin on Tuesday in Jakarta. The tournament, which is one of the key events on the badminton calendar, will feature a strong contingent from India aiming for glory.



International circuit, will aim to replicate their success from previous tournaments, including their impressive run to the semi-finals at the Malaysia and India Opens this year.

PV Sindhu, ranked 16th in the world in women's singles, will start her campaign against world No. 32 Nguyen Thuy Linh from Vietnam in the first round. Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medalist, will be hoping to bounce back after a series of tough outings last year. Joining her in the women's singles draw are Aakarshi Kashyap, Anupama Upadhyaya, and Rakshitha Ramraj, who will all look to make an impact at the prestigious event.

In men's singles, World No. 12 Lakshya Sen will lead the charge for India. After disappointing early exits in both the Malaysia and India Open earlier this month, Sen will face Japan's Takuma Obayashi in his round-of-32 match, seeking a strong start. Also in the men's singles draw are Priyanshu Rajawat and Kiran George, who will look to make their mark at the tournament.

In men's doubles, Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, ranked ninth in the world, will be India's sole contenders. The duo, who have consistently performed well on the in-

ternational circuit, will aim to replicate their success from previous tournaments, including their impressive run to the semi-finals at the Malaysia and India Opens this year.

India's full squad for the Indonesia Masters 2025 includes:

Men's singles: Lakshya Sen, Priyanshu Rajawat, Kiran George, Kidambi Srikanth (Q), Ayush Shetty (Q)

Men's doubles: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty

Women's singles: PV Sindhu, Aakarshi Kashyap, Rakshitha Ramraj, Anupama Upadhyaya, Isharani Baruah (Q), Tanya Hemnath (Q)

Women's doubles: Ashwini Ponnappa-Tanisha Crasto

Mixed doubles: Tanisha Crasto-Dhruv Kapila, Rohan Kapoor-Ruthvika Gadde

Coco Gauff Falls to Paula Badosa in Australian Open Quarterfinals

Coco Gauff's impressive 2025 run came to a sudden halt at the Australian Open on Tuesday, as she was defeated by Spain's Paula Badosa in the quarterfinals with a 7-5, 6-4 scoreline. Gauff entered the match with an unbeaten 9-0 record in 2025 and riding a 13-match winning streak, which had begun after her title victory at the WTA Finals in November. However, the 20-year-old American, who had shown exceptional form in Melbourne this year, struggled with her forehand and serve when it mattered most.



the challenge. The 27-year-old Spaniard was spot on in her assessment, executing a flawless game plan and seizing the opportunity to claim her first-ever Grand Slam semifinal appearance. Badosa had previously failed to make it past the quarterfinals in two major tournaments but was determined to perform at her best in Melbourne.

"I'm a bit emotional," said an overwhelmed Badosa after the match. "I wanted to play my best tennis, and

I think I did. I'm super proud of the level I gave today." Her performance on Tuesday showcased her growth and mental fortitude, sending her through to the next stage of the tournament.

The No. 3-seeded Gauff had been aiming for her second Grand Slam title, having triumphed at the US Open in 2023. Her path to the quarterfinals this year had been smooth, dropping just one set in four matches. Despite these strong performances, Gauff was unable to find her rhythm against the resilient Badosa.

Ahead of the match, Badosa acknowledged Gauff's confidence but stated she was ready for

For Gauff, the loss was a tough blow, but she remains a formidable contender on the women's circuit. Despite the defeat, her stellar start to the year and consistent progress in major tournaments highlight her continued potential for future Grand Slam success.

Zverev becomes first semifinalist in Australian Open 2025, Beating Tommy Paul in quarterfinal

Top German tennis player Alexander Zverev has secured his spot in the semifinals of the Australian Open 2025 after a hard-fought victory over Tommy Paul in the quarterfinals. Zverev triumphed 7-6(1), 7-6(0), 2-6, 6-1, becoming the first player to reach the semifinals in this year's tournament. The 27-year-old will now await the winner of the match between Carlos Alcaraz and Novak Djokovic in his quest for a first Grand Slam title.



Tuesday's match marked Zverev's third appearance in a Grand Slam quarterfinal and his second at the Australian Open. His previous best performance in Melbourne came in 2023 when he reached the semifinals. Despite his impressive resume, Zverev faced a tough challenge from American Tommy Paul, who put up a strong fight in the opening sets.

After the match, Zverev was quick to praise his opponent for playing the better game. "To be honest, I should have been down two sets to love," said Zverev. "He played better than me. I was not playing great, and I thought he was. I somehow won the first set, somehow won the second set, and I'm up two sets to love all of a sudden and I need only one more set." Zverev admitted that he was lucky to take the first two sets but acknowledged his strong performance

in the fourth set. "The fourth set was definitely the best that I've played, and I'm obviously extremely happy to be back in the semi-finals now," he added.

