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Obscene New Year's Rave Party Sparks Outrage in Mandapet

Video of Semi-Nude Dances and Alcohol Consumption Goes Viral; Jana Sena Party's Alleged Involvement Draws Criticism



G Avinash | TPN
Amaravati, Jan 04

A shocking video circulating on social media has sparked outrage, claiming that a rave party was held in Mandapet town of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district during New Year celebrations.

The footage shows women dancing in semi-nude attire, consuming alcohol, while a mix of young and old men join in. The video has quickly gone viral, raising concerns about the nature of the event and the involvement of local political figures. Police investigations have yet to confirm the exact location

or timing of the rave party, although sources indicate that some key individuals involved in organizing the event include Medida Pullaji, Muthu, Yerramsetty Sarvesh, Gurumalla Es-war Rao, Velpur Muthu, Darla Nagu, and Crane, many of whom are allegedly affiliated with the Jana Sena party.



- Disturbing video of New Year rave party featuring obscene dances and alcohol consumption goes viral.
- Jana Sena Party members reportedly involved in organizing the rave party.
- Party featured semi-nude dances and drug use, sparking public outrage.
- Local police yet to comment on the incident or take action.
- Critics accuse Jana Sena of disrespecting women and tarnishing its image.

Political Allegations and Police Involvement

Adding fuel to the controversy, local political critics are questioning the involvement of Mandapet Town SII Harikoti Sastry, who is accused of attending the New Year's celebrations at the home of Vegulla Leelakrishna, a prominent figure in the Jana Sena party.

Leelakrishna, who has a history of political opportunism, is said to have used his position to financially profit from illicit activities, including sand, liquor, and port businesses. In 2019, he reportedly received 5 crores to support an opposing candidate, and in 2024, it is alleged he took another 5 crores to back an alliance candidate. Leelakrishna is reportedly being shielded by an individual associated with the Jana Sena party's media operations. This media person is

accused of concealing Leelakrishna's questionable activities from party leader Pawan Kalyan, allowing him to act against the party's and its leadership's interests. The incident has left the party grappling with accusations of failing to uphold its values and respect for women, with many calling for immediate action and accountability.

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Allegations of Political Influence and Ministerial Support Hampering Investigation

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Allu Arjun Secures Regular Bail in Theatre Stampede Case

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 4

Actor Allu Arjun has been granted regular bail by a local court in connection with the tragic stampede incident at a Hyderabad theatre during the premiere of his film Pushpa 2: The Rule. The incident, which occurred on December 4, resulted in the death of a 35-year-old woman and the hospitalization of her nine-year-old son due to asphyxiation. Allu Arjun was arrested on December 13 but

was released a day later after the Telangana High Court granted him interim bail for four weeks, expiring on January 10. On Friday, the Nampally court granted him regular bail, requiring him to furnish two sureties of ₹50,000 each. The court also directed him to appear before the investigating officer on Sunday. The stampede occurred when fans jostled to catch a glimpse of the actor, who arrived at Sandhya Theatre with music director Devi Sri Prasad for the premiere. Hyderabad Police later registered a case against Allu Arjun, his

security team, and the theatre management under sections 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and 118(1) (voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt by dangerous means) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Police Commissioner C.V. Anand stated that the young boy likely suffered brain damage due to oxygen deprivation during the incident. The case has raised serious concerns about crowd management and the accountability of public figures during high-profile events.



APTA Global Business Conference Begins in Grand Style

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 04

The APTA Global Business Conference commenced on January 4th and will continue until January 5th, marking a significant gathering of business leaders, policymakers, and entrepreneurs. The event, held on a grand scale, aims to foster collaborations, exchange ideas, and discuss strategies for economic growth and innovation. Former Minister Botsa Satyanarayana, MLA Mandali Buddha Prasad, and several prominent entrepreneurs

graced the inaugural session, setting an inspiring tone for the conference. Key discussions include advancements in technology, investment opportunities, and sustainable business practices. The conference has attracted participants from across the globe, providing a platform for networking and partnerships. Organizers emphasized the importance of such events in driving economic progress and empowering communities, making it a milestone occasion for the region's entrepreneurial landscape.

Tulasibabu Asks More Time to Appear in RRR Custodial Torture Case

TPN Correspondent
Gudivada, Jan 04

Kamepalli Tulasibabu, an accused in the custodial torture case of Andhra Pradesh Deputy Speaker Raghuramakrishna Raju, has avoided the police investigation. In a letter addressed to Prakasam District SP Damodar, Tulasibabu stated that he would not be able to attend Friday's questioning and requested additional time.



Tulasibabu faces allegations of torturing Raghuramakrishna Raju, who had undergone a heart operation, by allegedly sitting on his chest during custodial interrogation.

On the other hand, Raghuramakrishna Raju has already written a letter to the district SP asking not to consider Tulasibabu's request for time instead of attending the hearing. In his letter, Raju recounted the night of May 14, 2021, when he was subjected to custodial torture by CID officers. He claimed that witnesses informed him that a tall man weighing 115 kg had sat on his chest, and he believes that person to be Tulasibabu. Raju stated that he would be able to recall Tulasibabu's presence when the accused is called

for questioning.

Meanwhile, the court has dismissed the anticipatory bail petition filed by Dr. Prabhavathi, the fifth accused in the case. Rajendra Prasad, Joint Director of Prosecutions, informed the court that Dr. Prabhavathi had failed to uphold her constitutional duties and had colluded with the other accused. After considering all the facts, the court de-

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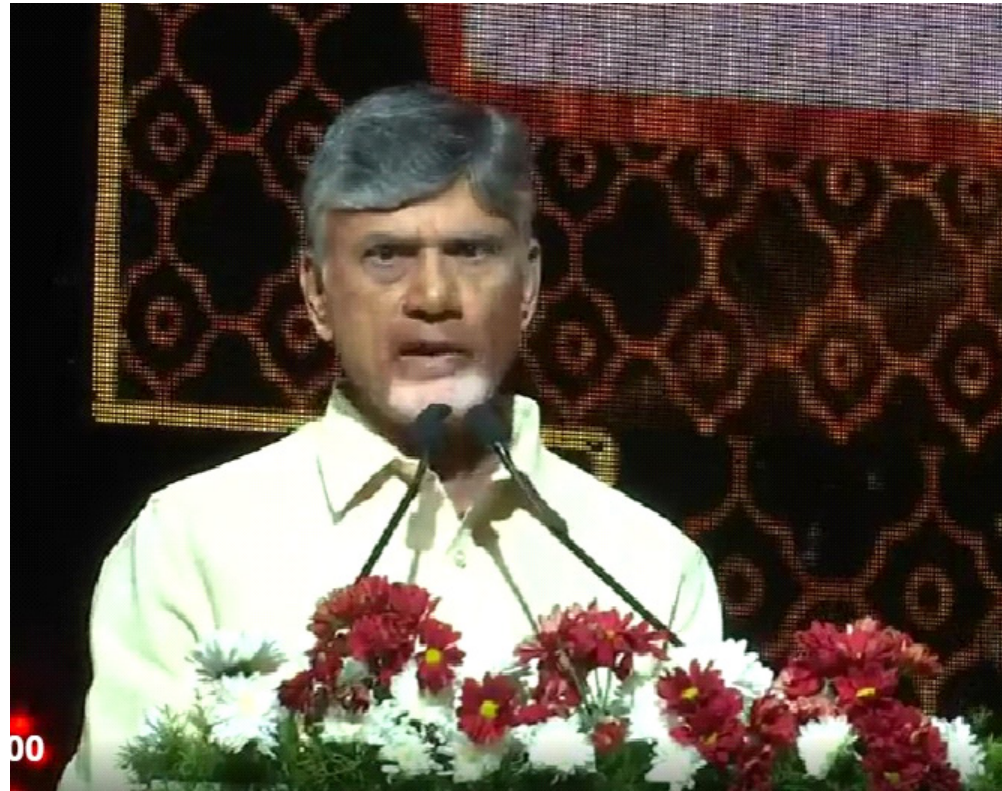
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TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 04

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu attended the World Telugu Federation Conference held in Hyderabad and celebrated the excellence of the Telugu community in various fields. In his address, he highlighted the contributions of luminaries like Gidugu Ramamurthy Pantulu and media magnate Ramoji Rao, acknowledging their efforts in the development of the Telugu language and culture.

Chandrababu praised the achievements of Telugu people in politics, judiciary, sports, and arts. "In politics, figures like Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, PV Narasimha Rao, GMC Balayogi, and Venkaiah Naidu have excelled. In the judiciary, we have had stalwarts like Justice Koka Subbarao and former Chief Justice NV Ramana," he noted.

Recognizing sports icons, he cited names such as Karanam Malleswari, Pallela Gopichand, PV Sindhu, and



Koneru Humpy. "Even Nitish Kumar Reddy, who recently scored a century, is bringing glory to Telugu sports," he added.

He expressed pride in the Telugu film industry's global prominence. "The Telugu film industry, which moved from Chennai to Hyderabad, has now become the number one film industry in India and has captured the world market," he said.

Chandrababu also reflected on the richness of Telugu art forms like Ku-

chipudi dance and cultural traditions such as Bathukamma. He invoked the determination of Potti Sriramulu, the courage of Tanguturi Prakasam, and the wisdom of PV Narasimha Rao to inspire the Telugu community to strive for global recognition.

Urging smart work and responsible use of technology, Chandrababu emphasized, "If used wisely, technology can help us rule the world." He concluded by expressing hope that the Telugu community would work together to achieve global prominence by 2047.



Minister Narayana Directs Immediate Action on TDR Bonds

TPN Correspondent
Amaravati, Jan 04

Minister Narayana has issued crucial orders to expedite the issuance of Transferable Development Rights (TDR) bonds, addressing long-standing delays and irregularities. During a video conference with municipal commissioners and urban development authority (UDA) officials, the minister instructed that all pending TDR bonds be issued to eligible beneficiaries by tonight, excluding those linked to irregularities from the previous government's tenure.

