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ALL FIGURES TOWARDS MAHIPAL REDDY

- Land Grab Claims Stir Patancheru
- Gudem Brothers Linked to Granite Scam
- Congress Workers Protest Mahipal Reddy
- Mahipal Reddy Faces Party Backlash
- Locals Accuse Gudem Brothers of Intimidation



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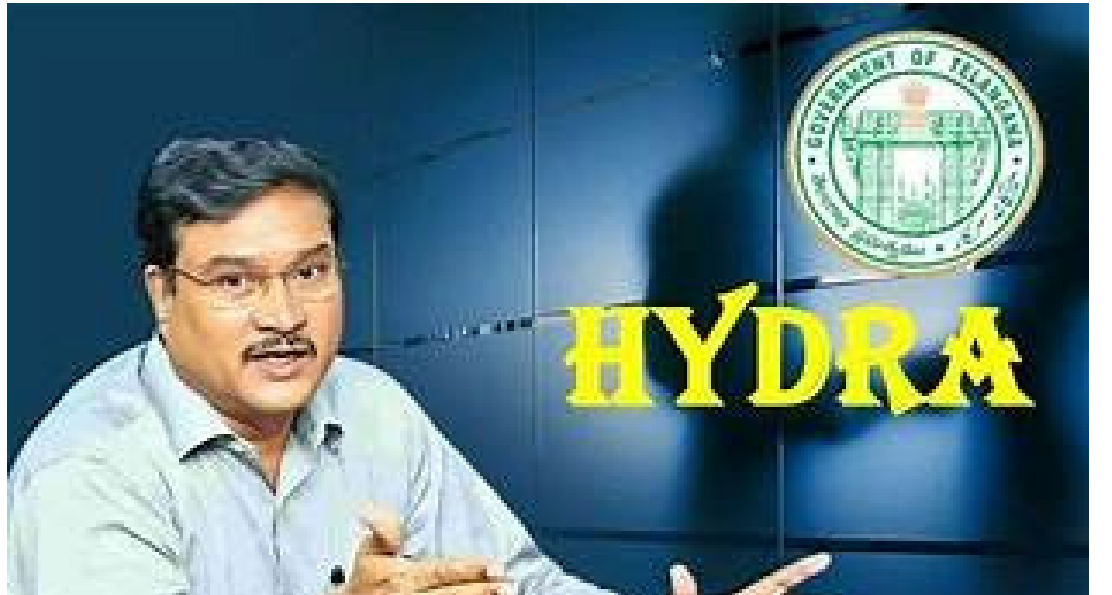
Hyderabad, Jan 28 : Patancheru MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy and his brother Madhusudhan Reddy are at the center of multiple allegations, including land encroachments and involvement in a major granite scam. According to local sources, the Gudem brothers are accused of illegally occupying over 550 acres of land in Patancheru. Reports suggest that the brothers have been targeting vacant plots and seizing them without authorization. Those who at-

tempt to resist the encroachment have allegedly faced threats, legal cases, and intimidation with the help of local police. In some instances, rowdy sheets have been reportedly opened against individuals who have dared to oppose them.

The local population has expressed fear of the Gudem brothers' influence, claiming that the authorities have not taken any meaningful action

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Hyderabad, Jan 28 : Hydra Commissioner AV Ranganath has intensified his crackdown on illegal land encroachments, making it clear that those who have encroached on ponds and ridge lands will face legal action, including imprisonment. However, his actions have sparked opposition from middle-class residents, who claim that while the authorities are sparing major encroachers, they are targeting the poor and middle class. Many have complained that their homes are being demolished without prior notice or sufficient time to vacate. Due to growing public resistance, Ranganath has adjusted his approach, ensuring a more structured and transparent process.

Major Demolition Drive in Divyanagar

Hydra officials identified illegal land occupations by Nalla Mallareddy in Ghatkesar Mandal, Narapalli, Singareni, and Divyanagar. Following this, they demolished unauthorized structures in the area. On January 8, Ranganath personally visited Divyanagar, inspected the properties, and interacted with the locals to address their grievances.

Residents complained that land encroachments had led to road blockages and a lack of basic infrastructure. Upon investigation, Ranganath confirmed that Nalla Mallareddy had illegally constructed a 4 km-long wall, which was immediately demolished under his orders. He firmly

Illegal Constructions Razed

No Mercy for Encroachers

Hydra Targets Land Grabs

Ranganath's Stern Warning

Justice for Victims

Encroachments Face Demolition

Hydra Prajavani Tackles Complaints

stated that he was not intimidated by any threats and would continue taking strict action against illegal constructions. This move significantly bolstered Ranganath's credibility and public approval.

Support for Hydra's Actions

The demolition of Nalla Mallareddy's illegal structures has received strong support from many affected residents. Buyers from Bhadradi Kothagudem district, who had purchased land in Divyanagar, expressed their joy over Hydra's intervention. They stated that the Commissioner had finally addressed the issues they had been struggling with for years.

A retired Singareni employee, Kandilla Prasad, welcomed Hydra's actions by putting up a flex banner in appreciation. Many residents of Kothagudem also praised the firm decision taken by Chief Minister Revanath Reddy to tackle land encroachments.

Commissioner Ranganath's Warning to Encroachers

Commissioner Ranganath has issued a stern warning to illegal squatters, stating that strict legal action will be taken against land encroachments. He pointed out that some unauthorized constructions were being falsely legitimized under official permits and vowed to demolish them

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RTC Workers Set 45-Day Ultimatum

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- Electric Bus Concerns Raised by Unions
- RTC Merger with Government Demanded
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Bandi Sanjay Questions Padma Nominations

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Rythu Bharosa Funds Deposited in Accounts of Farmers

Rythu Bharosa Funds Released to 606 Villages

Rs. 570 Crore Deposited for Farmers' Support

Telangana Govt Increases Financial Aid for Farmers

Farmers Celebrate Rythu Bharosa Fund Deposits

TPN Correspondent Telangana, Jan 28 : Telangana government has begun depositing funds under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, providing financial



assistance to farmers as part of the state's investment support program. The amount, which has been increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 12,000 per acre annually, is now being transferred directly

into farmers' accounts.

As of today, funds have been successfully deposited into the accounts of farmers in 606 selected

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New Ration Cards and Welfare Schemes Rolled Out

- 15,414 New Ration Cards Issued on Day One
- Indiramma Houses and Welfare Schemes Unveiled

TPN Correspondent

Telangana, Jan 28 : Minister Tummala Nagawara Rao announced the issuance of new ration cards to 15,414 people on the first day, with distribution set to continue for 51,912 people starting in February. He revealed that new ration cards were issued in one village per mandal on the first day, and 1,03,674 names have been added to the old ration cards.

Additionally, Tummala highlighted the launch of the Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa scheme, which began in 561 villages. He also confirmed



that funds have been released to 18,180 landless farmer laborers on the first day. Tummala announced that 72,000 Indiramma houses have been sanctioned to individuals.

The minister further informed that Rythu Bharosa funds have been deposited into

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Hyderabad selected for world-class Energy Transition Hub

- BEE & TERI to drive Net Zero 2070 goals with CoEET.
- CoEET to advance energy efficiency and low-carbon tech in industries, MSMEs, and transport.
- BEE provides financial backing for TERI's CoEET initiative.
- Hyderabad to gain global recognition as an Energy Transition hub.

In the presence of Union Minister of Housing, Energy and Urban affairs Shri. Monohar Lal Katter, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Shri. Mallu Bharti Vikramarka & Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power, DG BEE Shri. Srikanth Nagulapally, Secretary BEE, Girish TERI have exchanged Memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the establishment of Centre of Excellence in Energy Transition in Hyderabad TG.

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a momentous development for both Hyderabad and India's clean energy goals, the Government of India has selected Hyderabad as the site for a world-class Centre of Excellence on Energy Transition (CoEET). This initiative, announced on 27th January 2025, marks a significant step towards combating climate change and accelerating the nation's progress towards achieving Net Zero emissions by 2070.

The Centre, a joint venture of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Power and The Energy Research Institute (TERI), will focus on driving energy efficiency and advancing



low-carbon technologies across critical sectors, including industry, MSMEs, and transport. The CoEET aims to serve as a knowledge hub, promoting sustainable solutions and fostering collaboration between industry leaders, academic institutions, and civil society to support India's clean energy transition.

A Landmark MoU

The announcement of CoEET's establishment was followed by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between BEE and TERI in the presence of Union Minister for Power, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Telangana Chief Minister, Shri A. Revanth Reddy, and Deputy CM, Shri Mallu Bharti Vikramarka. The ceremony also saw the participation of other prominent figures such as Minister for Revenue, Housing, Shri Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Chief Secretary Smt Shanti Kumari, and Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Power, Shri Srikanth Nagulapally.

The MoU, signed by Shri Milind Deora from BEE and Shri Girish Seth from TERI, sets the foundation for what will become a transformative force in India's energy landscape. The National CoEET will focus on addressing key challenges in energy transition, driving innovation, and facilitating the adoption of energy-efficient technologies and strategies.

Financial Support and Capacity Building

The BEE has pledged substantial financial backing to CoEET, which will work with both national and international organizations to advance India's energy efficiency initiatives. The Centre will focus on innovative emission reduction strategies for various sectors such as industries, MSMEs, buildings, transport, and mining. Additionally, it will develop energy-efficient technologies, including smart manufacturing, waste heat recovery systems, and advanced heating and ventilation systems.

A Transformative Initiative for India

Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar expressed optimism about the project, stating, "The Centre of Excellence for Energy Transition is a bold and transformative initiative that demonstrates India's commitment to sustainable development. It will play a crucial role in accelerating clean energy adoption and lead the global transition towards a low-carbon economy."

The Centre will be housed at TERI's Hyderabad campus, which will provide the necessary infrastructure for its operations. TERI will oversee day-to-day activities, while the governance board, including representatives from TERI, BEE, and the Ministry of Power, will guide its long-term objectives. This collaborative effort between government bodies and research institutions marks a key milestone in India's journey toward a sustainable, energy-efficient future.

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before any court stays could be obtained.

"Our objective is not just a short-term crackdown, but to instill lasting fear among those who encroach on public lands," Ranganath stated. He clarified that Hydra's focus is primarily on commercial encroachments rather than residential structures.

Public confidence in Hydra's

mission is growing, with many believing that victims of illegal land grabs will finally receive justice. Ranganath's strong stance and systematic actions are gaining widespread support across affected communities.

Hydra Prajavani Program Receives Rising Complaints

The Hydra Prajavani program, held every Monday at the Buddha Bhavan, continues to receive numerous complaints

from the public. Hydra Commissioner Ranganath is personally addressing the complaints and instructing officials to conduct thorough investigations. The program, which runs until 6 pm, has become a vital platform for citizens to voice their grievances. Many people attending the program have expressed that the arrival of Hydra has helped curb encroachments in the area, offering hope that issues will be addressed more effectively.

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despite multiple complaints. Many residents feel helpless, unsure of how to protect their land from the alleged land mafia. Despite the matter being brought to the attention of the ruling party leadership, no significant steps have been taken to address the situation, leading to growing frustration and anger among the community.

In addition to the land grab allegations, the Gudem brothers are also under investigation for their role in a Rs 300 crore granite scam. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has been probing the scam and filed charges under the Illegal Mining and Prevention of Money Laundering Act. In a recent raid, the ED seized ₹19 lakh in cash linked to the scam. Madhusudhan Reddy was arrested

and has already served a jail sentence for his involvement in the illegal mining activities.

On the political front, Mahipal Reddy's recent decision to join the Congress party in July 2024 has sparked strong opposition from local Congress leaders. Some within the party accuse Mahipal Reddy of favoring members of the BRS party, as well as targeting Congress workers. Tensions have flared within the party, particularly after the exclusion of certain local leaders from the Bollaram Municipality development program. In response, Congress workers attempted to block Mahipal Reddy's events, and his camp office was attacked by angry party members. The workers also demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's photo be dis-

played in the office.

These internal conflicts have led to growing dissatisfaction among Congress ranks, particularly among supporters of senior leader Kata Srinivas Goud. There have been reports of heated arguments between Mahipal Reddy and local Congress leaders at Gandhi Bhavan, further intensifying the rift. Local Congress workers have formally approached Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, demanding that the party leadership take a clear stance on the allegations against Mahipal Reddy.

As the controversy continues to unfold, it remains to be seen how the Congress leadership will handle the mounting pressure and internal divisions surrounding MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy.

Rythu Bharosa Funds Deposited in Accounts of Farmers

villages across the state. A total of Rs. 570 crore has been distributed, benefiting numerous farmers who were eagerly awaiting the assistance. The increased financial support is expected to provide significant relief to farmers, helping them with investments in agriculture and improving their overall financial stability.

Farmers in the selected villages have expressed their happiness and gratitude for the timely release of funds, which they believe will contribute to the betterment of their livelihoods. The Rythu Bharosa scheme continues to be an essential support mechanism for farmers in Telangana, with the government committed to enhancing its benefits to promote agricultural growth and prosperity.

KTR Takes Jibe at Congress' 'Duplicate Gandhis'

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad, Jan 28 : BRS Working President and former Minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has strongly criticized the Congress party and its leaders, accusing them of misleading the public regarding the distribution of ration cards in Telangana. Speaking at the launch of the BRSV calendar at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad, KTR called it shameful for the Congress to claim that issuing new ration cards was a historic achievement. He refuted claims made by CM Revanth Reddy, calling them blatant lies. KTR reminded the public that during the BRS government's tenure, 6.5 lakh new ration cards had been issued to eligible applicants through Meeseva across the state.