Tommy Paul fought valiantly, taking the third set in a thrilling display, but Zverev responded with sheer dominance in the fourth. The German closed it out 6-1, sealing his place in the semifinals with a dominant performance.

Earlier in the tournament, Zverev had extended his remarkable streak against left-handed opponents to 26 consecutive wins, defeating Ugo Humbert in the fourth round. With his solid form continuing, Zverev remains a formidable contender for the title as the tournament progresses.

Novak Djokovic Defeats Carlos Alcaraz to Reach Australian Open Semi-Final



Novak Djokovic delivered a dominant performance in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open on Wednesday, overcoming Carlos Alcaraz 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 to secure his place in the semi-finals. The victory reaffirmed his position as one of the top contenders at the Melbourne Grand Slam.

Djokovic, a 10-time Australian Open champion, has been a dominant force at Melbourne Park for over a decade, having claimed his first Grand Slam title here in 2008. Despite a disappointing semi-final exit last year and failing to win a major in 2023 for the first time since 2017, Djokovic showcased his relentless determination in the 3-hour, 37-minute battle against the world number three, Alcaraz.

The match featured Djokovic's aggressive baseline play, with the Serbian hitting powerful shots from both sides to assert his dominance. Alcaraz, despite his best efforts, struggled to find his rhythm against Djokovic's relent-

less attack, especially as the match progressed. Although the 20-year-old Spaniard used his drop shots effectively early on, the wind conditions made consistency difficult for both players, and Djokovic seized on a slight dip in Alcaraz's form to take control of the second set with a 3-0 lead.

Following the match, Djokovic expressed his admiration for Alcaraz, stating, "I want to say my utmost respect and admiration for Carlos, everything he stands for and what he has achieved so far in his career." The Serbian's sportsmanship was evident as he praised his opponent's potential and accomplishments.

With this win, Djokovic moves one step closer to adding another Australian Open title to his illustrious career. As he progresses to the semi-finals, his experience and skill will undoubtedly make him a formidable opponent in the coming rounds.

Vaishnavi Sharma's Hat-Trick Powers India to Easy Win Over Malaysia

Debutant left-arm spinner Vaishnavi Sharma delivered a record-breaking performance as India thrashed Malaysia by 10 wickets in a completely one-sided match at the U19 Women's T20 World Cup. Vaishnavi's stunning figures of 5/5, including a hat-trick, guided India to victory in less than 18 overs on Tuesday, with Malaysia being bowled out for just 31 in 14.3 overs – the lowest total in the tournament's history.

Vaishnavi's exceptional performance overshadowed the rest of the game, as she took full advantage of the turning pitch to run through Malaysia's batting line-up. She claimed a hat-trick

in the 14th over, dismissing Nur Ain Binti Roslan, Nur Isma Dania, and Siti Nazwah, and dismantling Malaysia from 24/6 to 30/9. Fellow left-arm spinner Ayushi Shukla also impressed with 3/8, contributing to Malaysia's collapse.

India's chase was a mere formality, as they reached the target of 32 in just 2.5 overs without losing a wicket. G Trisha played an aggressive knock, making an unbeaten 27 off 12 balls with five boundaries to seal the win.

Reflecting on her remarkable debut, Vaishnavi said, "This was a dream debut to get a hat-trick and a five-wicket haul.



My journey has had its ups and downs. I look up to Radha Yadav and Ravindra Jadeja. I had visualized how to get wickets here last night." Earlier in the match, she had dismissed Malaysia's captain, Nur Syuhada, and Nuriman, with none of the Malaysian batters reaching double digits.

Despite India bowling 10 wides, Malaysia's score could have been even lower. With the win, India sits atop their group with four points, ahead of Sri Lanka due to a better net run rate (+9.1). Vaishnavi's spell played a crucial role in securing the victory and affirming India's dominant position in the tournament.



Ravi Teja's Mas Jatar Set to Deliver a Blockbuster on May 1

One of the most anticipated films featuring Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja is "Mas Jatar," a solid entertainer directed by Bhanu Bhogavarapu. Known for his stellar performances and action-packed roles, Ravi Teja is once again set to deliver a high-octane performance that promises to captivate his fans. After the massive success of her film "Dhamaka," beauty Srileela will once again pair up with Ravi Teja in this exciting project. The film has generated significant buzz, with the makers confident that "Mas Jatar" will provide the kind of vintage treat that Ravi Teja is best known for.

The latest update about the film has added to the excitement, as it is revealed that the teaser for "Mas Jatar" will be released as a special gift for Ravi Teja's fans on his birthday, January 26. This teaser will give the audience a sneak peek into the high-energy action and entertainment that the film promises to deliver. The official announcement and more details regarding the teas-

er release are expected soon, fueling the anticipation surrounding the project.