Key Highlights of the Meeting:

- **Pending Bonds:** A total of 437 TDR bonds from the previous government's tenure remain pending. Minister Narayana directed their issuance via the online system by tonight.
- **Current Applications:** Since the coalition government assumed office, 654 new applications for TDR bonds have been received. These are under review by respective municipalities, and the minister urged their issuance within two to three days.
- **Irregularities:** The minister highlighted massive irregularities in the issuance of TDR bonds during the previous administration. These cases were investigated by committees, resulting in the temporary suspension of bond issuance.
- **Improved Processes:** To prevent further delays and ensure transparency, the government resumed TDR bond issuance online. The minister emphasized prompt action to ensure no beneficiary faces unnecessary difficulties.

The video conference was attended by Secretary Kannababu, Director Harinarayanan, and Town Planning Director Vidyullatha, alongside municipal and UDA officials. Minister Narayana reaffirmed the government's commitment to accountability and timely resolution of public grievances, ensuring that eligible beneficiaries receive their dues without hindrance.



Jana Sena Party to Celebrate Formation Day with Three-Day Plenary in Pithapuram

TPN Correspondent
Andhra Pradesh, Jan 04

Jana Sena Party (JSP) President and Deputy Chief Minister Shri Pawan Kalyan has announced that the party will organize a three-day plenary to celebrate its formation day. The plenary will be held in Pithapuram constituency from March 12 to 14.

A core committee meeting was held in Vijayawada on Friday afternoon, chaired by the Party's Political Affairs Committee and Civil Supplies Minister Shri Nadendla Manohar, to finalize the arrangements for the event. The plenary will commemorate the formation of the Jana Sena Party on March 14, 2014. Shri Pawan Kalyan founded the party with a vision to serve the public interest. The plenary will reflect on how the party's principles and Shri Pawan Kalyan's aspirations have reached the people and explore the future direction of the party. Delegates will be present at the inauguration on March 12, with a public meeting scheduled for March 14.

The plenary will provide a platform to discuss important issues, and various committees will be formed to ensure smooth organization. Party leaders, intellectuals, and members will contribute suggestions and advice to help strengthen the party's role in the coalition government and in public service.

State Tourism Minister Sri Kandula Durgesh, Lok Sabha Member Sri Tangella Uday Srinivas, MLC Sri Pidugu Hariprasad, MLAs Sri Pantham Nanaji, Smt. Lokam Madhavi, Sri Arava Sridhar, Sri Bolisetty Srinivas, MSME Chairman Sri T. Sivashankar, and other party leaders participated in the meeting.

The plenary is expected to be an important event, with significant discussions on public issues and the party's future path.

IPS Officer Under Scrutiny in Kadambari Jitwani Case



TPN Correspondent
Andhra Pradesh, Jan 04

In a significant development in the high-profile Kadambari Jitwani case, it has come to light that IPS officers allegedly connected to the incident have been suspended. The case, involving the Mumbai actress, has taken a political turn, with accusations of ministerial intervention obstructing the course of justice.

Sources allege that an IPS officer from Chirala, facing allegations of misconduct in the Jitwani case, is attempting to evade accountability with the backing of a prominent Andhra Pradesh state minister. The officer, known for his controversial role during the YSR Congress Party (YCP) government, is accused of acting as a political enforcer rather than a law enforcement official. Reports suggest that he misused

his position to register false cases and harass individuals during the previous administration.

Allegations of Ministerial Support Political critics claim that the state minister in question is shielding the officer, influencing the investigation to stall progress. Despite the suspension of IPS officers linked to the case, no substantial investigation has reportedly been conducted against them. Observers allege that the minister's actions are creating a protective barrier for the officer, undermining the pursuit of justice.

The officer, who is currently out on anticipatory bail, is rumored to be lobbying ruling government ministers to neutralize the charges against him. This has raised concerns about the misuse of political influence to safeguard individuals in positions of power.



Govt to Issue Orders in Telugu Alongside English

TPN Correspondent
Hyderabad, Jan 04

The Andhra Pradesh government has taken a landmark decision to promote the Telugu language by mandating that government orders (GOs) be issued in both Telugu and English. The General Administration Department has formalized this directive through GO MS No. 3, issued in both languages.

This move recognizes the linguistic identity of Andhra Pradesh, where over 90% of the population speaks Telugu. Officials highlighted that making GOs available in Telugu would enhance public understanding and ensure greater accessibility. Key Aspects of the Policy:

- **Bilingual Issuance:** Departments may initially release GOs in English and upload the Telugu version within two days or vice versa.
- **Alternatively, the orders can be issued simultaneously in both languages.**
- **Translation Support:** Departments have been instructed to use the services of the Director of Translation to ensure accurate and reliable translations of GOs into Telugu.
- **Implementation Guidelines:** Principal Secretary S. Suresh Kumar has directed all departments to strictly adhere to this bilingual issuance policy.

The government highlighted that GOs play a pivotal role in governance and that issuing them in Telugu is vital for a state aiming to strengthen Telugu as its first language. This policy seeks to integrate the language deeply into administrative processes and governance.

Jagan Has Burdened the State With a Debt of ₹5 Lakh Crore - Minister Atchannaidu

TPN Correspondent
Kakinada, Jan 04

Minister Atchannaidu launched a scathing attack on former Chief Minister Jaganmohan Reddy, accusing him of corrupting Andhra Pradesh and leaving the state in financial turmoil. Speaking to the media on Friday, Atchannaidu highlighted the alleged mismanagement of resources and heavy debts incurred during the YSRCP government's tenure. "Jagan has burdened the state with a debt of ₹5 lakh crore in five years and is now paying ₹22,000 crore annually in interest alone," Atchannaidu alleged. He claimed the state is on "a ventilator" but has received "oxygen" due to the central government's cooperation in recent months. He criticized the YSRCP for introducing the Land Titling Act, claiming it was an attempt to deceive the people, and assured that the TDP repealed the act to protect the public. Atchannaidu also highlighted the financial crisis under the YSRCP, stating the state's wealth was insufficient to pay employees' salaries.



Promising a brighter future, Atchannaidu said the TDP government would fulfill all its commitments, including providing ₹8,400 crore in benefits under its schemes. He assured support to fishermen, including ₹20,000 assistance during the fishing ban and development of coastal jetties to prevent migration. Atchannaidu criticized the YSRCP for failing to deliver any development, asserting, "There was zero progress under the YSRCP govern-

ment." He pledged that the TDP would bring ₹1.8 lakh crore in investments and create 20 lakh jobs within six months of taking power. Concluding his speech, Atchannaidu called on the people to cooperate with TDP's vision of growth, stating, "We will not see the ghost of Jagan again in the state." He praised MLA Buchibabu for his dedication to development despite personal financial losses in politics.

Minister Satyakumar Slams JC Prabhakar Reddy Over 'Prostituted' Remarks

TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Jan 04

Andhra Pradesh Minister and BJP leader Satyakumar lashed out at former TDP MLA JC Prabhakar Reddy for his controversial remarks and allegations, which have sparked tensions between the TDP and BJP.



The dispute began with New Year celebrations organized by JC Prabhakar Reddy in Tadipatri, which included a special event for women. BJP leader and actress Madhavi Latha criticized the event in a video, urging women not to attend and alleging that atrocities were occurring at JC Park. In response, JC Prabhakar Reddy made harsh comments, referring to Madhavi Latha in derogatory terms and accusing her of being a "prostitute." Amid these developments, buses belonging to Diwakar Travels, associated with JC, were set on fire. JC alleged that BJP leaders were responsible and went as far as to call them "less than Hijras." Minister Satyakumar condemned JC's remarks, describing them as inappropriate and baseless. He stated that JC appeared to lack clarity on what he

was saying and noted that several allegations against JC's businesses had surfaced in the past. Satyakumar emphasized that such comments against BJP, a key ally in the political alliance, were unacceptable. The minister advised JC Prabhakar Reddy to conduct himself with dignity and act according to his age. He reiterated the importance of maintaining decorum and mutual respect within the alliance, cautioning against behavior that could harm the partnership between the two parties. The incident has deepened the rift between TDP and BJP leaders, raising questions about the stability of the alliance as both sides exchange sharp criticisms.

Complaint Filed Against BJP Leader Madhavi Latha Over Controversial Comments

TPN Correspondent
Anantapur, Jan 04

Telugu Desam Party (TDP) Mala Corporation Director Konkari Kamalamma and Tadipatri TDP women councilors have filed a complaint at the Tadipatri town police station against BJP leader and actress Madhavi Latha. The complaint pertains to Madhavi Latha's controversial remarks about the New Year's Eve programs held under the leadership of Municipal Chairman JC Prabhakar Reddy. The special event, organized on December 31 in Tadipatri, was exclusively for women. However, Madhavi Latha allegedly made inappropriate comments, claiming there was rampant use of ganja in Tadipatri and advising women to avoid attending the program. Her remarks have sparked outrage among TDP leaders. Kamalamma strongly condemned Madhavi Latha's statements, questioning how someone residing in Karnataka could make such claims about Tadipatri without direct knowledge of the situation. She further



criticized Madhavi Latha for attempting to tarnish the reputation of the town and its leadership. The TDP leaders have demanded that the police register a non-bailable case against Madhavi Latha. Kamalamma urged law enforcement to take strict action, asserting that such baseless and derogatory comments should not go unpunished. The incident has added to the growing tensions between the TDP and BJP, as political leaders from both parties continue to exchange sharp criticisms. The Tadipatri police are yet to issue an official statement regarding the complaint.

TDP Alleges Police Misbehavior in Chagalamarri

TPN Correspondent
Chagalamarri, Jan 04

Tensions flared in Chinna Vangali village of Chagalamarri mandal, Allagadda constituency, Nandyal district, following a clash between TDP and YSRCP factions during the Milk Producers Cooperative Society elections. The situation escalated when Allagadda Rural CI Kambagiri Ramudu intervened to disperse the two groups. TDP ranks accused the CI of misbehaving with Chagalamarri Mandal TDP Convener and lawyer Narasimha Reddy during the altercation. The incident has created a charged atmosphere in Chagalamarri, with TDP cadres expressing outrage over what they described as biased behavior by the police in favor of the YSRCP. Speaking on the issue, TDP leaders criticized the police for alleged partiality and mistreatment of their party members. They announced plans to stage a peaceful dharna in Allagadda town on Friday evening to protest the police's conduct and their perceived support for the YSRCP during the elections. The TDP has called for a fair investigation into the incident and demanded accountability from the police for their actions. This development is likely to deepen the political divide in the region, as both TDP and YSRCP continue to vie for dominance. Local authorities are yet to comment on the allegations or the planned protest.