KTR also addressed the Congress' unfulfilled promises, alleging that despite claiming to implement six guarantees within 100 days, over 15 months had passed with no action. He criticized the Congress for failing to deliver on its commitments, despite winning with 420 promises.

In response to these failures, KTR announced that he would submit petitions at the Gandhi statue on January 30, sarcastically remarking that he would ask Mahatma Gandhi to make the "duplicate Gandhis" come to their senses. He concluded by stating that Telangana had made significant progress under BRS leadership, citing the establishment of Gurukuls and the increase in medical colleges from five to 33.

RTC Workers Set 45-Day Ultimatum

TPN Correspondent

Telangana, Jan 28 : Telangana RTC (TG RTC) workers have intensified their protests by issuing a 45-day deadline to the state government to address their demands, or face a strike. On Monday, RTC Joint Action Committee (JAC) leaders met with top RTC officials at the RTC Bhavan in Hyderabad and handed over strike notices outlining 21 demands. These include the merger of RTC employees with the government, the implementation of two PRCs, and the payment of dues, including a Rs. 2,700 crore balance for CCS and PF funds. The workers have warned that if these issues are not resolved within the next 45

days, they will go on strike starting from the first duty on the 9th of next month or soon thereafter.

To prevent any disruptions, a heavy police presence was deployed at the Bus Bhavan when a large number of trade union leaders arrived to submit the strike notices.

The JAC has also raised concerns regarding the introduction of electric buses in the state. They argue that these buses, along with their drivers, have no connection to the RTC, as the subsidies on electric buses are being directed to private individuals rather than the RTC. The union has demand-

ed that the government purchase these buses and hand them over to RTC to prevent privatization. They also called for the abandonment of the retro-fitment policy, which aims to convert RTC's diesel buses into electric vehicles.

The RTC workers also expressed growing insecurity over their jobs, citing harassment by management and checking officers. Many workers have suffered health issues, including heart attacks and paralysis, due to the immense pressure of their duties. The JAC insists that immediate action is required to resolve these issues and ensure the welfare of RTC employees.

Bandi Sanjay Questions Padma Nominations

TPN Correspondent

Telangana, Jan 28 : Union Minister Bandi Sanjay has launched a strong critique of the Telangana state government's handling of central welfare schemes and the Padma award nominations. Speaking at the BJP state office in Hyderabad on Monday, Sanjay accused the state government of altering the names of central welfare schemes like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Garib Kalyan Yojana, undermining the central government's efforts. He suggested that if the state continues to change the names, it could lead to confusion and detract from the intent of these programs, which are designed to benefit the poor directly.

criticized the state for mishandling funds meant for schemes like Rythu Vedika and for failing to properly implement the six guarantees promised to the people.

In a separate remark, Sanjay questioned the integrity of the Padma award nominations, urging the state government to send only deserving names for the honor. He accused the government of considering individuals with ties to Naxalites as awardees, calling such actions an insult to the sacrifices made by BJP workers. "How can we give Padma awards to traitors?" he asked, referring to the political tensions and sacrifices made by BJP workers in Telangana.

Sanjay emphasized that the central government provides the funds, and the focus should be on delivering aid to the people, not on taking credit. "Development will only happen if we come together. We should not fight over names while harming the poor," he said. He also

Sanjay's comments have sparked further political debate, as he continues to push for accountability and fair distribution of welfare benefits, highlighting ongoing tensions between the BJP and the state government.

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the accounts of 4,41,911 farmers, with Rs. 530 crores distributed for 9,48,333 acres across 577 mandals. He assured that Rythu Bharosa would be provided to all eligible farmers.



On Republic Day, the Telangana government launched four key welfare schemes: Rythu Bharosa, Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa, Indiramma Mananu, and ration cards. Minister Tummala clarified that the schemes would be implemented by March 31, including providing

Rs. 12,000 per acre under Rythu Bharosa and Rs. 5 lakh for constructing permanent homes for farmer laborers.

Kishan Reddy's Bold Comments Ahead of MLC Elections



TPN Correspondent |
Hyderabad, Jan 28 : BJP State Chief and Union Minister Kishan Reddy made a series of sensational comments during a preparatory meeting for the upcoming MLC elections. The meeting, held under his leadership, saw the presence of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka BJP in-charge Ponguleti Sudhakar Reddy and several other BJP leaders.

Kishan Reddy emphasized that the BJP should take advantage of the favorable political climate in the state. He revealed that three MLC elections are being held in 70 percent of the mandals in the state and expressed confidence that the BJP would secure three seats. He urged the party to take full advantage of the current situation, noting that there are positive conditions for securing victories in these elections.

He stressed the need to form committees at all levels, including booth, assembly, and district levels, to ensure effective coordination for the election campaign. Kishan Reddy also highlighted the importance of connecting directly with voters and suggested conducting a campaign that actively engages with them.

In line with his plans, Kishan Reddy proposed that workshops be held at the district and assembly level to streamline the campaign efforts. The BJP leader urged the party to prove its growing support through a successful performance in the upcoming MLC elections, signaling his confidence in the party's prospects.

KTR Responds to Congress's "Eno Campaign"



TPN Correspondent |
Hyderabad, Jan 28 : BRS Working President KTR fired back at the Congress party's "Eno campaign" targeting him over his remarks about the investments brought to Telangana during his Davos trip. Congress leaders had criticized KTR, suggesting that he had "indigestion" from his statements and should drink Eno to calm down. To mock him, hoardings were put up across the city, urging KTR and his father, Chief Minister KCR, to drink Eno.

At a media conference held at Telangana Bhavan, KTR responded, expressing that he was unfazed by Congress's tactics. He criticized the party for accusing him of lying and misleading the public, while they themselves claimed to have brought investments to the state. KTR acknowledged that while the people of Telangana would be happy if investments and job opportunities actually materialized, they know the truth behind these claims.

KTR also pointed out that the Congress's focus on personal attacks, like the Eno campaign, showed their inability to address the real issues facing the state. He stated that Telangana's growth and prosperity would continue regardless of the opposition's distractions.

Eatala Rajender Discusses Politics, Development

TPN Correspondent |
Hyderabad, Jan 28 : Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender made significant comments on the nature of political parties and their role in development during a felicitation program in Medchal Malkajgiri Municipality. He stated that political parties should only exist until elections, after which they must focus on comprehensive development for the people. Addressing the gathering, Eatala congratulated Chairperson Marri Deepika Narasimha Reddy, Vice Chairman Cheerla Ramesh, and corporators. He highlighted the financial contributions to the municipality, noting that out of the Rs. 65 crores spent, Rs. 62 crores were generated from local income. He emphasized the importance of politicians staying connected with the people and addressing their issues even after elections.

Eatala also assured the people of Medchal that he would complete ongoing development work, as the municipality is close to his heart. He promised to support the transformation of the four ponds in Medchal into fresh water ponds and urged the commissioner to ensure quality work. He added that opposition and



power are temporary, and progress can only be achieved by working together.

In another development, Etala Rajender has filed a petition in the High Court seeking to quash a case registered against him at Pocharam police station. The case stems from

an alleged assault on a real estate trader in the Ekashilanagar area. Etala defended his actions, stating the assault occurred due to threats posed by real estate traders to local residents. The Pocharam police are investigating the matter, and Etala has approached the High Court to resolve the issue.

Harish Rao Slams Congress for Broken Promises

TPN Correspondent |
Hyderabad, Jan 28 : BRS MLA Harish Rao fiercely criticized the Congress government for repeatedly changing its promises and failing to deliver on key schemes. He questioned the integrity of the Congress rule, stating, "Breaking the word, turning the heel... is this the mark of Congress rule?"

Rao pointed out the delay in the loan waiver promised during the elections, initially set for December 9, 2023, but now postponed to August 15, 2024. He accused the government of misleading the public, as over 20 lakh farmers are yet to receive the promised loan waiver.

He also criticized Congress leader Revanth Reddy for his promises of a Rs. 10,000 farmer assurance, which was later increased to Rs. 15,000 but was ultimately discarded. Rao claimed that Revanth Reddy's assurances, including the Yasangi and Sankranti promises, were repeatedly delayed, with no commitment to fulfilling them by the new deadline of March 31, 2025.

In a tweet, Harish Rao lamented that Congress had failed to uphold the promises of Indiramma's government, including the Rs. 4,000 support for farmers and other benefits for women, education, and employment. He urged Congress to acknowledge the hardships caused by their broken promises.



Corruption Claims by Jadcharla MLA

TPN Correspondent |
Jadcharla, Jan 28 : Jadcharla MLA Anirudh Reddy has stirred a significant controversy by publicly alleging that corruption has escalated under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in the Congress government. Known for his outspoken nature, Anirudh Reddy's recent statements have once again placed him at the center of political debates.



According to posts on social media, Reddy has specifically pointed out the rampant activities of the land mafia and corruption within the revenue department. His comments have sparked discussions not only within party circles but also in broader political arenas, with some speculating that these remarks might be directed towards fellow politician Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy.

Reddy has been quoted saying he will not

spare anyone involved in corrupt practices, indicating a possible internal rift or a call for accountability within his own party. This bold stance from the Congress MLA has led to a whirlwind of reactions and discussions, highlighting issues of governance, transparency, and party loyalty within the Congress government.

Farmers Express Grievances Over Red Gram Purchases in Cheryala

TPN Correspondent |
Cheryala, Jan 28 : Farmers in Cheryala mandal have raised concerns with MLA Palla Rajeshwer Reddy regarding the non-purchase of red gram at the designated purchasing center in the agricultural market yard. Several farmers, particularly from Akunuru village, approached the MLA after encountering difficulties with loading their harvested red gram, as the center refused to buy the produce.



Upon learning of the issue during his visit to Cheryala, MLA Palla Rajeshwer Reddy immediately contacted the relevant department officials, urging them to resolve the situation. He questioned why leaders who had orig-

inally inaugurated the procurement center with enthusiasm were now neglecting the issue.

The MLA ordered the officials to ensure that the red gram brought by the farmers be purchased at the government support price without any further delays or charges. This intervention aims to alleviate the distress of the local farmers and ensure their produce is bought at a fair price.

Theater Workshop in Nagampally Concludes Successfully

TPN Correspondent |
Narayanapet, Jan 28 : The BGA Theater Association, in collaboration with the Language and Culture Department of the Telangana State Government, successfully organized a Production Oriented Traditional Folk Theater-Bayalata Workshop in Nagampally, Maddur Mandal. The workshop, led by director and trainer Kadam Buggappa, was successfully completed on January 25th. BGA Theater Association founder and writer Srikanth Kadam announced that the workshop

will continue until March 25, 2025. Following the completion of the workshop, a five-day performance of the play based on Sri Virat Potuluri Veerabrahmendra Swamy will be staged.



Chamala Reddy Questions Bias in Padma Awards

TPN Correspondent |
Hyderabad, Jan 28 : MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has strongly criticized Union Minister Bandi Sanjay for his remarks on the late folk singer Gaddar, particularly in relation to the Padma Awards. In a video released on Monday, Kiran Kumar Reddy questioned whether Padma awards would only be given to those who praise the BJP. He expressed anger at Bandi Sanjay's comments, which he deemed disrespectful to the legacy of Gaddar, a public hero. Kiran Kumar Reddy stated that Bandi Sanjay's statement implied that awards should

only be granted to individuals who align with BJP's right-wing ideology, raising concerns about political bias in the awards process.

Further, the MP emphasized the continued discrimination against Telangana by the central government, even a decade after the state's formation. He lamented that despite the state's contribution, including the election of 8 BJP MPs, the Telangana government's recommendations for Padma awards had been overlooked. Kiran Kumar Reddy also warned that if the central government fails to fulfill its



promises and resolve pending issues in the upcoming budget, Congress MPs from the state are prepared to protest.

Konda Surekha Wishes Tribals on Nagoba Jatara Festival

TPN Correspondent |
Adilabad, Jan 28 : On the occasion of the Mahapuja marking the opening of the Nagoba Jatara festival, Forest, Environment, and Endowment Department Minister Smt. Konda Surekha extended her heartfelt wishes to the tribal community. Minister Surekha praised the tribals' devotion in honoring the Nagoba Jatara, a festival that symbolizes the rich culture and traditions of the tribal people.

She highlighted that the Nagoba Jatara, which will be held in Keslapur, Adilabad

district from January 28 to February 4, is not only a significant tribal event but also the second-largest tribal fair in the country.

The minister assured that the state government had made all necessary arrangements to ensure the convenience of the tribal devotees attending the fair from various parts of the country. Minister Surekha expressed her hope that, with the blessings of Nagoba, the state would witness prosperity, especially in dairy farming, and that peace and harmony would prevail throughout Telangana.



Celebrate the Grand Opening of Habibs Hair & Beauty Salon

– Your New Destination for Luxury Beauty and Style

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad, Jan 28 : Habibs Salon is excited to announce the grand opening of our new, state-of-the-art salon in the heart of Behind HDFC Bank, SriRangapuram Colony, Bollaram Road, Miyapur. As the newest addition to Hyderabad's vibrant beauty scene, Habibs offers a comprehensive range of top-tier hair and beauty services designed to cater to the diverse needs and styles. Niharika Sood Miss Universe Telangana 2024 along with The Legend & Founder of Habibs salon Ahmed Habib and Aman Habib inaugurated Habibs Hair & Beauty Salon along with Master franchisee for Telangana & Andhra Pradesh Gautam Manghnani & Vishal Verma, Salon owners Shriti Ladda & Prashant Ladda .



cated and inviting ambiance for our valued clients. The salon's commitment to excellence extends beyond services to provide a truly luxurious and revitalizing atmosphere", said Niharika Sood.