The music for "Mas Jatar" is composed by Bheems Cicero, who made his debut with Ravi Teja's earlier film and is now returning to collaborate once again. The film's music is expected to complement the intense action sequences and lively performances, adding to the overall entertainment experience. Sitara Entertainments is producing the film, ensuring a high-quality production that fans can look forward to.

"Mas Jatar" is scheduled for release on May 1, 2025, and it is expected to be a massive hit at the box office. With Ravi Teja's mass appeal, Srileela's charm, and a talented team behind the scenes, this film is shaping up to be one of the biggest releases of the year. Fans can mark their calendars and gear up for an exciting cinematic experience this summer.

Rashmika Mandanna, who became a national sensation with her role in the Pushpa franchise, continues to rise in prominence with her diverse film choices. One of her most exciting upcoming projects is Chhava, where she plays the role of Maharani Esubai, the consort of the legendary Maratha warrior Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Directed by Laxman Utekar, Chhava is based on the life story of the great king, with Vicky Kaushal portraying the title role.

Rashmika shared her excitement for the role by tweeting a glimpse of her character, stating, "Maharani Yesubai, the pride of Swaraj." The powerful look has left fans eagerly anticipating her portrayal of the strong and influential queen behind Shivaji Maharaj's reign. The film is set to release on February 14, 2025, and the trailer launch is scheduled for tomorrow, adding to the buzz surrounding the movie.

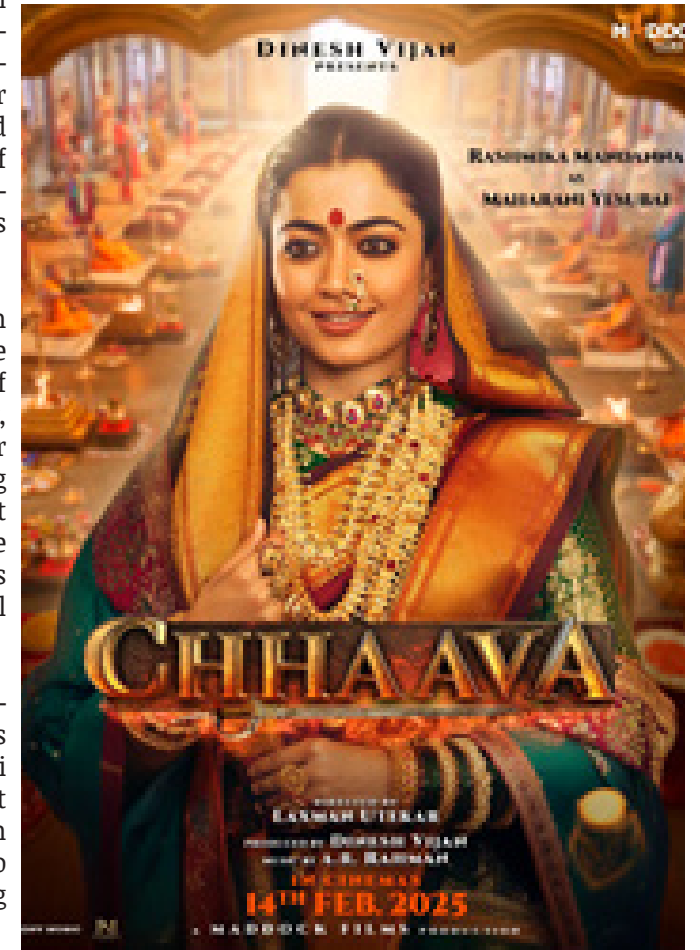
The film, which will be entirely in Marathi, marks a significant departure for Rashmika, as she ventures into regional cinema. Reports suggest that Rashmika

Rashmika Mandanna to Portray Powerful Esubai in Chhava; Trailer Set for Release

has even learned the Marathi language to authentically portray her role as Maharani Esubai. Chhava is produced under the Maddock Films banner and features the musical genius of AR Rahman, further heightening expectations for the film's soundscape.

Rashmika's choice to take on such a powerful historical role has generated a great deal of excitement in the industry, with fans eagerly awaiting her performance. The upcoming trailer will likely give a first look at the epic scale of the film and the intense emotions that Rashmika's character will bring to the screen.

As Chhava prepares for its release, Rashmika Mandanna's portrayal of Maharani Esubai is poised to be one of the most talked-about performances in her career, as she continues to take on bold and challenging roles.