MLA Pulivarthi Nani Encourages Youth at Naravaripalle Job Fair



TPN Correspondent
Tirupati, Jan 04

Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani has urged the youth to approach work with self-confidence, regardless of the nature of the job, and to contribute to easing their parents' hardships. Speaking at a job fair organized in Naravaripalle, the hometown of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, MLA Nani emphasized the state government's commitment to providing employment opportunities for the unemployed youth of the constituency. The event was conducted in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation, Panchayat Raj Department, SERP, and the National Career Service. MLA Nani announced that 1,200 job opportunities are being offered in the first

phase of the initiative. He also revealed plans to organize another job fair specifically targeting IT companies, aimed at creating additional employment avenues. "Our efforts are focused on ensuring that the unemployed youth of our constituency receive ample opportunities to build their careers. This job fair is just the beginning, and we are committed to facilitating more such initiatives in the future," said Pulivarthi Nani. The job fair attracted significant participation, with candidates expressing gratitude for the opportunity to interact with potential employers and explore various career options. The event reflects the government's resolve to address unemployment and empower the youth in Chandragiri constituency.

MP CM Ramesh Announces PM Modi's Visit to Anakapalle for Development Projects

TPN Correspondent
Anakapalle, Jan 04

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Anakapalle district on January 8 to lay the foundation stone for several key industrial projects. MP CM Ramesh, addressing a press conference at the Anakapalle Collector's office, highlighted the significance of the event in accelerating the district's development. The projects include major industrial ventures in Achuthapuram of the Elamanchili constituency and Nakkapalle of the Payakaraopet constituency. Ramesh emphasized that these initiatives align with the promises made during the elections to transform Anakapalle into a hub of progress and prosperity. In addition to the industrial projects, plans for a new highway connecting Tuni, Narsipatnam, and Madugula were unveiled. The highway is expected to boost the region's industrial growth by enhancing connectivity and infrastructure. The press conference was attended by Elamanchili MLA Sundarapu Vijayakumar, Madugula MLA Bandaru Sa-



tyanarayanamurthy, and senior Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders Peela Govind Satyanarayana and Dadi Ratanakar, who expressed their support for the development plans. MP CM Ramesh called on all stakeholders to work together to make the Prime Minister's visit a grand success and ensure the effective implementation of these projects. He reiterated the government's commitment to fulfilling its promises and making Anakapalle a beacon of industrial and infrastructural development in Andhra Pradesh. The visit is anticipated to mark a significant milestone for Anakapalle, as it moves closer to becoming a key contributor to the state's economic growth.

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CM Chandrababu Naidu Unveils Drivers Association Calendar, Promises Solutions



TPN Correspondent, Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu unveiled the Andhra Pradesh Government Drivers Association calendar on Friday, along with the New Year table calendar. The event saw the participation of several association representatives, including State President Samsani Srinivasa Rao and Secretary K. Chiranjeevi, who extended New Year greetings to the Chief Minister.

During the program, the Chief Minister listened to the grievances of the drivers and assured them of prompt resolutions. He acknowledged the pressing issues faced by outsourced drivers, emphasizing that their current salaries were insufficient to sustain their families. He promised to address their demands for regularized pay scales and recognition of their services as government employees.

The association representatives also raised concerns about the need for funding to purchase new vehicles and repair existing ones. CM Naidu pledged to take up these matters with the relevant authorities.

The Chief Minister met with the Chief Secretary, IAS officers, and the Principal Secretary of the General Administration Department to discuss these issues. He expressed satisfaction that officials had positively responded to requests, including the reversal of drivers forcibly converted into attendants and assurances of justice for outsourced drivers.

Prominent attendees included Amaravati Drivers Association State President Samsani Srinivasa Rao, Andhra Pradesh Government Vehicle Drivers Central Association General Secretary K. Chiranjeevi, State Vice President Y. Nageswara Rao, and others. Their collective presence highlighted the solidarity within the association as they sought long-term solutions for drivers' welfare.

The event underscored the state government's commitment to addressing the concerns of its employees and improving their working conditions.

Ministers Review Flood Control Measures for Vijayawada

TPN Correspondent, Vijayawada: Ministers Nimmala Ramanaidu and Narayana convened a meeting at the Vijayawada Irrigation Camp Office to review flood control measures for Budameru. The review aimed to assess strategies to prevent future flooding and ensure minimal inconvenience to the people of Vijayawada.

Key officials present included Irrigation Special Chief Secretary Sai Prasad, Municipal Department Secretary Kannababu, CRDA Commissioner Katamaneni Bhaskar, Irrigation ENC Venkateswara Rao, and representatives from Municipal, Town Planning, Revenue, and Survey departments.

The discussion centered on preparing a comprehensive report outlining steps to address flood issues and implementing measures to protect Vijayawada, especially in cases where both Budameru and Krishna rivers flood simultaneously.



Minister Narayana's Observations

Minister Narayana highlighted the severe impact of Budameru floods, stating that approximately five lakh residents across 34 wards were submerged for four days, while those in four wards faced water stagnation for 19 days. He noted that the lack of water for basic needs

during the crisis forced the distribution of 20-30 lakh water bottles daily.

The minister criticized the YSRCP government, alleging that its decision to cancel Budameru-related tenders in the past led to the current flood crisis. He also accused the government of politicizing the distribution of water bottles during the floods.

"Jagan has no economic plan, and the YCP is responsible for the Budameru floods," Narayana said.

The ministers announced that another meeting involving the Irrigation, Municipal, and Revenue departments would be held on January 18 to finalize flood mitigation strategies. This review reflects the government's commitment to addressing Vijayawada's flood-related challenges and ensuring better preparedness for the future.

Illegal Collections from Small Traders in Gurajala Draw Flak



TPN Correspondent, Gurajala: Small traders in Gurajala town are raising concerns over alleged illegal money collections by members of the ruling coalition party. Reports indicate that these traders, primarily cart vendors, are being forced to pay amounts ranging from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000 per cart monthly, amounting to a collective extortion of ₹30,000 to ₹40,000.

The traders allege they face threats of eviction from their locations if they fail to comply with these demands. "If we had

the financial capacity to pay such rent, we wouldn't be operating from carts but from rented shops," lamented a victim. Under the previous government, the municipal department collected a nominal fee of ₹500 per cart per month, issuing proper receipts. However, traders say municipal authorities are no longer involved, and unauthorized leaders have taken over collections.

One female leader allegedly threatened vendors, demanding immediate compliance or face removal of their carts. Traders claim the names of prominent party leaders are being invoked to justify the collections, but they believe these leaders are unaware of the situation.

The affected traders are appealing to local MLA Yarapathineni Srinivasa Rao to address the issue and protect their livelihoods. "We urge the MLA to ensure justice and support small traders like us," they said.

Authorities have yet to respond to the allegations, but the traders' plight has sparked widespread discontent and calls for an investigation.

Unidentified Miscreants Set Fire to Bikes in Vijayawada



TPN Correspondent, Vijayawada : In a disturbing incident, unidentified persons set fire to five bikes parked in front of houses at Kotayya Street near Kummari Palem Center under the Bhavanipuram police station limits.

The incident reportedly occurred at around 1:30 am, and locals promptly alerted the authorities. Vehicle owners have since filed complaints at the Bhavanipuram police station regarding the incident.

This is not an isolated case. For the past month, similar acts of arson targeting vehicles parked in residential areas within the Bhavanipuram jurisdiction have been reported.

The Bhavanipuram police have initiated an investigation and are analyzing CCTV footage from the area to identify and apprehend the culprits.

Residents have expressed concerns over the recurring incidents, urging the police to intensify their efforts to ensure safety and prevent further occurrences.

New Terminal Building at Vijayawada Airport to Be Completed by June



TPN Correspondent, Vijayawada: Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath, and Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu conducted an inspection of the new terminal building under construction at Vijayawada Airport on Friday.

Airport officials briefed the leaders about the progress of the construction work, which is aimed at enhancing passenger capacity and improving infrastructure. The dignitaries visited various parts of the new terminal, including the rooftop, to review the ongoing developments.

Union Minister Rammohan Naidu and MP Kesineni Sivanath emphasized the importance of completing the project within the stipulated timeline. They instructed airport authorities and engineers to accelerate the work and ensure its completion by the end of June.

Airport Director Laxmikant Reddy, along with senior officials and engineers, participated in the inspection and assured full commitment to meeting the deadline. The new terminal building is expected to significantly boost connectivity and provide a world-class experience for passengers traveling through Vijayawada Airport.

PM Modi Lays Foundation for New Delhi University Campuses and Veer Savarkar College

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On Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stones for two new campuses of Delhi University (DU) and a college named after the prominent BJP ideologue, Veer Savarkar. With an investment of over Rs 600 crore, the initiative aims to expand educational opportunities and modernize facilities in the capital.

The ceremony, which took place at Ashok Vihar, marked the launch of several infrastructure projects for Delhi, with DU's East and West campuses being the highlight. These campuses are part of the university's effort to broaden its reach across the city by adding new educational hubs to complement the existing North and South campuses.

The East Campus, situated at Surajmal Vihar, is being developed at a cost of Rs 373 crore and spans 15.25 acres. This new campus will offer law programs, including LLB, LLM, and a five-year integrated LLB course, alongside a range of multidisciplinary programs. The campus is set to feature state-of-the-art facilities such as 60 classrooms, 10 tutorial rooms, six moot courts, four computer labs, two cafeterias, and two common rooms, all spread across a built-up area of 59,618 square meters.



The West Campus, located at Dwarka Sector 22, is under construction at an estimated cost of Rs 107 crore. The first phase of this campus will focus on developing an academic block, which will include 42 classrooms, two moot courts, a digital library, conference rooms, seminar halls, and separate common rooms for boys and girls. The West Campus will cover 19,434 square meters in total.

In addition to the campuses, PM Modi also laid the foundation for Veer Savarkar College at Roshanpura, Najafgarh, just a short walk from the West Cam-

pus. The college, which will be built at an estimated cost of Rs 140 crore, will span 18,816.56 square meters. It will provide modern facilities, including 24 classrooms, eight tutorial rooms, 40 faculty rooms, department libraries, conference rooms, and a canteen, aimed at providing a comprehensive learning environment for students.