"Habibs Salon is proud to introduce cutting-edge services that cater to the diverse needs of our clientele. From trendsetting haircuts to rejuvenating skin care treatments, our team of skilled professionals is committed to delivering unparalleled results. Our menu now includes bespoke styling, premium hair



color treatments, and personalized skincare routines", said Ahmed Habib & Aman Habib.

Shriti Ladda speaks on this occasion, " At Habibs Salon, we believe that beauty is a reflection of self-expression, and we are here to help our clients achieve their desired look with personalized care. Banjara Hills academy is one of the most high rated academics. We provide all basic to advanced training Habibs top rated salon service training hair and make up as well as up to date service and all brand products training as well"

"Habibs Hair & Beauty Salon, a leading destination for beauty and relaxation, is thrilled to announce a range of exciting new services and stylish upgrades to

enhance the overall salon experience. In addition to these innovative services, Habibs has undergone a chic makeover with modern décor and upgraded facilities, creating a sophisti-

Tension at BJP Office Following Bandi Sanjay's Comments



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad, Jan 28 : A tense atmosphere erupted at the Nampally BJP office as Congress workers protested against Union Minister Bandi Sanjay's controversial remarks. Congress supporters attempted to surround the BJP office, raising slogans demanding the resignation of Bandi Sanjay and calling for his removal. They also burned his effigy in protest. The police intervened and stopped the protesters as they marched from Gandhi Bhavan toward the BJP office, creating further tension.

The protest was sparked by Bandi Sanjay's comments regarding popular folk singer Gaddar and his alleged links to Naxalites. Sanjay questioned how Gaddar could be considered for a Padma Award, claiming that Naxalites had killed BJP workers and that Gaddar was involved in violent activities. In response, Congress leaders strongly condemned his remarks, accusing the BJP of awarding Padma Awards based on political allegiance and ideology. Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu also expressed dissatisfaction with the Padma Awards announcement, claiming that the center ignored the recommendations made by the state government. The controversy continues to escalate as both parties exchange criticisms over the issue.

Software Engineer Arrested for Selling Foreign Ganja in Gachibowli

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad, Jan 28 : The Excise Task Force police have arrested a software engineer for selling foreign ganja at Prashanthi Hills Timber Lake Valley in Gachibowli. The accused, identified as Shivaram, a software engineer at Deloitte in Bengaluru, was caught with 170 grams of foreign ganja, 1 kg of local ganja, a bike, and a cellphone.



importing ganja from California, USA, and selling it in Hyderabad. He allegedly worked with another software engineer, Ajay, who is currently absconding. The two are said to have been

involved in the drug trade every weekend, sourcing local ganja from Bengaluru and distributing it in Hyderabad via private buses.

The police are now on the lookout for Ajay, and are investigating the network involved, including potential connections to film stars who may have received the foreign ganja. The authorities are working to uncover the full extent of the illegal narcotics trade in the city.

Shivaram is accused of illegally

Film Actor and Driver Arrested in Fatal Banjara Hills Car Accident

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad, Jan 28 : The Banjara Hills police have arrested the key accused and a film actor in connection with a fatal car accident that occurred near Basavataarakam Cancer Hospital on Friday night. The incident, which resulted in the death of an unidentified person, also left two others injured after a Mahindra Thar car, driven at high speed, lost control and crashed onto the footpath.

The driver of the car, Made Sanket Srinivas alias Teja (23), from Ashoknagar in Nizamabad, was identified as the main suspect in the crash. The car belonged to film actor Harshavardhan Sadula, who is also from Nizamabad and currently working on the film Arjun Deora.

According to the police, Harshavardhan had suggested that his friend Rakesh, who had been drinking, be picked up from Airline pub. Sanket Srinivas, along with his friend Karthik, took the vehicle and caused the accident. Initial reports suggested Karthik was the driver, but further investigation revealed Sanket was behind the wheel at the time.

Harshavardhan was arrested for allowing a driver without a valid license to operate his car. Both Sanket and Harshavardhan were charged under several sections of the IPC, the PDPP Act, and the MV Act and were remanded in custody.

Sri Chaitanya Kitchen License Suspended Over Food Safety Violations

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad, Jan 28 : The Food Safety Officers on Friday suspended the license of Sri Chaitanya Educational Institutions' central kitchen in Greater Hyderabad following repeated violations. This marks the third inspection within six months where substandard kitchen practices were found, including the use of low-quality vegetables. Last June, lab tests confirmed that the vegetables used in the kitchen were substandard. During the latest inspection, approximately 125 kg of expired food items were seized from the kitchen. Staff and administrators at Sri Chaitanya engaged in a heated argument with food safety officers, claiming that suspending the kitchen would disrupt the supply of food to thousands of students. Despite the dispute, food safety officers maintained their stance and emphasized the importance of maintaining food quality and safety standards.



Minor Sexually Assaulted for Five Years

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad, Jan 28 : In a disturbing incident from Banjara Hills, Mohammad Shoaib, a resident of Road No. 12, has been accused of sexually assaulting a minor for five years. The victim, now 20, was in a relationship with Shoaib, who allegedly took advantage of her while she was underage, leading to her pregnancy. Shoaib's family intervened, promising marriage on the day of the Mehndi function. However, following this promise, the young woman took legal action, filing a complaint against Shoaib for justice. The local police have launched a search for Mohammad Shoaib in response to the allegations. This case highlights serious issues of consent, underage relationships, and the manipulation of marriage promises in the community.



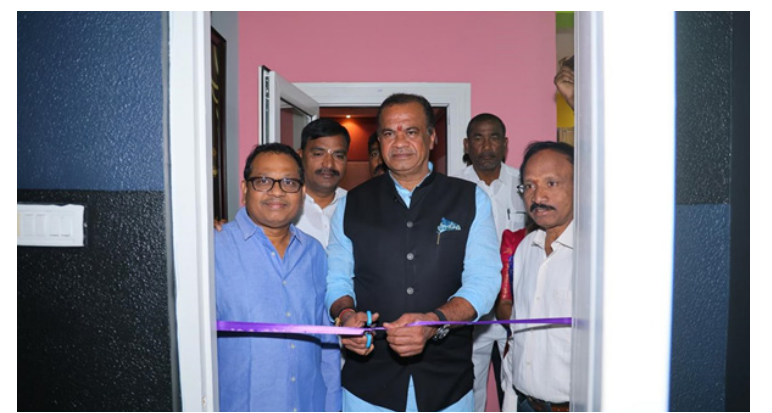
Minister Komatireddy Opens Ramesh Studios

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad, Jan 28 : Telangana Cinematography Minister inaugurates the new facility alongside key film industry figures. Ramesh Studios had its grand opening today in OU Colony, Manikonda, marking a significant milestone in the film industry. The ceremony was led by Telangana Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy, who officially inaugurated the studio and the DI Suite.

The event saw the opening of several key areas, including the dubbing theater by Telugu Film Producers Council President and Film Chamber Secretary Damodar Prasad, and the editing room by Aleru MLA and government whip Beerla Ilayya. Telangana Film Chamber Secretary Anupama Reddy also inaugurated the second suite.

The opening was attended by notable figures from both the film industry and local governance, including Manikonda Municipal Chairman Narendra, Federation President and Chatrapuri President Vallabhaneni Anil Kumar, Nalgonda DCMS Chairman Bolla Venkata Reddy, along with numerous councilors and film personalities, who all contributed to the success of the event.

This marks a new chapter for Ramesh Studios, which aims to provide state-of-the-art facilities for the film and entertainment industry.



Mirpet Murder Mystery Solved

– Husband Gurumurthy Confesses to Brutal Crime

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad, Jan 28 : The Mirpet police have finally unraveled the mystery behind the murder of Venkata Madhavi, confirming her husband, Gurumurthy, as the killer. The case, which remained unsolved for several days due to a lack of evidence, was cracked with the help of the Blue Team and DNA evidence.



On January 14th, during the Sankranti festival, the couple watched the movie 'Sankranti Ki Samaranam'. An argument ensued afterward, leading Gurumurthy to attack Madhavi, causing her to lose consciousness. He then suffocated her to death, dismembered her body into four parts, and heated them in a water heater to erase evidence. Drawing inspiration from the movie 'Nishikodarsani', he tried to make her appear like a ghost by burning the limbs and grinding the bones into powder with an iron rod, which he then scattered into a pond.

Gurumurthy sustained injuries while disposing of the body, which ultimately led to his confession. The police recently shared these gruesome details with the media, shedding light on one of the most chilling cases in recent memory.

Land Mafia Rampage in Pathan Cheru: Locals Demand Immediate Action

TPN Correspondent | Sangareddy, Jan 28 : A large-scale land mafia operation has unfolded in Pathan Cheru, Sangareddy district, as about 100 individuals attempted to seize valuable land in the Defense Colony area. The group of thugs stormed private land, causing chaos and alarming local residents. The violence, captured on CCTV cameras of nearby buildings, has created panic among the community.

Multiple complaints have been filed by locals about the land mafia's aggressive actions. There are suspicions that the perpetrators are affiliated with the younger brother of the Pathan Cheru MLA. The locals are now urgently calling on the police to intervene and resolve the matter, as tensions rise over the growing influence of these criminal elements. Authorities are being urged to take swift action to protect the landowners and restore order in the area.



Court Orders Government to Expand Atmiya Bharosa Scheme

TPN Correspondent |
Telangana, Jan 28 :

Telangana government has faced a setback regarding the Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa scheme. The scheme, launched by the Revanth government on Republic Day, aims to provide Rs. 12,000 annually to landless farm laborers under the Rythu Atmiya Bharosa initiative.

However, social activist Gavinolla Srinivas filed a petition in the High Court challenging the scheme. He pointed out that more than 8 lakh laborers in 129 municipalities are not included in the scheme. The court bench hearing the case observed that laborers are laborers regardless of their location. As a result, the High Court directed the Chief Secretary of Telangana to ensure that farm laborers in the municipalities are included in the Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa scheme within four weeks.



This order has raised serious concerns for the state government as it now faces the task of addressing the court's directive while ensuring the successful implementation of the scheme. The High Court's ruling marks a significant point in the ongoing debate over the inclusiveness and fairness of the scheme in benefiting all eligible farm laborers.

Special Officers Take Charge in Telangana Municipalities

TPN Correspondent |
Telangana, Jan 28 :

The Telangana government has appointed special officers to oversee 128 municipalities and corporations across the state, following the expiry of the tenure of local bodies. The new appointments come into effect from today (Monday), as the tenure of the ruling bodies in municipalities ended on Sunday.

Due to the lack of time to conduct elections for these local bodies, the Revanth government has

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(1) S.No.	(2) Name of the District	(3) Name of the S.O.	(4) Special Officer
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3	Bhadrachalam	Yellandu	ACIA, Bhadrachalam Dist.
4	Hamamabad	Parkal	ACIA, Hamamabad Dist.
5	Jagjil	Channarayana	ACIA, Jagjil Dist.
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decided to continue governance through special officers. The government issued orders for the appointment of these officers to ensure the smooth functioning of municipalities and corporations until the elections are held.

The decision comes at a time when the state faces an administrative transition, and the appointment of special officers is seen as a temporary measure to maintain stability and governance in local bodies. The move is expected to keep public services running while the government works on preparing for upcoming elections.

Honor Killing in Suryapet: Love Marriage Leads to Brutal Murder

TPN Correspondent |

Suryapet, Jan 28 : In a tragic incident in Mamillagadda, Suryapet, Vadlakonda Krishna, also known as Mala Banti, was brutally murdered in what appears to be another case of honor killing. Krishna's body was discovered on the embankment of the Musi River, along the stretch from Janagama Road to Pillaramarri.

The young man, who had married for love just six months prior, was found with clear signs of having been stoned to death. Krishna was known to the police, being an accused in several cases, which might suggest that old enmities played a role in this heinous act.

The local community has been shaken by this event, highlighting the ongoing issue of honor killings despite societal and legal advancements. The Suryapet police are actively searching for the perpetrators involved in Krishna's murder, aiming to bring justice to this sorrowful case that has once again brought the dark issue of honor killings into the public eye.



Farmers Protest at Achampeta Agricultural Market Office



TPN Correspondent |

Nagarkurnool, Jan 28 : Farmers in Achampeta are protesting after failing to receive fair prices for their crops, particularly groundnuts, which they claim were being exploited by middlemen. Frustrated by the lack of remunerative prices, the farmers besieged the Agricultural Market office in Achampeta, demanding justice for their hard work.

The protest escalated when farmers stormed the market office, attacking the husband of the market chairperson and the market secretary. They destroyed office furniture, including mirrors and chairs, in their anger over the unfair practices. The protesters also gathered at Ambedkar Square, engaging in discussions with farmers and market traders who arrived at the scene.

Details of the incident are still emerging, but the situation has highlighted growing concerns over exploitation in agricultural markets and the need for fair pricing mechanisms.

Tension Between Two Communities Over Government Land in Siddipet

TPN Correspondent |

Siddipet, Jan 28 : Tension erupted between two communities over a vacant government land in Bahilimpur, Markuk mandal, Siddipet district. The dispute began when one group decided to build a temple on the land, while another group planned to construct a tomb. The disagreement escalated into a major clash between the

Hindu and Muslim communities, creating severe tension in the area.

The local police swiftly intervened, reaching the scene to de-escalate the situation. Efforts are underway to mediate between the groups and restore peace. Authorities are working to prevent further violence and resolve the issue amicably.