Kiran Abbavaram and Rahasya Share Heartwarming Baby Bump Photos



In a heartwarming revelation, Kiran Abbavaram and his wife Rahasya Kiran, who tied the knot in a private ceremony in Coorg, Karnataka in August 2024, have announced that they are expecting their first child. The couple shared the joyous news with their fans on Tuesday morning, posting adorable photos on social media. Rahasya proudly showcased her baby bump, with Kiran lovingly cradling it, while the couple also shared an image of their baby's scan. Rahasya's radiant smile and Kiran's tender gesture have struck an emotional chord with their followers.

The couple captioned their post, "Our love is growing by 2 feet, revealing their excitement for the arrival of their little one. Based on Rahasya's baby bump, it appears that she is in her second trimester, and the couple is eager-

ly preparing to welcome their baby in early 2025. The announcement has quickly become a topic of celebration among their fans, with messages of love and congratulations flooding their social media accounts.

Fans are thrilled for the couple, who have been very private about their personal lives, and are now excited to share this beautiful chapter with their followers. Kiran Abbavaram's career is also on the rise, with his upcoming movie Dilruba slated for release on February 14th, 2025. While his fans eagerly await the film, it's clear that Kiran's heart is full of love and anticipation for his new role as a father.

This exciting news marks a new and cherished chapter in Kiran and Rahasya's lives, as they prepare to embrace parenthood and share more moments of joy with their loved ones.

Vishwak Sen's Laila Set to Heat Up with Romantic Song Release on January 23

Tollywood star Vishwak Sen, known for his diverse roles and unique approach to filmmaking, is all set to entertain audiences again with his upcoming film Laila. Following his recent success with Mechanic Rocky, Vishwak Sen is ready to surprise fans with a new, intriguing concept in Laila, directed by Ram Narayan. The film has already generated significant buzz, especially with Vishwak Sen's bold decision to appear in a lady's get-up, adding to the movie's appeal.

After the release of a fun and entertaining teaser, the makers have announced the release date for the second song from Laila. Titled "Ichcha Guna Baby," the song will be launched on January 23, 2025. Featuring a hot romantic track, the song is sure to catch the attention of audiences, as heroine Akanksha Sharma delivers a sizzling perfor-



mance alongside Vishwak Sen. Fans are eagerly awaiting this song, which promises to add a fiery touch to the film's overall vibe.

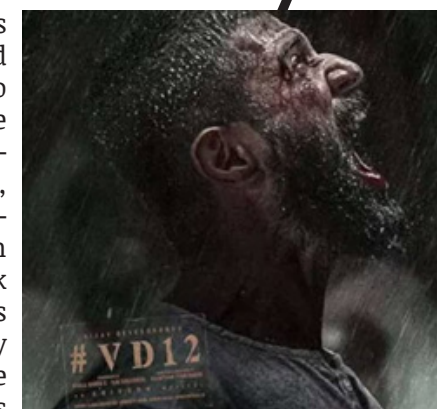
The music for Laila is composed by Leon James, known for his work in Das Ka Dhamki, while Sahu Garapati is producing the music. The film, which is already making waves for its fresh concept and chemistry between the lead pair, is set to release on February 14, 2025, offering a perfect Valentine's Day treat for moviegoers.

With its intriguing storyline, the sizzling romantic number, and Vishwak Sen's bold role, Laila is creating a lot of excitement. As the release date for the movie draws closer, fans are eagerly anticipating both the song launch and the full film, expecting a fresh, engaging cinematic experience.

Vijay Deverakonda's VD12 Teaser Ready for Release, Film Set for May 30th Debut

Vijay Deverakonda's much-anticipated film VD12 is all set to make waves, with the teaser ready to be released on February 7, 2025. Directed by Gautham Tinnanuri, known for his successful work in Jersey, VD12 follows the success of Family Star and is one of the most awaited projects in Vijay's career. The film will also mark Vijay's debut in a khaki uniform, portraying a powerful police officer for the first time.

The official release date of the film has been widely speculated, with reports indicating that VD12 will be released worldwide on May 30th, 2025. Although the makers have yet to confirm this date, the PR team has hinted at it several times, and fans are eagerly anticipating the official announcement. The teaser is expected to not only showcase the intense character Vijay plays but also likely confirm the much-anticipated release date.



Bhagya Sri Borse, known for her role in Mr. Bachchan, stars alongside Vijay Deverakonda in this gripping action-packed film. VD12 is being produced by Sitara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas-Sreevara Studios. The music for the film is being composed by the talented Anirudh Ravichander, further building excitement for the movie.

In addition to VD12, Vijay Deverakonda is also working on VD14, a rural action drama directed by Ravikiran Kola, best known for Rajavaru Ranigaru. This film, produced by Sri Venkateswara Creations, is also expected to showcase a different side of Vijay's acting versatility.

As VD12 gears up for its big release in May, fans of Vijay Deverakonda are eagerly awaiting the teaser's debut, which is expected to give a thrilling glimpse into what promises to be an action-packed blockbuster.