These initiatives reflect the government's commitment to improving educational infrastructure and providing more opportunities for students in the national capital.

Vande Bharat Sleeper Train Achieves Peak Speed of 180 km/h During Trial Runs

Water Level in Glass Remains Static as Train Reaches Milestone Speed



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The Vande Bharat Sleeper Train has achieved a significant milestone by reaching a peak speed of 180 km/h during its trial runs, which were conducted over the last three days. These trials are part of the ongoing process to evaluate the train for official certification by the Railway Safety Commissioner.

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw shared a video on Friday showcasing the Vande Bharat sleeper train achieving the peak speed of 180 km/h during multiple trials. The trials are expected to continue until the end of the month.

One of the key moments in the trial was a 30-km-long run between Kota and Laban in Bundi district of Rajasthan on Thursday. In a video posted by the minister, the water level in a glass placed next to a mobile phone remained perfectly static despite the high speed of the train.

In addition to this, the Ministry of Railways reported that a 40-km-long trial run between Rohal Khurd and Kota on January 1 saw the train reach 180 km/h. On the Kota-Nagda and Rohal Khurd-Chau Mahla sections, the train achieved speeds of 170 km/h and 160 km/h, respectively.

Trial Runs to Continue Until Month's End

The trials, supervised by the Research, Design & Standards Organization (RDSO) in Lucknow, will continue throughout January. Once completed, the Vande Bharat sleeper train will undergo a final evaluation by the Railway Safety Commissioner at its maximum speed. The official certification will follow, enabling the train to be inducted into regular service across the country.

Key Features of the Vande Bharat Sleeper Train

The Vande Bharat Sleeper Train is designed with modern amenities, including automatic doors, ultra-comfortable berths, on-board Wi-Fi, and an aircraft-like design. Currently, 136 Vande Bharat trains are in service across India, primarily for medium and short-distance travel.



Two men set on fire over Union Carbide waste disposal at Pithampur

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Madhya Pradesh, Jan 4

During the protest against the dumping of contaminated garbage, two men poured petrol on themselves while sloganeering. Amidst the crowd, someone allegedly lit them on fire, leading to the self-immolation incident. The incident occurred on Friday amidst a bandh (shutdown) called by local groups opposing the incineration of the hazardous waste in the industrial town.

During the protest, which was held against the planned incineration of the waste, eyewitnesses said the two men, both in their 40s, poured petrol on themselves and set themselves ablaze. A person in the crowd allegedly lit them on fire, as captured in a video filmed at the scene. The protesters had been chanting slogans against the disposal of the contaminated garbage when the self-immolation occurred.

Both men were rushed to a hospital in Pithampur, located around 30 km from Indore, and later transferred to a private hospital in Indore. Fortunately, they were reported to be out of danger. Dhar Superintendent of Police Manoj Singh confirmed that the situation was under control but remained tense. Protests also continued in other parts of the town.

Bandh and Protests in Pithampur

Shops and markets in Pithampur remained closed as part of the bandh call by the Pithampur Bachao Samiti, a local group that claims the incineration of Union Carbide waste poses a significant threat to the health and environment of the local community. Pithampur, an industrial town with a population of around 1.75 lakh, hosts nearly 700 factories across three sectors.

Indian Navy Officers' Free Fall in Vizag After Parachute Mishap

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Two Indian Navy officers had a narrow escape during an operational demonstration rehearsal at Rama Krishna Beach in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday. The mishap occurred when their parachutes became entangled mid-air, leading to an uncontrolled descent into the waters.

A video of the incident, widely shared on social media, captures the dramatic moment when the officers, one of whom was carrying the national flag, experienced a free fall before their parachutes got entangled. Despite the alarming situation, both officers were rescued safely by a naval boat stationed nearby. The rehearsal, conducted by the Eastern Naval Command, drew a significant crowd to the beach. No injuries were reported, and the officers reached the shore safely after being rescued.

The full operational demonstration is scheduled for January 4 at Rama Krishna Beach, with Andhra Pradesh Chief Min-



ister N. Chandrababu Naidu as the Chief Guest. Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command, will host the event.

The demonstration aims to strengthen ties between the Indian Navy and the people of Andhra Pradesh, showcasing the Navy's readiness to protect the nation's maritime interests. The event will feature a choreographed display of the

Navy's capabilities, including performances by warships, submarines, aircraft, the Naval Band, and the elite Marine Commandos (MARCOS).

In addition to the demonstration, the Indian Navy is set to commission two indigenously built warships, Surat and Nilgiri, along with the diesel-electric submarine Vagsheer, on January 15, marking a significant milestone in India's naval capabilities.

Those Indulging In Politics Over My Apology Seek Unrest: CM Biren

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Amid the continuing unrest in Manipur, Chief Minister N Biren Singh on Friday addressed the controversy surrounding his apology for the 20-month-long ethnic conflict in the state, accusing those politicizing his statement of seeking to prolong instability. Singh emphasized that his government's top priority is the restoration of peace in the region.

Singh urged all communities in Manipur to come together and work towards a permanent solution to the ethnic conflict that has rocked the state since May 2023. He urged people to "forgive and forget," stressing that the past should be left behind in order to build a peaceful future.

In his statement, Singh clarified that his apology was meant for the innocent victims and those who had lost their homes or loved ones during the violence. "What I said was an expression of sadness and grief," he explained, adding that it was not directed at those responsible for the violence. Singh rejected the idea of apologizing to terrorists, asserting that his words were intended to comfort the displaced and those who had suffered.

On Tuesday, Singh had publicly apologized for the ethnic conflict, which has resulted in over 250 deaths and left thousands displaced. His apology had stirred political debates, with some opposition parties accusing him of not doing enough to resolve the crisis. However, Singh rejected these claims, accusing the opposition of lacking an ideology and using the situation for political gains.

Ajay Kumar Bhalla Sworn in as the 19th Governor of Manipur

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Ajay Kumar Bhalla, former Union Home Secretary, was sworn in as the 19th Governor of Manipur in a ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan on Friday. The oath of office was administered to Bhalla by Justice D Krishnakumar, Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur.

Following the oath-taking, Bhalla inspected a guard of honour provided by personnel from the Manipur Rifles, marking the formal start of his tenure in the state. Bhalla, a 1984-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, is recognized for his exceptional service, having held the position of Union Home Secretary for five years until his retirement in August 2024. Bhalla's appointment as the Governor of Manipur was made by President Droupadi Murmu, and he replaces Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya, who had been handling the additional charge of Manipur. Bhalla's appointment is seen as a significant move by the government, given his extensive administrative experience at the national level.

Prior to the ceremony, Bhalla arrived in Imphal on Thursday, where he was warmly welcomed by Chief Minister N Biren Singh at the Raj Bhavan. The reception underscored the collaborative spirit between the newly appointed governor and the state's leadership as they prepare to work together for the development of Manipur.

2,700 Cops vs. Hundreds of Yoon Supporters in 6-Hour Standoff

Bid to Arrest Impeached South Korean President Fails

SOUTH KOREA: Anti-corruption investigators attempting to arrest impeached South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol were blocked by his security team and hundreds of supporters, leading to a dramatic six-hour standoff. The attempt to apprehend Yoon, who faces charges related to a controversial martial law declaration in early December, ended after authorities withdrew over safety concerns.

On Thursday, about 2,700 police officers surrounded Yoon's residence in a bid to arrest the ousted president, who could face imprisonment or even the death penalty if convicted. However, Yoon's security team, supported by nearly a thousand of his supporters, prevented the investigators from gaining access to his residence. The standoff lasted until 1:30 pm, when authorities called off the operation.

This confrontation followed the imposition of martial law in early December, which had a profound impact on South Korea, rattling financial markets, damaging the local currency, and disrupting diplomatic relations. Yoon was suspended from his official duties in mid-December, with Prime Minister Han Duck-soo stepping in briefly before being impeached as well. Despite his suspension, Yoon remains defiant and has vowed to fight in court to retain his position. The attempted arrest marked



the first-ever such move against a sitting South Korean president. The Corruption Investigation Office's efforts were blocked by around 200 soldiers and security personnel who formed a human barricade around the presidential compound. A group of 20 investigators and 80 police officers were forced to retreat after encountering resistance, including physical altercations and vehicles blocking their path.

The arrest attempt came after Yoon repeatedly refused requests to appear for questioning regarding his actions

surrounding the martial law declaration. With the arrest warrant's deadline looming on Monday, officials have hinted that a new attempt could be made after a review of the situation. While the Constitutional Court is reviewing Yoon's impeachment, a process that could take weeks or months, criminal investigations into charges of insurrection are also underway. Yoon's security service continues to protect him, blocking previous police raids at the presidential office as the standoff with authorities continues.

China's Mega Dam Project in Tibet Raises Environmental and Geopolitical Concerns



NEW DELHI: Last week, China revealed plans to construct the world's largest dam in Tibet, surpassing even the Three Gorges Dam. The project, situated in the environmentally-sensitive Himalayan region near the India-Tibet border, has raised alarms not only due to its potential environmental impact but also its geopolitical ramifications. The proposed dam will be built on the Brahmaputra River, which China refers to as the Yarlung Tsangpo in Tibet.

China's ambitious dam project is expected to generate 300 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity annually, significantly more than the Three Gorges Dam's 88.2 billion kWh capacity. At an estimated cost of USD 137 billion, the project will be the largest hydropower initiative in the world, surpassing any other infrastructure project globally. However, the scale and location of the project have raised concerns in India.

The dam's construction site is located in a highly seismic zone, which makes the region prone to earthquakes. The fragile geology of the area, combined with the potential environmental risks, has led to significant apprehension in India. With Tibet's proximity to India's northeastern states, especially Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, the effects of the project could be far-reaching. The dam could disrupt the flow of the Brahmaputra River, creating severe floods and droughts in the region, putting millions of people at risk downstream.

India has responded firmly, asserting its rights to the river's waters. The Ministry of External Affairs stated that New Delhi would continue to monitor developments closely and take necessary steps to safeguard its interests. It has called on Beijing to ensure that the project does not harm downstream countries, particularly India.