Balakrishna Reddy Opposes UGC VC Guidelines

TPN Correspondent |

Hyderabad, Jan 28 : Telangana Higher Education Council Chairman Balakrishna Reddy has voiced his opposition to the new UGC guidelines on the appointment of Vice Chancellors (VCs). He criticized the guidelines for allowing the appointment of bureaucrats and corporate officials as VCs, stating that it is inappropriate to appoint such individuals without academic backgrounds.

Reddy argued that the UGC guidelines promote privatization and undermine the spirit of federalism, which harms state universities. He emphasized that universities should remain independent and led by experienced



academics. According to the current process, VCs are appointed based on their academic experience, administrative ability, and subject knowledge, with a committee of experts selecting candidates after thorough scrutiny. The new UGC guidelines, however, propose allowing executives, technicians, and bureaucrats from institutions like NITs and IITs, as well as corporate organizations, to be appointed as VCs. Reddy expressed concern that such appointments could negatively affect the academic standards of universities. He assured that a committee has been formed to review the issue and a report will be submitted to the government soon.

Students Protest for Removal of Vice Chancellor

TPN Correspondent |

Nalgonda, Jan 28 : Students at Mahatma Gandhi University in Nalgonda staged a massive protest demanding the removal of Vice Chancellor (VC) for allegedly disrupting their academic lives. The students organized a three-hour agitation in front of the VC's office, accompanied by the beating of drums.

The protesters expressed frustration over what they described as dictatorial decisions by the VC that have severely impacted students' education. Despite multiple appeals regarding the issues faced by students, the VC's office had not responded, leading students to accuse the administration of sabotaging their academic progress.

The students also called for the immediate postponement of the third-semester exams for a month and warned that they would escalate the protest if their demands were not met. Following talks between university staff and the VC, the protest ended after the VC assured the students that their concerns would be addressed, and justice would be served.

Former Sarpanch Parameshwar Patil Leads Foot March to Meet KCR



TPN Correspondent |

Jharasangam, Jan 28 : Former Sarpanch Parameshwar Patil from Medapalli village, Jharasangam mandal, along with about 100 youths, began a foot march to meet BRS Chief KCR. On Monday, Patil and his team performed special pujas, including abhishekam and Maha Mangala Aarti, at the Sangameshwara Swamy temple for KCR's long and healthy life.

The four-day padayatra will cover a distance of 140 kilometers, passing through Gajwel

and concluding at KCR's residence in Erravalli. The march was inaugurated by Zaheerabad MLA Manikrao and DCMS Chairman Shiva Kumar, who assured support to Patil and his group during the journey. Patil expressed his admiration for KCR, stating that the BRS leader has significantly improved the state's value in the past decade. He emphasized that the people of Telangana will realize the deficit in governance in KCR's absence. The padayatra aims to highlight the challenges faced by the people under the Congress government.

Farmers Express Grievances Over Red Gram Purchases in Cheryala



TPN Correspondent |

Cheryala, Jan 28 : Farmers in Cheryala mandal have raised concerns with MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy regarding the non-purchase of red gram at the designated purchasing center in the agricultural market yard. Several farmers, particularly from Akunuru village, approached the MLA after encountering difficulties with loading their harvested red gram, as the center refused to buy the produce.

Upon learning of the issue during his visit to Cheryala, MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy immediately con-

tacted the relevant department officials, urging them to resolve the situation. He questioned why leaders who had originally inaugurated the procurement center with enthusiasm were now neglecting the issue.

The MLA ordered the officials to ensure that the red gram brought by the farmers be purchased at the government support price without any further delays or charges. This intervention aims to alleviate the distress of the local farmers and ensure their produce is bought at a fair price.

Religious Conversions in Andhra: A National Security Wake-Up Call

The phenomenon of religious conversions in Andhra Pradesh has reached a critical juncture, raising alarm over its implications for social harmony and national security. What was once perceived as an isolated religious choice has now transformed into a broader issue with far-reaching consequences. The activities of organizations involved in these conversions, especially those receiving foreign funding, warrant immediate and thorough investigation. Beyond personal beliefs, this matter has significant social, political, and security dimensions that require urgent attention.

Missionary organizations often frame their work as humanitarian, aiming to uplift marginalized communities. While this narrative garners support and funding, a closer look reveals more complex and potentially troubling motives. Many of these organizations, particularly those backed by foreign entities, appear to pursue calculated strategies to alter the demographic composition of Andhra Pradesh. These demographic shifts could disrupt the region's cultural and social balance, enabling political manipulation and increasing social tensions.

The implications of unchecked religious conversions extend beyond immediate demographics. The establishment of new religious worship sites in villages and mandals across Andhra Pradesh over the past five years signals an organized effort to influence the local populace. This has the potential to destabilize the region, leading to social unrest and even challenges to governance. As conversions increase, the resulting polarization could deepen existing divisions, making communities more susceptible to external influences and destabilizing national unity.

Urgent Need for Comprehensive Action
To address this growing challenge, the following areas must be investigated:

1. Sources of Funding

Transparency in funding is crucial to understanding the motivations behind these conversions. Are these funds gen-



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uinely for charitable purposes, or are they part of a larger strategy by foreign entities to destabilize the region? Identifying the origins of financial support is the first step in curbing any harmful agendas.

2. Oversight and Accountability

Local authorities and regulatory bodies must take responsibility for monitoring the activities of organizations involved in religious conversions. Are these entities adhering to local laws and regulations? A robust oversight mechanism is essential to prevent misuse of power or influence.

3. Nature of Activities

What events and programs are being conducted at these newly established worship sites? Are they solely focused on religion, or do they include political or divisive social agendas? Understanding the scope and intent of these activities will help identify potential risks.

4. Registration and Legitimacy

Proper registration and compliance with local laws are critical for ensuring transparency. Are these organizations operating legally, or are they bypassing regulations to further hidden agendas? Strengthening Legal and Regulatory Frameworks
The Foreign Contribution Regulation Act

(FCRA) must be enforced rigorously to ensure organizations receiving foreign funding adhere to national legal standards. Key measures should include regular audits, transparent reporting, and strict penalties for non-compliance. Additionally, central government agencies must enhance their oversight mechanisms to monitor NGO activities, ensuring they align with national priorities and ethical practices. Proactive Measures to Safeguard National Security

Given the scale of conversions and the potential risks, a multi-faceted approach is necessary:

1. Temporary Suspension of Foreign Funding

As a precautionary measure, suspend foreign funding to religious institutions until detailed audits confirm the transparency and legitimacy of their operations.

2. Public Disclosure of Funding Details

Funding sources for these organizations must be made publicly accessible to promote accountability and discourage misuse.

3. Strengthening Local Monitoring

Equip local authorities with the resources and authority needed to oversee the activities of organizations in their jurisdictions effectively.

The rise of religious conversions in Andhra Pradesh is more than a regional concern—it is a national wake-up call. Left unchecked, this trend could undermine India's social fabric, destabilize its political landscape, and threaten its security. By enforcing stringent regulations, fostering transparency, and enhancing oversight mechanisms, India can safeguard its cultural and social integrity. This is not merely a state-level issue; it is a matter of national importance that requires immediate and coordinated action to ensure long-term stability and harmony.



The People's Padma: How PM Modi Redefined India's Highest Civilian Awards

The Padma Awards, instituted in 1954, have long been a symbol of India's recognition of excellence in various fields such as arts, science, social service, and sports. Initially, the Padma Vibhushan was classified into three categories: Class I, II, and III, ranking just below the Bharat Ratna. Over time, the awards were restructured into three separate honours: the Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri. However, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the Padma Awards have undergone a transformative shift, evolving into what can now be seen as true "People's Awards," celebrating inclusivity, democracy, and merit.

The most recent list of Padma Awardees underscores this evolution. It reflects a deliberate effort to recognize individuals from all walks of life, especially those contributing to society in the fields of social service, culture, and community welfare. Figures such as Nagaland's L. Hangthing, the "Fruit Man," who revolutionized fruit cultivation, and Bhim Singh Bhavesh from Bihar's Buxar district, a champion of the Musahar community, epitomize this shift. These unsung heroes, working quietly and selflessly, are driving real social change.

Noteworthy awardees like 106-year-old environmentalist Saalumarada Thimmakka, known as the "Mother of Trees," and Tulsi Gowda, a member of the Pakkali tribal community, are also celebrated for their tireless dedication to causes that go beyond personal fame. Their recognitions align with the original purpose of the Padma Awards—to honour those who embody service, dedication, and excellence, regardless of status.

A significant reform under PM Modi's leadership has been the democratization of the selection process. Prior to 2016, the awards were often seen as elitist and opaque, with selections influenced by political affiliations. In 2016, the nomination process was opened to the public, allowing any Indian citizen to nominate deserving individuals. This change has led to over 50,000 nominations annually, ensuring that selections are based solely on merit and contribution to society.

Indian Schools: Falling Short of Preparing Students for the Future

India's school infrastructure is at a critical juncture, where immediate attention is needed not only to address existing gaps but also to reimagine how schools can equip students for the challenges of the future. The Ministry of Education's recently released Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2023-24 report paints a concerning picture of deficiencies in basic amenities such as drinking water, functional toilets, and electricity. But beyond these immediate concerns lies a much larger question: Are our schools ready to nurture future-ready students with the necessary skills to thrive in an increasingly complex world?



While technological advancements are reshaping education globally, Indian schools are struggling to meet even the basic needs for a future-oriented education system. Many schools lack essential infrastructure such as functional computer labs, science labs, and integrated learning devices. This points to the urgent need not just for foundational amenities, but also for advanced educational infrastructure that aligns with the demands of a rapidly changing world.

Digital Infrastructure in Schools

According to the UDISE+ report, only 57% of the 14.71 lakh schools in India have computer facilities, and of those, just 50.9% are equipped with functional systems for teaching purposes. Even more troubling is that only 8.1% of schools have integrated teaching-learning devices, and only 24.4% boast operational smart classrooms. This digital divide must be addressed immediately to ensure that no student is left behind in an increasingly digital world.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the critical role of digital tools in education, and while the need for digital infrastructure has grown, progress in upgrading this infrastructure has been alarmingly slow. Bridging the digital divide through affordable devices, reliable internet access, and teacher training should be a top priority to ensure that Indian students are prepared for future careers in a tech-driven world.

Skills for the Future

Beyond digital literacy, schools must equip students with critical skills like problem-solving, communication, adaptability, and analytical thinking. As technology continues to

redefine the workforce, subjects like coding, artificial intelligence, and data literacy should become an integral part of the curriculum. These competencies will enable students to thrive in an ever-changing global landscape.

Building Climate-Resilient Schools

As India faces the growing challenges of climate change, schools must prepare students to engage with environmental issues. The UDISE+ 2023-24 report reveals that only 10.5% of schools have solar panels, and 36.2% have kitchen gardens—resources that could play a vital role in teaching sustainability. Programs focused on waste management, renewable energy, and conservation could transform schools into hubs of environmental responsibility, providing hands-on experiences that foster practical learning.

Tinkering labs, which only 10.9% of schools currently have, are another critical resource for fostering creativity and problem-solving skills. Integrating environmental challenges into these labs could help students design sustainable solutions, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.

The Path Forward

The Ministry of Education must take a lead role in addressing these gaps and ensuring schools are equipped for the future. Investments should prioritize both foundational infrastructure—such as electricity, water, and sanitation—and advanced resources like computer labs, science labs, and smart classrooms. A focus on making schools future-ready is essential to providing equitable, high-quality education for all students.

Can India Redeem Itself in the 2023 Champions Trophy?

The ICC Champions Trophy, which India won in 2013, remains a fond memory for many cricket fans. With Shikhar Dhawan's player-of-the-tournament performance and Virat Kohli's iconic 'Gangnam Style' dance, that victory marked the last time India clinched an ICC ODI tournament. As the Champions Trophy returns in 2023 after a six-year hiatus, India faces a critical opportunity to redeem itself, especially after underwhelming performances in recent series against Sri Lanka, New Zealand, and Australia.



The upcoming Champions Trophy holds immense significance for India, particularly as the team looks to recover its confidence after a series of setbacks. Winning the tournament would reignite the euphoria from last year's T20 World Cup victory and provide a much-needed boost ahead of the 2023-2027 ODI cycle. For senior players like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, this could be a make-or-break tournament. With their international futures intertwined with strong performances, both players must rediscover their form. Kohli, who once dominated the ODI format, will be aiming to put his recent struggles behind him. With over 14,000 runs and 50 centuries in this format, a strong showing in this tournament could help him reclaim his 'King Kohli' status. Similarly, Rohit Sharma, with his three ODI double centuries and impressive career stats, has the opportunity to rebuild his image and legacy.

Coach Gautam Gambhir, who took over the role just six months ago, also has a lot riding on this tournament. Though it's early in his coaching career, a Champions Trophy win could cement his credibility. For the team, the opportunity to clinch another ICC title, especially under his guidance, would be a significant achievement.

India's squad is looking strong on paper, particularly in the batting department, with a good mix of experienced and young players. However, the fast-bowling unit is a potential weakness. Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami are returning from injuries, and with no Mohammed Siraj in the squad, India's pace attack could face challenges.

Focused Governance: PM Modi's 'One Nation, One Election' Appeal To NCC Cadets

Shiromani Akali Dal demands probe into alleged misuse of public funds. Prime Minister Modi emphasizes the role of young voices in shaping India's political future.

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged India's youth to actively participate in the national debate on the "One Nation, One Election" proposal, which aims to synchronize Lok Sabha and state elections. Addressing a National Cadet Corps (NCC) rally in Delhi, Modi highlighted the significance of this reform for India's democracy, calling it a critical step toward policy stability and effective governance.

Historical Context: Modi pointed out that simultaneous elections were a norm post-independence but were disrupted over time, leading to frequent elections and their associated challenges, such as continuous campaigning and policy delays.

Global Comparisons: Referencing election practices in countries like the United States, Modi emphasized the benefits of streamlined elections.

Youth Involvement: The Prime Minister urged young people to engage in discussions about this initiative, stating, "This issue is directly linked to your future." He encouraged youth to contribute fresh ideas to politics, reiterating his vision of involving one lakh young leaders in gov-



ernance.

NCC Growth: Highlighting the increasing participation in the NCC, Modi noted the rise in cadet numbers from 14 lakh in 2014 to 20 lakh today, with a significant contribution from female cadets. President Droupadi Murmu also endorsed the "One Nation, One Election" initiative, emphasizing its potential to reduce financial burdens, prevent policy paralysis, and ensure consistent governance.

Controversy and Debate:

The proposal has ignited a spirited national conversation. Supporters, including the BJP, argue it could lead to cost-effective and stable governance, while critics, particularly opposition parties, warn about potential risks to India's federal structure and the independence of state legislatures.

As the discussion gains momentum, Modi's call to the youth aims to ensure the next generation is at the forefront of shaping India's evolving democratic practices.

Stalin gets relief in 'Sanatana Dharma' remark case

TPN Correspondent | Chennai

Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin received a significant reprieve on Monday as the Supreme Court declined to entertain three writ petitions seeking criminal action against him over his controversial remarks on 'Sanatana Dharma.' The petitions were dismissed with the liberty for petitioners to seek alternative legal remedies.

Court's Decision:

The petitions, filed by B Jagannath, Vineet Jindal, and Sanatan Suraksha Parishad, alleged that Stalin's remarks equating 'Sanatana Dharma' to diseases like dengue and malaria constituted hate speech and hurt religious sentiments.

A bench comprising Justice Bela M. Trivedi and Justice Prasanna B. Varale questioned the maintainability of the petitions under Article 32 of the Constitution. Senior Advocate Dama Seshadri Naidu, representing the petitioners, sought permission to withdraw the petitions, which the court granted, allowing them to explore other legal remedies.

Stalin's Stance:

Udhayanidhi Stalin has consistently refused to apologise for his remarks made at the 'Sanatana Abolition Conference' in September 2023. He asserted that his statement was rooted in the ideologies of Dravidian leaders like Periyar, CN Annadurai, and M. Karunanidhi, and aimed to critique a system he believes opposes social justice and equality.

"My words were twisted," Stalin said, acknowledging the widespread criticism and legal actions. "Cases have been filed against me across India. They demanded an apology, but I stand by my words. I'm the grandson of Kalaingar, and I will not apologise."

The Controversy:

Stalin's comments, where he called for the "eradication" of Sanatana Dharma, sparked nationwide outrage, particularly from the BJP and Hindu organisations, leading to protests and multiple FIRs. His elevation to Deputy Chief Minister in September 2024 was reportedly delayed due to the backlash.



Mamta Kulkarni's Appointment Sparks Controversy Among Saints

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The recent appointment of former Bollywood actress Mamta Kulkarni as the Mahamandaleshwar of the Kinnar Akhara during the Mahakumbh Mela in Prayagraj has ignited a debate among spiritual leaders. While some have celebrated her elevation, others have expressed strong reservations, citing her controversial past.

Kulkarni, now Shriyamai Mamta Nand Giri, was initiated into her new role by Laxmi Narayan Tripathi, the president of the Kinnar Akhara. The ceremony included traditional rituals that symbolized her integration into the spiritual community. However, this high-profile induction has divided opinion within the religious fraternity.

Several saints have questioned the decision, with Shri Swami Anand Swaroop Maharaj of Shambhavi Peeth calling it a "betrayal of Sanatan Dharma." Swaroop Maharaj advised Kulkarni to reconsider her path, suggesting that her appointment could tarnish her reputation and harm the Akhara's image.

Similarly, Mahamandaleshwar Balaknanda Ji Maharaj and Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Balaknanda Ji have expressed concerns, questioning Kulkarni's qualifications for the role and whether her past aligns with the spiritual ideals of the Akhara.

Despite the criticism, some members of the Kinnar Akhara and its supporters argue that transformation and redemption are key tenets of spiritual life. They believe that Kulkarni's journey could inspire others to embrace spirituality, regardless of their past. Mamta Kulkarni's appointment as Mahamandaleshwar has brought attention to the evolving dynamics within spiritual institutions. While the controversy highlights tensions between tradition and change, it also raises questions about the criteria for spiritual leadership and the possibility of personal transformation within Sanatan Dharma.



Rahul accuses BJP-RSS of insulting Ambedkar Constitution

TPN Correspondent | Mhow

Addressing the Jai Bapu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan rally, Rahul Gandhi accused the BJP and RSS of disrespecting Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and his vision of the Constitution. He alleged that the current government is systematically undermining the rights of marginalized communities.

Gandhi announced that the Congress would initiate a nationwide caste census upon returning to power at the Centre. He argued that such a census is essential to address historical inequities and ensure equitable resource distribution.

Gandhi accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration of working for billionaires, claiming it is dismantling employment opportunities and concentrating the nation's wealth among a select few. He alleged that Dalits, tribals, and other marginalized groups are being pushed into modern-day slavery through economic policies that favor the elite.



Emphasizing Ambedkar's legacy, Gandhi stated, "The BJP-RSS aim to change the Constitution framed by Ambedkar. Their '400 paar' slogan from last year's polls reflects their intent to consolidate unchecked power." He urged Congress workers to actively safeguard the Constitution.

The rally is part of Congress's ongoing campaign to counter the BJP's narrative and mobilize support among Dalits, OBCs, and other marginalized groups. Gandhi's focus on caste-based issues aligns with the party's broader strategy to challenge the BJP in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Rahul Gandhi's speech reflects the Congress party's attempts to position itself as the defender of Ambedkar's vision and the rights of marginalized communities. As the electoral battle intensifies, issues of caste, economic disparity, and constitutional integrity are expected to dominate political discourse.



AAP Releases 15-Point Manifesto Ahead of Delhi Assembly Elections

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

With the Delhi assembly elections approaching, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal unveiled the party's manifesto on Monday, focusing on employment, women's welfare, and public transport reforms. The manifesto highlights 15 guarantees, reflecting AAP's commitment to fulfilling promises made to Delhi's residents.

Key Guarantees in the Manifesto:

Employment Creation:

Kejriwal's foremost promise is robust job creation for Delhiites, aiming to address unemployment in the capital.

Mahila Samman Yojana:

The manifesto introduces the Mahila Samman Yojana, pledging a monthly financial aid of ₹2,100 for women, emphasizing the party's focus on empowering women.

Sanjeevani Yojana for Senior Citizens:

AAP has promised free healthcare for senior citizens under the Sanjeevani Yojana, ensuring quality medical facilities without financial burdens.

Free Bus Travel for Students:

Extending its free public transport initiatives, AAP guarantees free bus travel for students and a 50% concession on metro fares to promote accessible and affordable commuting.

Water Bill Waivers and 24x7 Supply:

AAP pledged to waive outstanding "hiked" water bills and provide uninterrupted clean drinking water to every household in Delhi.

At the manifesto launch, Kejriwal took a jab at the BJP, saying, "We coined the term 'guarantee' in the country. After us, the BJP stole it, but the difference is, we fulfil our guarantees, and they do not." With its 15-point manifesto, AAP aims to retain power in Delhi by addressing pressing issues like unemployment, public transport, and women's welfare. As the capital gears up for elections next month, voters will weigh these promises against the party's past performance.

Indonesian Navy Chief Admiral Muhammad Ali's Visit to India Strengthens Defence Ties

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Admiral Muhammad Ali, Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Navy, visited India alongside President Prabowo Subianto, who graced India's Republic Day Parade 2025 as Chief Guest. The visit underscored the growing defence and maritime cooperation between the two nations, highlighted by bilateral talks and significant advancements in the proposed USD 450 million BrahMos missile deal.

Admiral Ali engaged in talks with Admi-

ral Dinesh K. Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff of India, focusing on bolstering maritime collaboration and addressing regional challenges. Key topics included the enhancement of Exercise Samudra Shakti, cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), and tackling illegal activities such as piracy and smuggling.

The Admiral also toured significant Indian maritime establishments like the Information Fusion Centre - Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) and the Weapons and Electronics Systems Engineering Estab-

lishment (WESEE), reflecting the shared commitment to regional stability and technological collaboration.

A pivotal moment of Admiral Ali's visit was his interaction at BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL), where discussions on advancing defence strategies took centre stage. Coinciding with President Subianto's meeting with BrahMos officials at a banquet hosted by President Droupadi Murmu, sources confirmed that negotiations for the \$450 million BrahMos missile system are nearing conclusion.

We Will Not Leave: Palestinians Slam Donald Trump's Idea To Clean Out Gaza

Trump's proposal to relocate Gazans sparks widespread condemnation



TPN Correspondent | Gaza City

The latest chapter in the Gaza conflict has seen Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas and Hamas strongly denounce U.S. President Donald Trump's suggestion to relocate Gazans to neighboring countries. Trump's proposal, described as a plan to "clean out" Gaza, was met with universal rejection from Palestinian factions and neighboring states, who labeled it as an attempt at ethnic cleansing.

Hamas, along with Islamic Jihad, pledged to thwart such initiatives, recalling past resistance to displacement plans. Abbas reiterated Palestinians' steadfastness in their homeland, rejecting any project aimed at uprooting them. Trump suggested relocating Gaza's 2.4 million residents to Jordan or Egypt temporarily or permanently. The Arab League and regional powers labeled the plan as ethnic cleansing, with Jordan and Egypt issuing strong

denials. Displacement talks evoke memories of the Nakba, symbolizing the mass displacement of Palestinians in 1948.

The fragile truce between Israel and Hamas, entering its second week, remains under strain as disputes over hostage exchanges and humanitarian access persist. While recent swaps freed four Israeli hostages and 200 Palestinian prisoners, ongoing tensions over a civilian hostage, Arbel Yehud, have delayed the return of displaced Palestinians to northern Gaza.

The United Nations has reported dire humanitarian conditions in Gaza despite the recent surge in aid. The truce agreement, which includes phased exchanges of hostages and prisoners, offers a glimmer of hope for easing the prolonged crisis, though the path to lasting peace remains uncertain.

Neighboring Lebanon has also seen clashes, with Israeli forces reportedly targeting civilians attempting to return to border areas, further highlighting the region's volatility.

Donald Trump imposes 25 per cent tariffs on Colombia for refusing deportation flights

TPN Correspondent | Washington

Trade tensions between the United States and Colombia have flared after US President Donald Trump announced a 25% tariff on all imports from Colombia. The move comes in response to Colombia's refusal to allow two US deportation flights to land, carrying immigrants for repatriation.

Trump's Announcement:

On his social media platform, Truth Social, Trump expressed frustration over the incident, accusing Colombian President Gustavo Petro of endangering US national security and public safety. He outlined a series of punitive measures, including:

- An immediate 25% tariff on Colombian imports, with the potential to rise to 50% within a week.
- Visa bans and revocations targeting Colombian officials, their allies, and members of Petro's party.
- Enhanced customs and border inspections for Colombian nationals and goods under national security concerns.
- Sanctions under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA).

Petro's Response:

Colombian President Gustavo Petro defended his government's stance, insisting that deportation flights must adhere to protocols ensuring dignified treatment of migrants. He called for the use of civilian planes



rather than military aircraft for such operations.

In retaliation to Trump's tariffs, Petro announced a 25% tariff on US imports, directing Colombia's foreign trade minister to implement the measure immediately.

Potential Fallout:

The escalating tit-for-tat measures threaten to disrupt bilateral trade relations between the two nations, which have enjoyed strong economic ties. Key sectors such as agriculture, textiles, and industrial goods may face significant impacts if the situation continues to escalate.

Conclusion:

This developing dispute underscores the fragility of international diplomacy in addressing migration issues. As the US and Colombia exchange economic blows, the broader implications for trade and regional cooperation remain uncertain. Observers await further developments as both governments grapple with the fallout of their decisions.

South Korea's Impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol Indicted Over Martial Law Declaration

TPN Correspondent | Seoul

South Korean prosecutors have indicted impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol for rebellion following his controversial declaration of martial law on December 3, a decision that threw the nation into political upheaval.

The Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office formally charged Yoon, accusing him of violating democratic norms through the decree. This follows his impeachment and arrest earlier this month, with the Constitutional Court now deliberating whether to permanently dismiss him or reinstate his presidency.

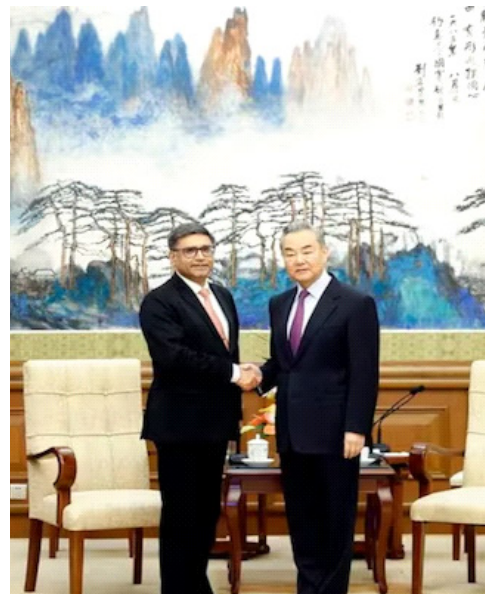
- Martial law triggered national unrest, with Yoon labeling the National Assembly a "den of criminals."
- The Constitutional Court's decision on Yoon's impeachment is still pending.