The environmental impact of the project could extend beyond the river itself. Large-scale hydropower projects like this one tend to alter ecosystems and agricultural landscapes, potentially causing irreversible damage to the region's biodiversity and disrupting the livelihoods of communities dependent on the river. Furthermore, the project raises the specter of forced resettlements, as seen with the Three Gorges Dam, which displaced over 1.4 million people. China has not yet disclosed how many individuals will be displaced by this new mega-project, but the scale of the dam suggests the number could be substantial.

Geopolitically, the dam could exacerbate tensions between India and China. As both nations are downstream users of the Brahmaputra's waters, the project has the potential to fuel "water wars" in the future, a concern previously highlighted by geopolitical analyst Genevieve Donnellon-May. India's long-standing fears about Chinese control over water resources may now be heightened, as the construction of this dam could shift the balance of power in the region.

In conclusion, while China's mega dam project is a significant achievement in terms of energy production, it brings with it critical concerns regarding the environment, displacement, and geopolitical stability. The Indian government remains resolute in its stance to ensure that the interests of its people and the surrounding ecology are protected, emphasizing the need for transparency and consultation with downstream nations.

Netanyahu Approves Continued Hostage Negotiations in Doha

JERUSALEM: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has given the green light for Israeli negotiators to continue discussions in Doha aimed at securing the release of hostages held by Hamas, his office announced Thursday. This decision comes after recent tensions, with both Israel and Hamas trading accusations about delays in reaching a deal.

The approval allows a professional-level delegation composed of experts from Israel's Mossad (intelligence agency), the IDF (military), and the ISA (internal security agency) to keep engaging in indirect negotiations. These talks, which are being facilitated by Qatar, Egypt, and the United States, have been ongoing in Doha, Qatar's capital.

Netanyahu's move to authorize contin-



ued dialogue highlights Israel's commitment to finding a resolution to the hostage crisis, despite the complex and sensitive nature of the negotiations. The indirect talks are aimed at securing the release of Israeli and other hostages,

though progress has been slow, and the involved parties have expressed frustration over the delay. Both Israel and Hamas have blamed each other for hindering the process, underscoring the challenges faced in reaching a final agreement. While Israel seeks the safe return of its citizens and the release of foreign nationals, Hamas demands significant political concessions in return.

The role of international mediators, including Qatar and Egypt, remains crucial in facilitating the ongoing talks, though no immediate breakthrough has been announced. The international community is watching closely as the situation unfolds, with hopes for a peaceful resolution to a conflict that has resulted in a dire humanitarian crisis.

Trump Blasts Biden as "Worst President" Over New Orleans Terror Attack

WHITEHOUSE: President-elect Donald Trump strongly criticized Joe Biden on Friday, calling him the "worst president" in U.S. history and blaming the current administration for the recent terror attack in New Orleans. Trump accused Biden of exacerbating America's security problems through his "Open Borders Policy," claiming it has led to an increase in violent crimes, including terrorism.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Trump stated that he had repeatedly warned that radical Islamic terrorism and violent crime would escalate under Biden's policies. He claimed that the situation has now reached a crisis point, far worse than he had ever imagined. Trump emphasized his belief that Biden's leadership has turned the U.S. into a "disaster" and made the country a "laughing stock" on the global stage.

Trump's criticism also extended to federal agencies, accusing them of focusing on "unlawfully attacking their political opponents" rather than ensuring the safety and security of American citizens. He expressed outrage over what he sees as the infiltration of radical elements within government institutions, warning that national security and democracy are being undermined.

The Republican leader also placed blame on



the Democratic Party, urging Democrats to feel "ashamed" for allowing what he considers a decline in American safety and values. He called for the CIA to take immediate action to address the threats facing the country, fearing it could be too late if swift measures are not taken.

Trump closed his remarks with a call for strong leadership, asserting that only through decisive action can America reverse the decline he claims is taking place. He ended with his signature slogan, "Make America Great Again," signaling his readiness to confront what he describes as a national crisis once he assumes office on January 20th.

China declares State of Emergency on new virus HMPV outbreak

CHINA: China is grappling with a new wave of respiratory infections, particularly a rapid spread of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV), five years after the COVID-19 pandemic. HMPV, which typically causes cold-like symptoms such as coughing, wheezing, runny nose, and sore throat, has raised concerns across the country. The virus, though not as severe as COVID-19, has contributed to a significant uptick in hospital admissions and overwhelmed healthcare systems.

Social media posts and local reports indicate that China has seen multiple outbreaks of HMPV in recent weeks, leading to overcrowding in hospitals. In some areas, the pressure on medical facilities is so intense that people are finding it increasingly difficult to access timely care. In addition to HMPV, the country is also dealing with a surge in cases of Influenza A, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, and a resurgence of COVID-19, further exacerbating the strain on the healthcare system.

Hospitals, which are already overwhelmed, are being forced to cope with an increasing influx of patients. The situation is similarly dire at crematoriums, which are reporting a surge in demand for services, as more people succumb to these viral infections. The simultaneous circulation of multiple viruses has



put China's public health infrastructure under considerable stress, raising concerns about its ability to handle a simultaneous outbreak of so many diseases.

The rapid spread of HMPV, in particular, highlights the ongoing vulnerabilities in China's healthcare system, even as the country continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Health experts have called for heightened vigilance and preventive measures to curb the spread of these viruses and to ensure that the healthcare system can cope with the current crisis. With the winter season intensifying the transmission of respiratory viruses, China's medical and emergency response teams are facing an unprecedented challenge.

Stock Markets Plunge in a Day of Turmoil

Heavy Losses Across IT, Pharma, and Banking Sectors

Domestic stock markets witnessed a turbulent session on Friday, closing with significant losses as a mix of domestic and global factors weighed heavily on investor sentiment. Mixed signals from Asian markets, profit booking, and high domestic valuations were compounded by foreign institutional investor (FII) outflows, a weak rupee, and fears of a global economic slowdown. Uncertainty surrounding US trade policies under Trump further contributed to the bearish mood. The IT, pharma, and banking sectors experienced sharp declines, while some resilience was observed with the Nifty closing at 24,004.

The BSE Sensex started at 80,072 but faced intense selling pressure, dipping to an intraday low of 79,109 before closing at 79,223, down 720 points. Similarly, the NSE Nifty began at 24,196, touched a low of 23,976, and ended the day at 24,004, down 183 points. The Bank Nifty followed suit, falling 616 points to close at 50,988. Broader market activity showed nearly equal participation from buyers and sellers, with 1,470 stocks advancing and 1,349 declining out of 2,903 traded on the NSE.

Sectoral performance was mixed, with gains in FMCG, Media, PSU Bank, Consumer Durables, and Oil & Gas indices, while Bank, Finance, IT, Pharma, Realty, and Healthcare indices dragged the market lower. Among Nifty50 constituents, ONGC, Tata Motors, SBI Life, Titan, and Nestle India emerged as top gainers, while Wipro, HDFC Bank, Adani Ports, Tech Mahindra, and Cipla recorded the steepest losses.

The rupee settled at 85.78 against the US dollar, adding to investor concerns. Notably, 88 stocks hit 52-week highs, while only 15 touched 52-week



lows, signaling select resilience despite overall market weakness. The NSE achieved a significant milestone in 2024 with a record 268 IPOs, raising ₹1.67 lakh crore.

Corporate updates highlighted mixed performance. IDFC First Bank reported 22% growth in loans and 29% growth in deposits for Q3, while Hero MotoCorp posted a 17.5% decline in December 2024 sales. KEC International secured orders worth ₹1,097 crore in the US and Arab countries. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs approved the amalgamation of Lanco Teesta Hydro Power with NHPC.

Brokerage recommendations included Morgan Stanley assigning an equal-weight rating to Petronet LNG, CLSA giving an outperform rating to Avenue Super Mart with a target price of ₹5,360, and Nomura issuing buy ratings for Dixon Tech and Voltas. Meanwhile, SEBI issued a warning to JM Financial over IPO-related merchant banking issues.

Despite the steep losses, analysts remain cautiously optimistic, citing strong fundamentals in specific sectors that could offer stability in the near term. However, they advise investors to tread carefully given the prevailing global uncertainties.

Textile Industry Raises Concerns Over Quality Control Order (QCO) and Its Impact on Jobs

The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) has raised alarms over the Quality Control Order (QCO) on key input materials, stating that it is harming jobs and stifling growth in the domestic textile sector. In its pre-Budget memorandum to the Finance Ministry, CITI emphasized that the QCO, which blocks the import and sale of materials lacking a Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) mark, is diminishing the competitiveness of the downstream industry. It is also creating a significant barrier to accessing essential raw materials.



According to CITI, the BIS certification process is particularly challenging for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), which are crucial players in the textile industry. The complex and time-consuming process is discouraging these smaller businesses from obtaining the certification, leaving them unable to import essential materials. Moreover, CITI argued that the QCO is inadvertently contributing to the creation of monopolies in the market, with large businesses benefiting from stronger lobbying power and easier access to resources.

The textile body pointed out that countries like Bangladesh and Vietnam do not face such restrictions, allowing their industries

to freely access raw materials without any non-tariff barriers (NTBs). In contrast, India's imposition of the QCO on man-made fibre (MMF) and yarn has created an artificial trade barrier, hindering the free flow of these critical inputs. This has resulted in shortages of specialized fibre and yarn varieties, which, in turn, has driven up domestic prices, putting additional strain on the industry.

CITI stressed that the QCO is negatively affecting the textile sector's ability to meet growing demand, particularly for products that require specific, high-quality raw materials. By limiting access to these inputs, the QCO is damaging the overall competitiveness of the Indian textile industry, harming both large and small businesses, and ultimately leading to job losses in the sector.

India's Palm Oil Imports Drop to Nine-Month Low as Prices Surge



India's palm oil imports fell sharply in December, reaching a nine-month low as prices surged to a 2-1/2-year high. The increase in palm oil prices led refiners to shift their focus to alternative oils, such as soyoil, which was available at a discount. According to five dealers, this shift in purchasing patterns significantly impacted India's palm oil import numbers.

Palm oil imports dropped by 40% in December compared to the previous month, amounting to just 503,000 metric tons. This marks the lowest import volume since March 2023, signaling a significant change in demand from the world's largest buyer of vegetable oils.

The decline in palm oil imports could have a ripple effect on the global market. While it may put downward pressure on benchmark Malaysian palm oil prices, it could provide support for U.S. soyoil futures. As Indian refiners turn to cheaper sub-

stitutes, the demand for soyoil is likely to rise, potentially influencing the global supply and pricing of vegetable oils.

The shift in India's import behavior reflects broader trends in the vegetable oil market, where fluctuations in prices and the availability of alternative oils can significantly impact purchasing decisions. With soyoil now being favored due to its price advantage, refiners are adapting to market conditions in an effort to manage costs while continuing to meet domestic demand for vegetable oils.

The drop in palm oil imports may also have longer-term implications for global vegetable oil markets, as India's purchasing decisions often serve as a bellwether for other countries. As India continues to navigate price volatility and changing demand patterns, the palm oil market may experience further adjustments in the months ahead.

Global Food Prices Dip in December, Sugar Leads Decline

The United Nations' world food price index experienced a modest decline in December, largely driven by a drop in sugar prices, according to the latest data from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The index fell to 127.0 points, down from 127.6 in November. However, it still marked a 6.7% increase compared to the same month in 2023, although it remained significantly lower—by 20.7%—than the record high reached in March 2022.

Sugar prices led the decline in December, dropping by 5.1% month-on-month. This decrease was attributed to improved sugarcane crop forecasts in major producing nations, which helped ease concerns over supply shortages. Despite this drop, sugar prices were still 10.6% lower than their level in December 2023, reflecting a softening trend in the global market.

Dairy prices also experienced a downturn after seven consecutive months of increases. In December, dairy prices fell by 0.7% from November, although they still posted a significant year-on-year gain of 17%. Meanwhile, vegetable oil prices dropped by 0.5% month-on-month, but remained up by 33.5% compared to December 2023, driven by strong demand and production challenges in key oilseed markets.



The FAO's monthly food price index is a key indicator for tracking global food commodity prices. While the December dip offers some relief, the broader trend still reflects a tight global food supply, especially for products like dairy and vegetable oils. As the world moves into 2025, fluctuations in crop yields, international trade dynamics, and inflationary pressures will continue to influence food prices, with sugar and other key commodities at the forefront of these developments.

RBI Likely to Cut Policy Rates by 50 Basis Points in 2025, Says Report

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is expected to reduce policy rates by 50 basis points (bps) in the first half of 2025, according to a report by Jefferies. This anticipated rate cut follows the central bank's recent shift in its monetary policy stance, where it eased liquidity measures and cut the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) by 50 bps during the latest Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting.

The Jefferies report suggests that after easing its approach to liquidity and reducing the CRR, the RBI may review its policy rates, with a projected 50 bps cut in the first half of 2025. This marks a significant development in the central bank's ongoing efforts to maintain economic stability.

The report emphasizes that the RBI's shift



from a "withdrawal" stance to a "neutral" liquidity position, along with the CRR reduction to 4 percent of Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL)—a level last seen before the COVID-19 pandemic—paves the way for potential policy rate cuts. This

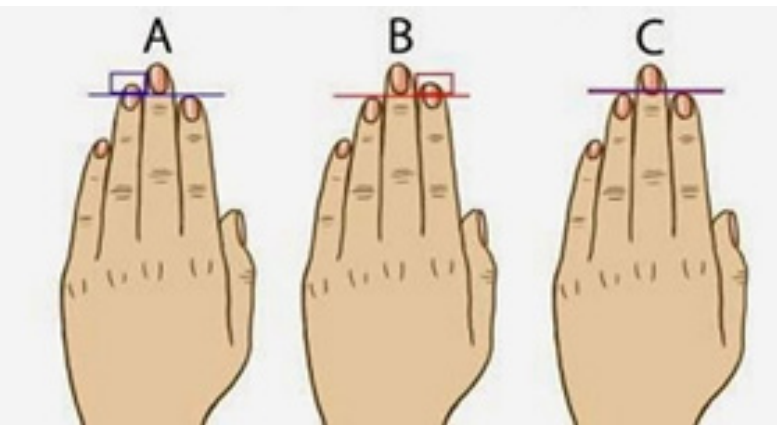
change in the liquidity position is seen as an important factor in the RBI's broader strategy to support economic growth and investment.

If the rate cut materializes, it is expected to have a stabilizing effect on regulatory momentum, fostering a more conducive environment for growth and investment. With the central bank's approach becoming more accommodating, businesses and investors may benefit from the more favorable monetary policy, helping to bolster economic activity in the near term.

As the RBI continues to adjust its policy in response to evolving economic conditions, market participants and analysts will closely monitor any further moves that could influence the pace of India's economic recovery.

What Your Fingers Reveal About Your Personality: Fascinating Insights

Did you know that your fingers can say a lot about who you are? Recent research into the shape and proportions of fingers has unveiled some surprising connections to personality traits. While research findings often go unnoticed, some results are just too interesting to ignore, especially when it comes to the quirky link between our hands and our character.



Though it may sound a bit outlandish, the study of fingers and their significance to our personal traits has gained traction. Your fingers, from their length to their shape, can provide valuable insights into your emotional tendencies, decision-making style, and even your social behaviors. These studies aim to explore how specific attributes of our fingers correspond to different aspects of our personalities.

For instance, the ratio between the lengths of your index and ring fingers—known as the 2D:4D ratio—has been studied to identify correlations with traits such as aggression, impulsivity, or even intelligence. People with a lower 2D:4D ratio (where the ring finger is longer than the index) may be associated with higher levels of physical activity or leadership qualities. On the other

hand, a higher ratio may indicate more nurturing or cooperative traits.

Additionally, the shape of your fingers, such as whether they are long or short, can suggest how you handle stress or form relationships. Longer fingers are often associated with an analytical mindset and a tendency to overthink, while shorter fingers may indicate someone who is more spontaneous and action-oriented.

Though it's important to take these findings with a pinch of salt, they offer an entertaining perspective on how our bodies could reflect deeper layers of our personalities. It's fun to consider what your fingers might say about you, and whether these results match up with your own experiences. So, what do your fingers reveal about your unique traits.

Samsung Teams Up with Instacart to Revolutionize Grocery Shopping with AI

Samsung has announced an exciting new partnership with US-based grocery delivery company Instacart to enhance its Bespoke Smart Refrigerator lineup. This collaboration, which was revealed on Thursday, brings a groundbreaking new feature powered by artificial intelligence (AI) that will help users manage their grocery shopping more efficiently.



The new AI-driven feature allows Samsung's Bespoke Smart Refrigerators to monitor the grocery items stored inside and automatically detect when stock levels are running low. When this happens, the fridge will add the missing items to the user's Instacart cart, making grocery shopping easier and more convenient. This feature will debut with the 2025 series of smart refrigerators, which will be showcased at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) later this month.

Samsung's announcement explains that the new feature will be available exclusively in the US and will be integrated into the 32-inch AI Family Hub screen and the 9-inch AI Home screen. Leveraging both Samsung's AI Vision inside technology and Instacart's product-matching API, the refrigerator will

intelligently identify grocery items and add them to the shopping cart without requiring manual input from the user.

Once the items are automatically added, users can conveniently place their grocery order directly from the refrigerator's screen, eliminating the need to open an app or website. Samsung further mentioned that existing Bespoke refrigerators with AI Family Hub screens will receive the new Instacart feature through an over-the-network (OTN) update, although no specific timeline has been provided for when the feature will be available for older devices.

This innovative step marks a significant leap in integrating AI and smart technology into everyday home appliances, providing consumers with a seamless and futuristic grocery shopping experience. Samsung's collaboration with Instacart promises to make shopping more intuitive and convenient for users, setting a new standard for smart home technology.

2025 predictions : forecast wars, aliens for the New Year's bingo card

If you haven't yet encountered the legendary predictions of the late Baba Vanga, her reputation for accurate foresight rivals that of France's Nostradamus. Known as "the Nostradamus of the Balkans," Baba Vanga's prophecies have earned her a devoted following. While some may not subscribe to the world of divinely inspired insights, her track record for foreseeing major global events—from the 9/11 attacks and Princess Diana's death to the Chernobyl disaster and Brexit—is undeniably impressive.



As we approach 2025, Baba Vanga's predictions for the year have sparked both intrigue and concern. Among the more unsettling of her forecasts are events that align with the ominous themes found in Nostradamus' 1555 work, *Les Prophéties*. Both seers suggest that 2025 may usher in significant global upheaval, including wars, natural disasters, and, perhaps most intriguingly, alien contact.

While the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict continues to dominate global headlines, Baba Vanga predicted a separate war in Europe with far-reaching consequences, potentially signaling the onset of World War III. This would add to the mounting tension in a world already strained by political and economic crises. But perhaps even more chilling is her prediction of a heightened collective consciousness, particularly the

rise of telepathy, which she links to an unprecedented encounter with extraterrestrial life.

While this may sound far-fetched to some, a recent study from the University of Oxford published in the *International Journal of Astrobiology* lends some scientific weight to the idea of alien contact. The study suggests that evolutionary theory could help us understand extraterrestrial behavior and the likelihood of making contact. Whether such an event would be more unsettling than a potential world war remains to be seen, but it certainly adds a layer of intrigue to Baba Vanga's predictions.

Interestingly, Nostradamus' quatrains for 2025 also predict a similar fate for Europe, with humanity making contact with extraterrestrial beings. Whether you're a believer or not, the overlap between these two renowned seers' forecasts makes it impossible to dismiss these predictions without some contemplation.

Blinkit Launches 10-Minute BLS Ambulance Service in India

In a move to enhance emergency medical care, Blinkit has launched a 10-minute Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance service in India. The quick-commerce company announced on Thursday that the service is initially available in Gurugram, with five fully-equipped ambulances ready to provide immediate medical assistance.

Each BLS ambulance is equipped with essential life-saving equipment, including oxygen cylinders, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), stretchers, monitors, suction machines, and emergency medicines. The ambulances are staffed with a trained paramedic, an assistant, and a driver, ensuring quick and professional medical care. The service aims to address the urgent need for fast and reliable ambulance services in urban areas, particularly in bustling cities like Gurugram.