- Yoon justified his actions as a response to "North Korea followers" obstructing governance

Yoon, a staunch conservative, maintains that his declaration was a legitimate exercise of authority intended to combat what he described as anti-state forces and liberal interference in his administration. Critics, however, view it as a dramatic overreach that undermined democratic principles. South Korea's political landscape remains tense, with Yoon's actions sparking nationwide protests and raising concerns over the fragility of democratic institutions.

India and China Seek Common Ground Amidst Efforts to Strengthen Bilateral Ties



TPN Correspondent | Beijing

India and China are taking strides toward fostering improved relations, as highlighted in a meeting between Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Monday in Beijing. Misri's two-day visit marks the second high-profile diplomatic engagement between the nations in less than six weeks.

Wang Yi underscored the necessity for both nations to embrace mutual understanding and cooperation rather than harboring mutual suspicion. He reiterated the importance of implementing the consensus reached by President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi during their meeting in Russia last year, which aimed to reset ties strained by border tensions.

"India and China must commit to mutual support and understanding rather than suspicion," said Wang Yi. The relationship is pivotal for Asia's development and global South cooperation. Misri's visit follows talks between Wang Yi and Ajit Doval last month. Wang, also China's Special Representative for the India-China border mechanism, emphasized the broader significance of their relationship, noting its impact on the global South and contributions to peace, stability, and prosperity in Asia.

The visit included discussions with Liu Jianchao, head of the Communist Party's International Department, focusing on implementing leadership consensus, enhancing dialogue, and addressing regional and international issues of mutual concern. Misri's engagement comes ahead of China's Spring Festival and the Chinese New Year celebrations, symbolizing optimism for a new chapter in bilateral relations amidst challenges.



Preliminary Investigation Reveals Bird Strike as Possible Cause of Jeju Air Disaster

TPN Correspondent | Seoul, South Korea

A preliminary investigation into the catastrophic Jeju Air crash that occurred on December 29, 2024, suggests a bird strike as a potential cause. The Boeing 737-800, traveling from Thailand to Muan, South Korea, crash-landed and erupted into flames upon hitting a concrete barrier, killing 179 of the 181 passengers and crew.

Investigators discovered bird feathers and bloodstains in both engines of the ill-fated plane.

DNA analysis confirmed the remains belonged to Baikal teals, migratory ducks common in Korea during winter.

The pilots encountered a flock of birds while approaching runway 01, and the air traffic control tower had issued a warning about bird activity just before the crash.

The cockpit voice and data recorders ceased functioning one minute after the bird warning. Seconds later, the pilots declared a mayday, citing bird strikes, and attempted an emergency belly landing. Tragically, the plane collided with a concrete embankment, leading to an explosion.

The incident has raised concerns about the use of rigid concrete barriers at runways. Authorities have since announced plans to replace these barriers with "breakable structures" to enhance safety in case of similar emergencies.

Pilots' Experience and Questions Raised:

The captain, with over 6,800 flight hours, and the first officer, with 1,650 hours, were among the fatalities. Investigators are examining why the bird strike led to such catastrophic engine failure and why the concrete barricade was positioned at the runway's end.

This disaster, the deadliest on South Korean soil, underscores the need for improved bird strike prevention and airport safety measures.



Iran Adds Russian-Made Sukhoi-35 Fighter Jets To Its Combat Air Fleet

TPN Correspondent | Tehran

Iran has officially confirmed the purchase of Russian Sukhoi-35 fighter jets, marking a significant upgrade to its air force amidst heightened military cooperation with Moscow. Iran's air force, which comprises ageing US jets acquired pre-1979 and older Russian models, will see a considerable boost with the arrival of these advanced aircraft.

Ali Shadmani, deputy coordinator of the Khatam-ol-Anbia Central Headquarters, announced that military upgrades are underway, with outdated systems being replaced. While Shadmani did not confirm whether the Su-35 jets have been delivered, this is the first acknowledgment of the purchase by a senior Iranian official.

In November, Iran's Tasnim News Agency reported that arrangements to acquire the fighter jets had been finalized. This move aligns with a broader 20-year strategic partnership signed earlier this month between Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

Key Clauses of the Strategic Partnership:

Mutual Defense Commitment: Neither nation will allow its territory to be used for acts threatening the other.

Military-Technical Cooperation: Though not explicitly mentioning arms transfers, the agreement emphasizes the strengthening of military collaboration.

Geopolitical Context:

Russia's involvement in Ukraine has strained its regional influence. Iran faces mounting Western sanctions and regional instability due to its conflict with Israel.

The collapse of Bashar al-Assad's regime in Syria has further weakened the strategic foothold of both Tehran and Moscow in the Middle East.

The purchase of Sukhoi-35 jets and the strengthening of military ties highlight Iran and Russia's shared need to counteract their geopolitical challenges, ensuring mutual security and influence in a rapidly shifting global landscape.

Market Mayhem: Sensex Sinks 824 Points, Nifty Breaches 23,000 Amid Global Headwinds



Domestic stock markets were in turmoil. Benchmark and broad indices were bleeding on Monday. All indices went into bearish territory as investors sold off shares across sectors. The indices started the morning gap-down on negative signals from Asian and international markets. Negative sentiment prevailed in the market after Nifty broke the key support zone of 23000. In addition, the start of the US Fed meeting, economic data to come, Trump's imposition of tariffs on Colombia, and the free release of China's own AI model to compete with Chat GPT had an impact. With this, Nifty fell by 260 points and Sensex by more than 820 points. Investors lost wealth worth Rs. 9 lakh crore on this day alone.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 76,190 in the previous session, opened at 75,700 on Monday. It touched an intraday low of 75,267. It reached an intraday high of 75,925. It finally closed at 75,366, down 824 points. The NSE Nif-

ty, which opened at 22,940, touched a low of 22,786 and a high of 23,007. It closed at 22,829, down 263 points. The Nifty Bank fell 303 points to settle at 48,064.

In Nifty50, 8 companies gained while 42 lost. Britannia, ICICI Bank, M&M, Hindustan Unilever, SBI were the top gainers. HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra, Wipro, Hindalco, Shriram Finance were the top losers. All sectoral indices were mixed today. IT and media fell by 3 to 4 percent. The rest fell by 2 percent. The banking index lost less. Fear Index India VIX rose by 8.28% to 18.13 percent.

Today, the market breadth on NSE completely turned in favor of bears. Out of 2955 stocks traded, 2535 lost. Only 352 gained. Shares of 20 companies reached a 52-week high. Shares of 452 companies reached a 52-week low.



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The rupee weakened by 13 paise to settle at 86.33 against the dollar. JP Morgan has given an overweight rating to ICICI Bank with a target price of Rs 1500. LT Foods shares fell by 9 percent after disappointing results in the third quarter. JSW Group expands into non-ferrous metals mining. Bernstein maintains outperform rating on NTPC with a target price of Rs 440. Wonderla cuts net profit to Rs 20.3 crore from Rs 37.3 crore. Jafferries maintains buy rating on ICICI Bank with a target price of Rs 1600. IOC reports net profit of Rs 2874 crore, revenue of Rs 1.94 lakh crore. Shares, which rose 12% on 144% profit, finally closed at 2.16%. Pine Labs IPO likely in February.

1. Bank of India (BOI)



Consistent profit growth due to lower provisioning and better recoveries. High capital adequacy ratio (CAR > 15%), ensuring stability. Public sector banks are sensitive to macroeconomic risks. Lower growth compared to private-sector peers. Suitable for investors looking for value in PSU banks. Long-term growth depends on further improvements in operational efficiency and credit growth.

2. DCM Shriram



Diversified business model: Chemicals, fertilizers, sugar, and PVC. Strong presence in the agri and chemical sectors, benefiting from favorable government policies. Consistent dividend payouts. Exposure to cyclical industries like chemicals and sugar. Volatile input costs impacting margins. Good for medium- to long-term investors seeking exposure to the chemicals and agri-business sectors. Watch for margin trends and expansion plans.

3. Torrent Pharmaceuticals

Strong domestic portfolio, particularly in chronic therapies (cardiology, diabetes). Aggressive investments in R&D (~7-8% of revenue) for future growth. Geographical diversification with key markets in the US, Brazil, and Germany. US FDA compliance issues in manufacturing plants may



pose challenges. Best suited for long-term investors looking to benefit from its strong domestic franchise and international growth opportunities. Monitor regulatory develop-

ments.

4. Hindustan Unilever (HUL)

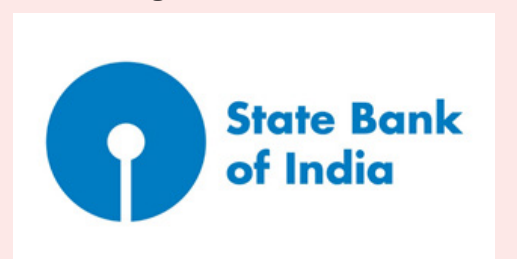
Market leader in FMCG with an extensive product portfolio. Steady revenue and profit growth driven by premiumization and rural penetration. Rural demand recovery remains sluggish. A stable, blue-chip stock for



long-term wealth creation. Ideal for conservative investors seeking steady returns with lower risk.

5. State Bank of India (SBI)

India's largest bank with a dominant



market share in retail and corporate lending. Strong asset quality (Net NPA ~0.8%) and credit growth (~16-18% YoY). Digital transformation driving operational efficiency. Vulnerability to macroeconomic shocks due to its size. Heavy reliance on government policy. A core portfolio stock for investors seeking exposure to the banking sector. Offers a mix of stability and growth potential.

Adani Total Gas Expands CNG Stations and Infrastructure, Reports Strong Quarterly Growth

Adani Total Gas (ATGL) has reported a strong operational performance in its quarterly earnings, with significant growth across multiple segments. The company increased its CNG stations to 605, adding 28 new stations during the October-December quarter. Additionally, the number of PNG home connections grew to 9.22 lakh, with 28,677 new households benefiting from the service. Industrial and commercial connections also saw an increase, with 167 new consumers, bringing the total to 8,913.

The company's cumulative steel pipeline network now spans 13,082 Inch Km, highlighting its ongoing infrastructure expansion. ATGL's combined CNG and PNG volume reached 257 MMSCM, marking a 15% year-on-year increase, underscoring the growing demand for natural gas.

In terms of financial performance, ATGL saw a 12% increase in revenue from operations, reaching Rs 1,397 crore. EBITDA stood at Rs 272 crore, while profit after tax (PAT) for the quarter was Rs 143 crore. These results reflect the company's ability to maintain a strong growth trajectory despite challenges in gas supply, including a reduction in APM gas allocation.

Suresh P Manglani, ED and CEO of ATGL, emphasized the company's focus on maintaining affordability for consumers while ensuring profitability. He also highlighted ATGL's commitment to expanding PNG and CNG infrastructure, particularly in its 34 Geographical Areas (GAs), including the recently added Jalandhar GA in Punjab.

ATGL is authorized in 34 GAs, with the remaining 19 GAs being operated through a joint venture with Indian Oil Corporation Limited under the name Indian Oil-Adani Gas Private Limited (IOAGPL). In addition to its core gas distribution business, ATGL has expanded into the E-Mobility and Biomass sectors with the formation of two wholly owned subsidiaries: Adani TotalEnergies E-Mobility Ltd (ATEL) and Adani TotalEnergies Biomass Ltd (ATBL). The company has also established a 50:50 joint venture, Smart Meter Technologies Private Limited, to manufacture gas meters.



India Poised to Expand Its Share in Global Pharma Manufacturing Beyond Generics: BCG Report

India is set to capture a larger share of the global pharmaceutical manufacturing market, moving beyond its traditional focus on generic drugs, according to a report by Boston Consulting Group (BCG). The report highlights that the ongoing "China+1" strategy, where companies are diversifying operations outside China, has created new opportunities for India to become a key player in the global pharmaceutical supply chain.

The report notes that with pharmaceutical companies looking to reduce their dependency on China, India is emerging as a competitive alternative due to its cost advantage. Indian pharmaceutical services are 20% cheaper than those offered by China, making it an attractive destination for manufacturing operations.

India's expanding role in the global pharma landscape is further supported by investments flowing into the country's pharmaceutical sector, enabling it to move beyond generics and explore other avenues such as biotechnology, digital health, and Med-Tech. According to the report, pharmaceutical and biotechnology investments have received USD 9.5 billion, while health services have garnered USD 12.1 billion in funding. Additionally, digital health has seen remarkable growth, securing USD 4.6 billion in investments over recent years.

India, along with Singapore, is also emerging as a prominent hub for healthcare innovation and investment in Asia. Since 2018, the pharmaceutical and biotech sectors in Asia have attracted USD



20 billion in private equity investments, with India receiving a significant share of USD 5 billion. This investment influx, coupled with India's competitive pricing and infrastructure development, positions the country for substantial growth in the global pharmaceutical market.

The report also emphasizes that Asia's healthcare market is projected to reach USD 5 trillion by 2030, contributing 40% of global sector growth. As India continues to attract investments and expand its pharmaceutical manufacturing capabilities, it is poised to play a transformative role in the global healthcare ecosystem, benefiting both the economy and global supply chains.

Industry Players Call for Pro-Manufacturing Policies Ahead of Union Budget 2025-26

As India prepares for the Union Budget 2025-26 on February 1, industry leaders from the manufacturing sector are urging the government to introduce policies that foster local production, reduce GST on consumer durables, and implement tax reforms that would increase disposable incomes, thereby stimulating consumer spending. The government has set an ambitious target of increasing the manufacturing sector's contribution to GDP from the current 17% to 25%. In light of this, industry representatives are hoping for financial incentives to expand the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, support for sustainable manufacturing practices, and tax exemptions that can help bolster growth.