Blinkit's CEO, Albinder Dhindsa, revealed the new service in a post on X (formerly Twitter), emphasizing the company's commitment to improving healthcare access. The service will soon be accessible through the Blinkit app, allowing users to book a BLS ambulance with ease. Currently in its scaling-up phase, the service is expected to expand to major cities across India over the next two years.



This initiative addresses a growing demand for quick-response medical services, especially in urban areas where timely emergency care can make a life-or-death difference. By leveraging its established infrastructure and delivery network, Blinkit is positioning itself as a key player in the emergency healthcare space.

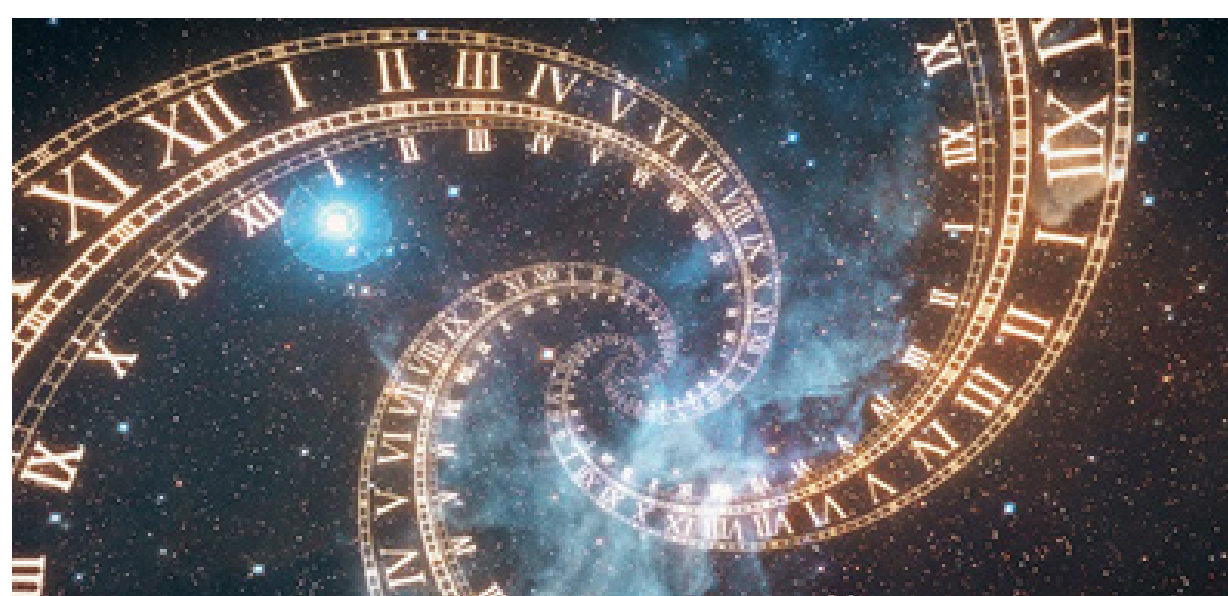
As the service rolls out to more cities, Blinkit hopes to reduce the critical time gap in emergencies and provide immediate assistance to those in need. With its advanced BLS-equipped ambulances and trained medical staff, the company is set to bring a significant improvement to emergency healthcare access across the country.

Why Time Slows Down in Altered States of Consciousness

Time seems to pass at different rates depending on the situation. For instance, when we experience boredom or pain, time appears to drag on, while moments of absorption, such as playing music or engaging in a hobby, cause time to feel like it's speeding by. More generally, as we age, many people report that time seems to accelerate. These variations in time perception, while interesting, can become much more pronounced in certain altered states of consciousness.

Time Expansion Experiences (Teens), as they are called, occur when seconds stretch out into what feels like minutes. Research suggests that these experiences can happen during emergencies, such as accidents or dangerous situations, where time seems to slow drastically, allowing individuals to think and act with remarkable clarity. Many people report that the expansion of time helped them avoid injury or even save their lives.

Interestingly, these time distortions also occur in non-emergency situations, such as deep



meditation, while in nature, or during certain altered states induced by psychedelics like LSD or ayahuasca. During a psychedelic experience, for instance, a person might feel as if the smallest fractions of a second move as slowly as normal seconds.

There are a few theories to explain these phenomena. One possibility is that the release of noradrenaline during moments of crisis could slow down our perception of time, but this doesn't account for the calm and peace people

often feel during Teens. A second theory posits that Teens may be an evolutionary adaptation, helping humans survive life-threatening situations by providing extra time to act. However, this doesn't explain why these experiences occur in non-threatening environments.

Another theory is that Teens are an illusion. In high-stress situations, our heightened awareness might cause us to take in more information than usual, creating the illusion that time has slowed when recalling the event. Despite this, most people who experience Teens insist that the time dilation was real and that they had more time to think and act than they would have in normal circumstances.

Ultimately, the key to understanding these altered perceptions of time lies in altered states of consciousness. Whether induced by stress, intense focus, or psychedelics, these states disrupt normal psychological processes, shifting our awareness in ways that stretch our perception of time.



Denzel Dumfries' Brace Sends Inter Milan to Italian Super Cup Final

Denzel Dumfries starred for Inter Milan, scoring a brilliant double to lead his team to a 2-0 victory over Atalanta on Thursday in Riyadh, securing a place in the Italian Super Cup final. The Netherlands international put on an impressive display, opening the scoring just four minutes into the second half with a stunning acrobatic finish from close range. Dumfries doubled his tally on the hour mark, firing a powerful strike from the edge of the box to seal Inter Milan's victory.

The match was a crucial one for both sides, with Atalanta coming into the game as Serie A leaders, while Inter

Milan, the reigning Italian champions, were determined to book their spot in the prestigious final. Dumfries' two goals were enough to edge out Atalanta, despite their best efforts to equalize.

Inter Milan's performance means they will now face either Juventus or AC Milan in the Super Cup final on January 6. Juventus, last season's Italian Cup winners, will take on AC Milan in the second semi-final of the four-team tournament, which is being held in Saudi Arabia for the third consecutive year.

The Italian Super Cup is a major com-

petition in Italian football, bringing together the winners of Serie A and the Italian Cup, and this year's edition is expected to be another thrilling contest. Inter Milan's dominant performance, led by Dumfries, sets the stage for what promises to be an exciting final.

Adding further intrigue to the tournament, AC Milan will be under the guidance of new coach Sergio Conceicao, who will take charge of his first match after replacing Paulo Fonseca earlier this week. Fans are eagerly awaiting the final showdown, with Inter Milan looking to continue their strong form and claim another title.

Djokovic Dominates Monfils to Reach Brisbane Quarterfinals

Novak Djokovic continued his impressive run at the Brisbane International on Thursday, defeating fellow veteran Gael Monfils 6-3, 6-3 to reach the quarterfinals. The Serbian tennis star, 37, extended his dominance over Monfils, improving his head-to-head record to a flawless 20-0, as he continued his bid for a 100th ATP Tour title.



ry with Monfils, Djokovic spoke about their history, dating back to their junior days. "We've been playing for many years," Djokovic said, recalling their first encounter in the opening round of the 2005 US Open. "We've had some incredible battles. Gael is one of the best athletes in our sport."

Looking ahead, Djokovic will face big-serving American Reilly Opelka in the next round. Opelka secured his spot in the quarterfinals after defeating Matteo Arnaldi 7-6(9), 7-6(4). In another upset, Frenchman Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard knocked out fourth seed Frances Tiafoe with a 6-4, 7-6(4) victory, setting up an exciting next round in Brisbane.

Djokovic's performance was clinical as he breezed through the first set, capitalizing on a single break of serve in the fourth game. The second set was no different, as he showed his experience and composure to seal the win in straight sets. The victory brought Djokovic a step closer to joining tennis legends Roger Federer (103 titles) and Jimmy Connors (109 titles) in the exclusive club of players with at least 100 career titles.

Reflecting on his long-standing rival-

As Djokovic heads toward an 11th Australian Open title bid later this month, his flawless performance in Brisbane is setting the tone for the upcoming Grand Slam season.



The Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) made history on the first day of the fifth India-Australia Test, with a record-breaking 47,566 spectators filling the stands. This marked the highest-ever opening day attendance for a Test match between the two teams at the iconic venue. The huge turnout further solidified the Australian public's continued passion for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series, one of the most anticipated cricket events.

2003/04 series between India and Australia.

By lunchtime on Day 1, 45,465 spectators had already entered the SCG, breaking the earlier attendance record and creating an electric atmosphere at the ground. Cricket Australia also highlighted that this was the largest crowd at the SCG for a Test match in nearly 50 years, dating back to 1976.

India Struggles on Opening Day of Fifth Test as Australia Dominate

Rohit Sharma's decision to "rest" for the fifth Test seemed to backfire as India's batting lineup crumbled under the pressure of Australia's hostile seam attack on the opening day in the ongoing series. India were dismissed for just 185, continuing their woes with the bat.

Virat Kohli, whose form has been under constant scrutiny, was dismissed for 17 off 69 balls. His repeated failures in the corridor of uncertainty have raised concerns, with this being the seventh time he was dismissed in such fashion during the tour. Kohli's struggles seem far from over, and he could be facing a make-or-break situation in the traditional format if his slump continues.

At stumps, Australia were 9 for 1, with stand-in skipper Jasprit Bumrah removing an out-of-form Usman Khawaja for just 2 runs. Teenage sensation Sam Konstas was unbeaten on 7, after an early exchange with Bumrah, showing his confidence against the Indian pacer.

India's decision to bat first on an overcast day underlined their defensive mindset, but the Australian bowlers proved relentless. Scott Boland was the pick of the bowlers, claiming 4 wickets for just 31 runs in 20 overs, while Mitchell Starc (3/49) and Pat Cummins (2/37) kept the pressure on. The Indian batters struggled to break free from the disciplined lengths of the Australian pacers.



Rishabh Pant, in a rare show of restraint, managed 40 off 98 balls, avoiding the aggressive shots that had previously led to his downfall. He endured several painful blows but managed to hold his ground in a partnership with Ravindra Jadeja (26 off 95 balls). The two added 48 runs for the fifth wicket, but Pant's patience eventually ran out when he fell to a pull shot.