Simarpreet Singh, Executive Director and CEO of Hartek Group, acknowledged the positive strides made by the government in supporting the manufacturing sector but emphasized the need for continued fo-



cus on enhancing domestic production capacity. He advocated for policy measures that would make manufacturing more attractive and competitive, both for local businesses and foreign investors.

Manufacturers are particularly seeking reductions in GST rates for consumer durables, which would ease the financial burden on both producers and consum-

ers. Such measures are expected to boost consumer spending, helping to accelerate demand for manufactured goods. Additionally, a more favorable tax regime that increases disposable incomes will help generate higher demand for consumer goods, creating a positive cycle of growth. The industry is also calling for expanded PLI schemes that would encourage more investment in key sectors such as electronics, renewable energy, and automotive manufacturing. These sectors are seen as vital to India's economic transformation, and the government's support in the form of incentives and reforms would allow them to flourish further. With the government focused on boosting the manufacturing sector as a key driver of economic growth, industry players remain hopeful that the upcoming budget will address their concerns and provide the necessary policy framework to achieve these objectives.

Experium Eco-Friendly Park

A Groundbreaking Eco-Recreational Wonderland Opens in Hyderabad

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a stunning blend of nature, art, and adventure, Experium Eco Friendly Park is officially opening its doors to the public, set to become one of the most unique destinations for nature lovers and thrill-seekers alike. Located at Prodtur Village, Near Pragati Resorts, Chilukuru Balaji Temple Road, Hyderabad, this one-of-a-kind eco-recreational park promises an unparalleled experience that combines environmental education, rare botanical species, and adrenaline-pumping activities. The grand inauguration is set for January 28th, with the Chief Minister of Telangana, Revanth Reddy, Tourism and Culture Minister, Jupally Krishna Rao, and Mega Star Chiranjeevi gracing the occasion.

A Vision 25 Years in the Making



The park's visionary founder, Ramadugu Ramdev, shared the deeply personal story behind the creation of Experium. "My father was a forest contractor, involved in deforestation. This realization later led him to create a forest on 80 acres of land. Inspired by this, I developed a deep love for nature and plants," Ramdev recalled. "My background in fine arts helped me envision a place that blends art with nature." The journey to establishing Experium began 25 years ago, with the formal action plan crafted 12 years ago, and the park foundation laid six-and-a-half years ago. Ramdev's company, Unique Trees, specializes in sourcing rare plants and trees and has supplied them to notable personalities including Shah Rukh Khan, Rani Mukerji, and Mega Star Chiranjeevi. Over the years, Ramdev has traveled to 85 countries, collecting over 25,000 species of plants and trees, which are now showcased in the park.



Unique Features of Experium



Spread across 150 acres, Experium houses over 25,000 species of plants, many of which are rare and exotic, sourced from 85 countries including Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, Spain, Thailand, and Australia. The park boasts several unique features, including:

- **Rare and Ancient Trees:** Valued between ₹1 lakh to ₹3.5 crores.
- **Sculptures and Rocks:** Sculptures worth ₹5 lakhs to ₹1 crore, natural rocks ranging from ₹50,000 to ₹50 lakhs, and a total sculpture collection worth ₹15 crores.
- **India's Largest Hampi Theater:** Seating up to 1,500 people.
- **Stainless Steel Sculptures:** 20 sculptures, standing 30 feet tall, making Experium India's only destination with this feature.
- **Honeymoon and Themed Cottages:** The

park features unique honeymoon cottages, first-night, and last-night cottages, catering to a variety of experiences.

- **Pre-wedding and Post-wedding Photo Spots:** A premier location for photo shoots, with 600 selfie spots across the park.
- **Michelin-Grade Restaurants:** Offering culinary delights from top-tier chefs.
- **Adventure and Immersive Experience:** The park boasts the largest snow park in India, a four-direction zipline stretching 1 km, India's first box cricket facility, and the world's first artificial mountain landscape.
- **Innovative Attractions:** Including the world's first tree coffee shop, an aquarium restaurant, a drive-in LED theater, and more.

A Symbol of Nature and Innovation

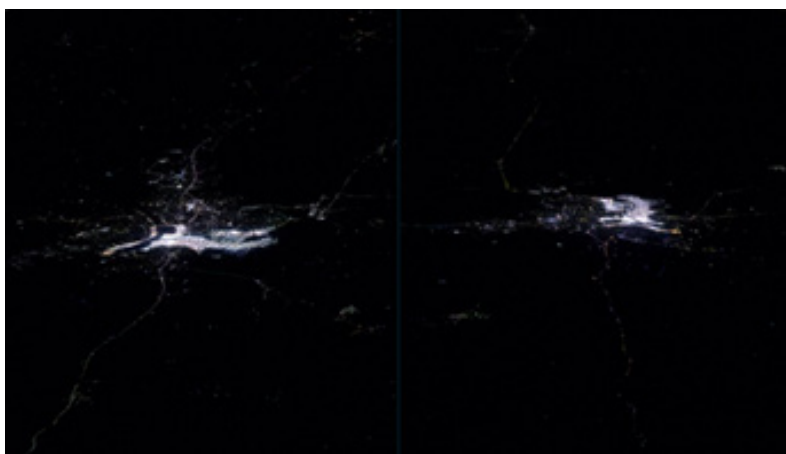
Experium is more than just a park; it is a celebration of nature's beauty and human creativity. "This park will spark curiosity and a greater appreciation for nature's wonders," says Ramdev, who has invested over ₹150 crores into the project. The park also features a glow garden created with an investment of ₹50 crores, a man-made beach spread over 12 acres, and a convention center with a capacity to host 10,000 people, currently under development.

Experium stands as a symbol of pride for the nation, a landmark for Hyderabad, and a true fu-



sion of art, nature, and cutting-edge innovation. It's not just a park; it's an experience that must be seen to be fully appreciated.

NASA Astronaut Shares Stunning Images of Maha Kumbh Mela from Space



The Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, returning to Prayagraj after 144 years, has drawn millions of devotees from around the world, all seeking spiritual solace and the chance to cleanse their sins in the holy waters of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati rivers. As photos and videos of the grand event flood social media daily, there is one perspective that offers an awe-inspiring view: that from space.

NASA astronaut Donald Pettit, currently aboard the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the Expedition 72 crew, has captured breathtaking images of the Maha Kumbh Mela from orbit. Sharing the photos on X (formerly Twitter), Pettit remarked, "2025 Maha Kumbh Mela Ganges River pilgrimage from the ISS at night. The largest human gathering in the world is well-lit." These images, taken at night, show the sprawling event in stunning detail, with the well-lit gathering of millions of devotees visible from space.

The Maha Kumbh Mela is

known as the world's largest human gathering, drawing pilgrims who come to take part in the sacred "Amrit Snan" (holy dip) at the confluence of the three rivers, seeking moksha (salvation). The event, which takes place every 12 years, is a grand display of devotion, spirituality, and tradition.

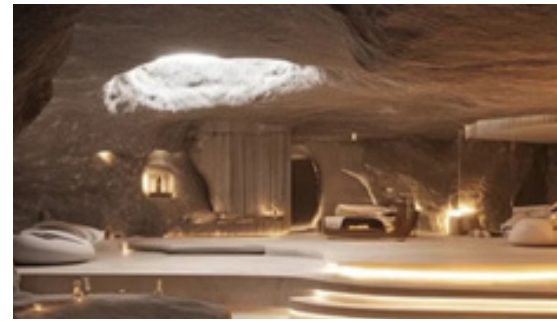
Pettit's photos reveal the scale of the event in a way that no ground-level camera can. The illuminated tents, roads, and pathways create a mesmerizing pattern that highlights the enormity of the Mela. The photos offer a rare and humbling view of the religious gathering, reflecting not only the sheer size of the event but also the deep spiritual connection that draws so many people from all over the world.

These images provide a unique window into the world's largest gathering of humans, showcasing the spiritual significance and unity of the Maha Kumbh Mela from a perspective that very few have ever seen.

US Company's Luxurious Underground Bunker To Protect From Disasters

A US-based company is offering an unprecedented level of security and luxury to ultra-wealthy clients with the launch of its doomsday bunker complex, the Aerie Project. Valued at \$300 million, these high-tech bunkers are designed to provide ultimate protection against disasters, including nuclear fallout. Slated for inauguration in 2026, the first glimpse of these fortified residences has been unveiled, sparking interest worldwide. The Aerie Project will be available across 1,000 locations globally, including 50 cities in the US, according to Forbes.

The Aerie bunkers promise White House-level security combined with lavish amenities. They will feature AI-powered medical suites, gourmet dining, wellness programs, and interactive spaces, blending luxury with defense. The first facility under this project is being built in Virginia and will be capable of housing 625 people



in the event of a global catastrophe.

Al Corbi, founder and president of Strategically Armored & Fortified Environments (SAFE), the company behind Aerie, explained that the project was created to ensure vulnerable clients are protected even when they leave their fortified homes or yachts. Each bunker is designed to be impenetrable, with SCIF-compliant (Sensitive Compartmented Information Facilities) environments for maximum privacy. The luxurious residences include multi-layer

biometric authentication and advanced security features like tactical mantraps to offer top-tier safety.

Aerie's bunkers are not just about protection; they are also about indulgence. Members will enjoy sprawling underground suites, including 2,000-square-foot individual suites and multi-level penthouses that span over 20,000 square feet. The facilities will boast unique features like panoramic lighting, a hyperbaric chamber, an underground swimming pool, an ice plunge room, an IV therapy room, and even a massage parlor.

Each Aerie residence is expected to cost up to \$20 million, and the exclusive nature of the project means only club members can purchase these properties. Before committing, potential buyers will be offered a taster experience to preview the luxurious, secure living space.

South African telescope discovers a giant galaxy that's 32 times bigger than Earth's

High above our heads, there's an ongoing cosmic party orchestrated by supermassive black holes. These enigmatic objects, which can have masses millions or even billions of times that of our Sun, are the driving force behind some of the most spectacular phenomena in the universe.

Astronomers believe that every galaxy harbors a supermassive black hole at its center. In many galaxies, vast amounts of interstellar gas spiral around these black holes, getting sucked in beyond the event horizon. This process generates immense friction and energy, leading to the release of enormous amounts of light across various wavelengths of the electromagnetic spectrum. It's this cosmic "rave" that's so captivating to scientists and sky-watchers alike.



In addition to the energy released from gas falling into the black hole, some supermassive black holes also eject vast jets of plasma that stretch millions of light-years across intergalactic space. These plasma jets are so hot that they consist of electrons moving at nearly the speed of light. The jets glow brightly in radio frequencies, making them visible through radio telescopes. When these jets are observed, they are called "radio galaxies," and their appearance can be likened to two glowing

sticks, each stretching out from the black hole like the arms of a cosmic dance.

As time passes, astronomers theorize that the plasma jets continue expanding outward, eventually growing into massive structures known as giant radio galaxies. These giant galaxies are incredibly rare, and by 2020, only about 800 of them had been identified, nearly 50 years after their discovery. For decades, they were considered exceptional outliers in the universe.

However, with the development of advanced radio telescopes and improved observational methods, a new generation of radio telescopes is uncovering more of these giant radio galaxies. Their existence hints at the vastness of the cosmos, where supermassive black holes continue to fuel the ongoing cosmic rave, lighting up the universe in dazzling ways.

Sumit Nagal, Rohan Bopanna Big Losers In Fresh ATP Rankings



New Zealand has secured a direct entry into the ICC Women's World Cup 2025 following Bangladesh's loss to the West Indies in their final ICC Women's Championship match on Friday in Basseterre. Both New Zealand and Bangladesh finished the 10-team tournament with 21 points, but New Zealand's superior number of wins—nine compared to Bangladesh's eight—earned them the coveted spot.

The tournament featured all teams playing eight three-match series—four at home and four away—and New Zealand's performance ensured their direct qualification. Along with the hosts India, the top five teams in the standings—Australia, India, England, South Africa, and Sri Lanka—have secured automatic berths for the upcoming World Cup.

Australia clinched the ICC Women's Championship title with an impres-

sive 39 points, while India closely followed in second place with 37 points. England (32), South Africa (25), and Sri Lanka (22) also guaranteed their spots for the World Cup, leaving the bottom four teams to battle for the remaining qualification spot through the upcoming World Cup Qualifier.

Bangladesh (21), West Indies (18), Pakistan (17), and Ireland (eight) will join Scotland and Thailand—ranked the highest as of October 31, 2024—at the Qualifier. The details for the Qualifier will be announced soon, with two spots available for the World Cup.

India will host the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup for the fifth time, marking the first global women's tournament held there since 2016 when India hosted the T20 World Cup alongside the men's event. The 2025 edition will be similar to the 2022 tournament, with eight teams competing across 31 matches.

Jasprit Bumrah Wins ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year 2024

India's fast-bowling ace, Jasprit Bumrah, has been named the ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year for 2024, thanks to a remarkable year with the ball. Bumrah claimed an impressive 71 wickets in 357 overs across 13 matches, with an outstanding average of 14.92. His achievements in 2024 make him only the fourth Indian bowler to take more than 70 wickets in a calendar year, joining the ranks of Ravichandran Ashwin, Anil Kumble, and Kapil Dev. Bumrah's sensational performance earned him the prestigious award, defeating stiff competition from Sri Lanka's Kamindu Mendis and England's Harry Brook and Joe Root.



Bumrah's exceptional year saw him shine in both home and away conditions, playing a key role in India's World Test Championship campaign, although they ultimately fell short of reaching the final. His 2024 campaign began with a standout performance in India's historic Test win in Cape Town against South Africa, where he took eight wickets. He followed this up with 19 wickets in India's 4-1 series victory over England, with a notable nine-wicket match haul in Visakhapatnam,

which helped India level the series.

However, Bumrah's crowning achievement in 2024 came during the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series in Australia, where he picked up 32 wickets in five matches at an incredible average of 13.06. His performance in Australia not only earned him the Player of the Series award but also saw him become the 12th Indian bowler to surpass the 200 Test wickets milestone. His best performance came in Perth, where he took eight wickets, including

a five-wicket haul in the first innings, propelling India to a dominant 295-run victory.

At just 31 years old, Bumrah's record-breaking year also saw him set a unique Test history milestone, becoming the only bowler with over 200 Test wickets to have an average under 20, with an impressive 19.4. His exceptional skill and consistency have solidified his place as one of the best fast bowlers in world cricket today.



Smriti Mandhana Named ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year

India's charismatic opener, Smriti Mandhana, has been named the ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year for 2024. The vice-captain of the Indian women's cricket team earned the prestigious honor after a stellar year, setting new personal milestones in One Day Internationals.

Mandhana, known for her elegant strokeplay and consistency, had an exceptional 2024, amassing 747 runs in just 13 innings. This tally made her the highest run-scorer among all women's ODI cricketers during the year. Her remarkable feat not only saw her surpass her own previous records but also placed her well ahead of other top performers in the format, including South Africa's Laura Wolvaardt (697 runs), England's Tammy Beaumont (554 runs), and West Indies' Hayley Matthews (469 runs).

Throughout the year, Mandhana's form was a standout feature in India's batting lineup, and she delivered key performances that helped her team in various

match-winning situations. Her ability to consistently score runs across different conditions highlighted her versatility as an opening batter and her importance to the Indian team.

Mandhana's achievement is a testament to her skill, hard work, and determination, making her one of the leading figures in women's cricket today. The left-hander's impressive 2024 campaign solidifies her position as one of the best in the world and further elevates her standing within the international cricket community.

This recognition comes as another milestone in Mandhana's already illustrious career, which has seen her garner praise for her technique and temperament in both limited-overs and longer formats. As she continues to break records and inspire future generations, Mandhana's remarkable year in 2024 will be remembered as one of the most outstanding individual performances in women's cricket history.

Barcelona Thrashes Valencia 7-1 in La Liga Rout

Barcelona secured a commanding 7-1 victory over Valencia on Sunday, snapping out of their recent slump in La Liga with an emphatic performance. Fermin Lopez played a starring role, scoring twice in the first half, as Barcelona took a dominant 5-0 lead into the break. Frenkie de Jong, Ferran Torres, and Raphinha also found the back of the net, while Valencia struggled defensively throughout the match.

The opening goal came early, just three minutes in, when De Jong converted a cross from teenage prodigy Lamine Yamal. Barcelona's second followed shortly after, with Torres scoring from Alejandro Balde's cross. Lopez then set up Raphinha for the third, and the Brazilian winger rounded the goalkeeper to slot in his 12th league goal of the season.

Lopez scored again for Barcelona with a well-timed volley after Raphinha's shot hit the post, sending them 5-0 up before



halftime. Valencia, missing the suspended Cristhian Mosquera, were unable to cope with Barcelona's attacking play. A potential penalty for Valencia was ruled out after a video review, further adding to their frustration.

Valencia pulled one back early in the second half when Hugo Duro scored from a Diego Lopez assist. However, Barcelona responded quickly, with Robert Lewandowski adding a sixth goal, his 17th of the season, after a through ball from Lopez. The seventh came when Cesar Tarrega deflected Torres' cross into his own net.

Despite the dominant scoreline, Valencia's coach Carlos Corberan faced harsh criticism for his side's performance. Valencia defender Jose Gaya expressed his disappointment, saying, "It was an enormous step backward," and urged his team to focus on the next match.

Barcelona's victory lifted them back on track in La Liga, but their coach, Hansi Flick, emphasized the importance of maintaining this momentum as they trail leaders Real Madrid by seven points.

Noman Ali Hat-Trick in vain as Pakistan Lost the match to West Indies

Pakistan's star spinner, Noman Ali, made history on Day 1 of the second Test against the West Indies in Multan by taking a remarkable hat-trick. This achievement, which came within the first hour of the match, placed Noman among an elite group of cricketers. He dismissed Justin Greaves (1), Tevin Imlach (0), and Kevin Sinclair (0), becoming the sixth player in Test cricket history to claim a hat-trick in the opening session of a match.

Notably, Noman is only the second-ever spinner to achieve this feat in Test cricket, following in the footsteps of Australia's Billy Bates, who accomplished it in 1883. At 38 years and 139 days old, Noman also became the second-oldest player to take a Test hat-trick, trailing only Sri Lanka's Rangana Herath, who was 38 years and 110 days when he achieved the same.



Despite Noman's historic performance, Pa-

kistan was unable to capitalize on his early breakthroughs, and the West Indies went

on to win the match by 120 runs. This victory allowed the West Indies to level the series 1-1, with spinner Jomel Warrican playing a key role in the win by taking five wickets. Warrican finished with nine wickets in the match, and an impressive 19 wickets in the series, leading the West Indies to their first Test win in Pakistan in nearly 35 years.

The last time the West Indies won a Test match in Pakistan was in November 1990 in Faisalabad. Despite tough tours in 1997 and 2006, the West Indies managed to defeat Pakistan on sharply spinning pitches, making this victory a historic one for the team.

West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite expressed his pride in the young squad, saying, "We haven't played in Pakistan for a number of years, but we haven't won here in a while, so to come here and do it as a young group is incredible."



The Powerful Eyes of Prabhas: First Look in 'Kannappa' to be Unveiled Soon

Rebel Star Prabhas is all set to make a memorable appearance in the upcoming devotional drama Kannappa, directed by Mukesh Kumar Singh and produced by Mohan Babu. Known for his intense screen presence, Prabhas will play a crucial role in the film, which has been generating significant buzz, especially with his extended cameo.

The teaser of Kannappa recently offered a sneak peek into Prabhas's character, showcasing his powerful eyes, leaving fans excited for more. To quench the thirst of eager audiences, the makers have now announced that the full first look of Prabhas will be unveiled on February 3, 2025. Along with this announcement, they released a pre-look poster that highlights Prabhas's intense gaze and the symbolic presence of a Trishul, adding to the intrigue surrounding his character.

While the official details about Prabhas's role are yet to be confirmed, sources hint that he may be playing Lord Shiva in the film. However, there's speculation that Prabhas will portray a different incarnation of Shiva, one who descends to Earth, distinct from the original form played by Akshay Kumar. Until the film's release, fans can only guess the true nature of Prabhas's role.

Apart from Prabhas, Kannappa features a star-studded ensemble cast, including Akshay Kumar, Mohanlal, and Kajal Aggarwal in extended cameos. The film also stars Mohan Babu, Sarathkumar, Preity Mukun-



dan, Madhoo, Brahmaji, and others in key roles, ensuring a diverse and dynamic performance lineup.

Slated for a worldwide release on April 25, 2025, Kannappa is a pan-India film that blends mythology and drama, with a captivating storyline and stellar performances expected to draw audiences from all corners. With the anticipation building around Prabhas's first look and his character's role in the film, fans are eagerly waiting for more updates.

Chhaava Director Removes Controversial Song Following Objections

Laxman Utekar, the director of the much-anticipated period drama Chhaava, has announced that a song featuring the film's lead actors, Vicky Kaushal and Rashmika Mandanna, will be removed following objections from various groups. The film, which centers on the life of Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, sees Vicky Kaushal in the lead role, portraying the legendary king.



The decision to remove the sequence comes after concerns were raised by the Shiv Sena, the descendants of Shivaji Maharaj, and other stakeholders regarding the historical accuracy of the film. Specifically, the scene in question depicts Sambhaji Maharaj performing a Lezim dance with his wife, Maharani Yesubai, which drew criticism for its perceived inaccuracy and anachronism.

On Monday, Utekar confirmed that the makers of Chhaava had agreed to cut the scene following a meeting with Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray. In a statement to the media, Utekar expressed that the dance sequence, though a light-hearted moment in the film, was

insignificant when compared to the immense legacy of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj.

The director stressed that the film is made with respect and reverence for the Maratha king's legacy, and that historical authenticity is of utmost importance to the team. The removal of the scene reflects the filmmakers' commitment to ensuring that the portrayal of Sambhaji Maharaj remains true to his dignified legacy.

This development has sparked discussions about the challenges faced by filmmakers when portraying historical figures and events, particularly when it comes to balancing artistic freedom with historical accuracy and cultural sensitivities.

'L2E Empuraan' Teaser Promises an Epic Sequel to Lucifer

Mohanlal's 2019 blockbuster Lucifer became a landmark film in Malayalam cinema, and now the much-anticipated sequel, L2E Empuraan, is gearing up to take the saga to even greater heights. Directed by Prithviraj Sukumaran, who also starred in the original, the teaser for L2E Empuraan has finally dropped, and it promises a thrilling continuation of the gripping political drama.



at their continued partnership in this larger-than-life political saga.

The first installment of Lucifer ended with a major twist, revealing the dual identity of Steven Nedumpally as Abraam Khureshi, a political mastermind. L2E Empuraan appears to delve deeper into Khureshi's backstory, focusing on his role in the intricate political narrative unfolding in Kerala. While the teaser keeps the plot details under wraps, it showcases intense action sequences and provides a glimpse of the high stakes involved in the sequel.

Mohanlal, despite his age, continues to exude charisma and strength in the teaser, leaving fans excited for his return as the formidable Steven Nedumpally. In a brief but impactful moment towards the end of the teaser, we catch a glimpse of Prithviraj as Mohanlal's trusted subordinate, hinting

L2E Empuraan is produced on an even grander scale than its predecessor, with a multi-lingual release planned for India. The film is set to hit theaters on March 27, 2025, and will be released in Malayalam, Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Hindi, ensuring it reaches a wider audience across the country. Produced by Lyca Productions and Aashirwad Cinemas, the film is set to raise the bar for Malayalam cinema and deliver an epic cinematic experience.

With its high-octane action, compelling storyline, and star-studded cast, L2E Empuraan is shaping up to be a worthy sequel to Lucifer, and fans can't wait to witness the next chapter of this thrilling political saga.

Bobby Deol's Poster Confirms Hari Hara Veera Mallu Sticks to Original Release Date

Amid speculation and rumors surrounding the release of Hari Hara Veera Mallu, Power Star Pawan Kalyan's much-awaited film, the team has officially confirmed that the movie will release as scheduled on March 28, 2025. The confirmation came with the release of a new poster featuring Bobby Deol, which was unveiled today to celebrate his birthday.



For weeks, there were discussions and concerns regarding potential delays in production, with some reports suggesting the film might be pushed back. These rumors were fueled by the lack of buyer interest at the movie's asking price. However, with the latest poster release, the makers have put these speculations to rest, assuring fans that Hari Hara Veera Mallu is on track for its planned release.

The new poster, which features a striking image of Bobby Deol, has added excitement to the an-

ouncement. After his success with Animal, Bobby Deol has been receiving numerous offers from the South film industry. He recently portrayed the antagonist in Kanguva and Daaku Maharaaj, and now he will be seen playing a key role in Hari Hara Veera Mallu.

For fans of Pawan Kalyan, the announcement has brought a sense of relief and excitement. It has been over a year and a half since the actor was last seen on the big screen, and his return in this highly anticipated historical drama has sparked significant anticipation. Hari

Hara Veera Mallu promises to be a grand spectacle, and with the confirmed release date, fans are eager to see the action unfold.

The film, directed by Krish, also stars Nidhi Agerwal and is produced by AM Ratnam. With its confirmed release on March 28, Hari Hara Veera Mallu is shaping up to be one of the major films of 2025.



Excitement Builds for 'Thandel': Trailer Launch Event Set for Vizag

The much-anticipated romantic drama Thandel, starring Akkineni Naga Chaitanya and Sai Pallavi, is all set to hit the big screens on February 7, 2025. Directed by Chandoo Mondeti, the film has been creating a buzz in Tollywood, with fans eagerly awaiting the trailer. In a bid to build even more excitement, the makers have shared details about the trailer launch event.

The trailer of Thandel will be unveiled at the Sri Rama Picture Palace (Rama Talkies Road) in Vizag, and the event is scheduled to take place on January 28 at 5 pm. The trailer launch is expected to be a grand occasion, with movie lovers and fans gearing up for an exclusive sneak peek into the film.

Thandel is based on real events that oc-

curred in Gujarat in 2018, adding a layer of intrigue to the narrative. The movie is produced by Bunny Vasu and presented by Allu Aravind under the banner of Geetha Arts. With Anirudh Ravichander composing the music and background score, the film is poised to offer an unforgettable musical experience alongside its compelling storyline.

This film marks the third collaboration between Naga Chaitanya and director Chandoo Mondeti, further raising expectations for a successful partnership. Their previous outings have already established a strong rapport with audiences, and with Thandel, anticipation is at an all-time high.

In the lead-up to the film's release, the makers have been gradually teasing au-

diences with individual song releases, increasing curiosity and excitement. Fans are especially looking forward to the chemistry between Naga Chaitanya and Sai Pallavi, both of whom are well-loved for their performances.

As the trailer launch event in Vizag approaches, the excitement continues to build for what promises to be one of the major romantic dramas of the year. Stay tuned for more updates as Thandel gets ready to take over the big screen on February 7!

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