The defensive approach, especially in the second session, where only 50 runs were scored, seemed to be counterproductive as India failed to score enough runs, and wickets kept falling. The lack of intent ultimately cost them dearly, leaving India in a vulnerable position for the remainder of the Test.

Arsenal Overcome Early Setback to Defeat Brentford 3-1 and Close Gap on Liverpool

Arsenal kicked off the new year with a crucial 3-1 victory over Brentford on Wednesday, bouncing back from an early setback to reclaim second place in the Premier League. The Gunners showed their resilience in the absence of star player Bukayo Saka, who is sidelined for at least two months following hamstring surgery.

Despite a rocky start, with Bryan Mbeumo putting Brentford ahead in the 13th minute, Arsenal kept their composure and equalized through Gabriel Jesus just before halftime. The Brazilian striker continued his strong form, helping the team recover from the early sucker-punch.

In the second half, Mikel Arteta's side came out with renewed energy. Mikel Merino capitalized on a corner to give Arsenal the lead just five minutes after the restart. Then, three minutes later, Gabriel Martinelli sealed the win with a brilliant volley, making it 3-1 and giving Arsenal full control of the match.

The victory propelled Arsenal into second place, with 39 points from 19 matches, just six points behind league leaders Liverpool, who have played one game fewer. The win was also important for Arsenal, given their injury concerns, as Saka's absence has put added pressure on the squad's attacking options.



For Brentford, this loss was their second home defeat of the season, leaving them in 12th place with 24 points. Despite a strong performance earlier in the season, Brentford struggled to cope with Arsenal's attack, especially after the early goal.

Arsenal will now look to build on this win as they continue their pursuit of the Premier League title, while Brentford will aim to bounce back from this setback in their upcoming matches.

Sydney Cricket Ground Sets New Attendance Record on Day 1 of IND-AUS Test

Cricket Australia celebrated the achievement, sharing on social media, "The records keep on falling. Over 45,000 through the gates of the Sydney Cricket Ground on Day 1." The attendance surpassed the previous record of 44,901, set during the

The historic crowd figure comes just days after another record was broken at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) earlier in the series, where the attendance at the India-Australia Test was also significantly higher than past records. These impressive turnouts are a testament to the growing interest in cricket, especially during such marquee contests.

As the series continues, the large crowds at both the SCG and MCG showcase the strong connection between Australian cricket fans and international cricket. The atmosphere and energy provided by the spectators will undoubtedly add to the excitement of the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy, with both teams fighting for supremacy in this thrilling series.



Pawan Kalyan To Attend Game Changer Pre-Release Event In Rajahmundry

The highly anticipated pre-release event of Game Changer, starring Ram Charan, has been officially announced, sending waves of excitement through the fan community. The movie's team revealed that the event will be held in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh, on the evening of January 4. In an exciting development, Pawan Kalyan has been confirmed as the chief guest for the occasion, adding further star power to the event.

Producer Dil Raju has personally invited Pawan Kalyan to be a part of the pre-release celebrations, making this announcement even more special for fans. With Pawan Kalyan's involvement, the pre-release event is expected to be a grand affair, drawing a massive crowd of enthusiastic fans eager to see their favorite stars together on the same stage.

The news of Pawan Kalyan's attendance has quickly gone viral on social media, with fans expressing their joy and anticipation for the upcoming event. The excitement surrounding the collaboration of the two big Tollywood stars—Ram Charan and Pawan Kalyan—is palpable, as fans look forward to seeing them interact in person.

Game Changer, directed by Shankar, has generated immense buzz due to its stellar cast, intriguing storyline, and high production values. The movie's pre-release event is expected to be a major highlight for the film's promotional campaign, giving fans a sneak peek into what



promises to be one of the biggest films of the year.

With Pawan Kalyan's presence adding star power to the event, *Game Changer* is set to create even more excitement in the lead-up to its release. Fans are eagerly counting down the days until they can witness the magic of Ram Charan and Pawan Kalyan together on stage.

Vishal and Santhanam's Comedy Madha Gaja Raja Set to Release This Pongal

After years of delay, the much-anticipated Tamil film Madha Gaja Raja, starring Vishal and Santhanam in the lead roles, is finally set to hit theatres this Pongal. Originally scheduled for a grand release back in 2013, the film faced several setbacks, including financial hurdles, which postponed its release for over a decade. However, the team has now confirmed that the film will be released on January 12, 2025, making it a major attraction for audiences this Sankranthi.

Directed by Sundar C, Madha Gaja Raja is a comedy film that promises to deliver fun-filled entertainment to the audience. Over the years, Sundar C has consistently stated in interviews that the movie's content remains fresh and entertaining, regardless of its long delay, ensuring that it will be well-received when it finally hits the big screen.



The film features a star-studded cast that includes not only Vishal and Santhanam but also Anjali, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, Sathish, Sonu Sood, the late Mayilsamy, and the legendary Manobala, among others. Their performances are expected to add significant value to the film's comedic appeal.

Madha Gaja Raja has been produced by Gemini Film Circuit, with the script written by Sundar C and Venkat Raghavan. The film's cinematography is handled by Richard M Nathan, while Praveen KL and NB Srikanth took care of the editing. The music for the movie has been composed

by the talented Vijay Antony.

Fans have eagerly awaited the release of this film, and with its long journey finally coming to an end, Madha Gaja Raja is expected to be a major box office success, adding to the festive spirit of Pongal.

Allu Arjun's 'Gango Renuka Talli' Video Song Released From Pushpa 2

The recently released Pushpa 2: The Rule has taken the box office by storm, with Allu Arjun in the lead role and Rashmika Mandanna playing the female lead. Directed by Sukumar, the film has already amassed over Rs. 1760 crore worldwide since its release on December 5, 2025, and it is on track to surpass the record set by Baahubali (Rs. 1804 crore). The movie's overwhelming success is a testament to its massive popularity, and fans are eagerly enjoying every aspect of the film.

As part of the film's ongoing celebrations, the team is releasing the full video songs from Pushpa 2 one by one, keeping the momentum alive. After the releases of hits like Kissik, Dammunte Pattukora Shekawat, and Sooseki, the team recently dropped the video for the highly anticipated Gango Renuka Talli (also known as Gango Renuka Matali). This song features a high-energy "Jatara" sequence where Allu Arjun delivers a powerful mass tannavam performance that has left fans in awe.

The Jatara scene, which runs for over 30 minutes, is considered one of the highlights of Allu Arjun's career. His performance, combined with the electrifying choreography, brings a raw intensity to the screen that has become a defining moment of the film. The song itself, composed by the ever-talented Devi Sri Prasad, captures the energy and



grandeur of the scene perfectly.

Oscar-winning lyricist Chandra Bose penned the lyrics for "Gango Renuka Talli," with Mahalingam lending his voice to the track. The music and the stunning visuals elevate the intensity of the performance, making it one of the standout moments of Pushpa 2 The Rule. This track, which has been rocking theaters, is a testament to the blockbuster nature of the film, continuing to set new benchmarks in Indian cinema.

Tribanadhari Barbarik Teaser: A Thrilling Ride With Intense Characters And Mystery

Tribanadhari Barbarik, an upcoming film by Vanara Celluloid, is creating a buzz in the entertainment industry. Directed by Mohan Srivatsa and produced by Vijaypal Reddy Adidhala, the film is currently in post-production. Recently, the film's teaser was launched by director Maruthi, who also serves as the film's presenter, giving audiences a first glimpse into this intense thriller.

The teaser sets the stage for a gripping narrative, opening with a line from Lord Krishna: "There are three paths leading to self-destruction," which immediately adds a layer of mystery and intrigue. Along with high-octane action and crime elements, the film introduces a love story between characters played by Vasishtha N Simha and Sanchi Rai, each with complex, morally grey personalities. This balance of crime, romance, and mystery makes the film stand out.



crecy, leaving the audience eager to uncover the truth. Additionally, Satyam Rajesh appears in dual roles, further adding to the intrigue of the plot. The teaser also highlights the sizzling chemistry between Vasishtha N Simha and Sanchi Rai, while Udaya Bhanu's return to the screen piques curiosity.

Tribanadhari Barbarik reimagines the mythological character Barbarik, bringing fresh life to an ancient tale. The cinematography by Kushendar Ramesh Reddy, combined with the atmospheric background score by Infusion Band, elevates the teaser's tension and suspense. The film promises an intense, edge-of-the-seat experience with its powerful performances and gripping storyline.

With Marthand K Venkatesh handling the editing and Ram Sunkara supervising the stunts, the film is set to deliver a thrilling cinematic experience that fans won't want to miss.

A masked figure and a series of mys-

terious murders propel the suspense, while Sathyaraj plays the intense titular role of Barbarik. His character's true identity remains shrouded in se-



A Daring New Look: Bellamkonda's Intense Stunt In BSS12 Poster Revealed

Bellamkonda Sai Sreenivas is carefully selecting his roles, and his upcoming project, BSS12, marks a significant shift in his career. Directed by Ludheer Byreddy and produced by Mahesh Chandu under the banner of Moonshine Pictures, the film is set to be the highest-budget venture of Bellamkonda's career, raising anticipation among fans and film enthusiasts alike.

To celebrate Bellamkonda's birthday, the makers unveiled his character poster, which presents him in a rugged and intense look. In the poster, Bellamkonda is seen riding a bike in a daring posture with both legs on top, his piercing gaze adding to the overall tension of the image. Behind him, a hill is consumed by flames, forming the shape of Vishnu Namalu, while a vast valley lies ahead. This dramatic scene promises a gripping experience for the audience, showcasing the film's thrilling atmosphere.

In BSS12, Bellamkonda Sai Sreenivas stars alongside Samyuktha, who plays Sameera, an archaeologist. The film is an occult thriller centered around a 400-year-old dasavatara temple, blending historical elements with suspense and mystery. The narrative is expected to engage viewers with its dark and intriguing storyline, creating an edge-of-the-seat experience.

The technical team of BSS12 brings together talent from various fields. The music is composed by Leon James, while Shivendra handles the cinematography, ensuring a visually captivating film. The editing duties are managed by Karthika Srinivas R, contributing to the film's fast-paced and sharp storytelling.

With an exciting premise, impressive visuals, and a strong cast, BSS12 is set to be a landmark project in Bellamkonda Sai Sreenivas' career, offering audiences a thrilling occult experience this year.