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# Hyderabad's Water Vision 2050

## CM Sets Course for Sustainable Growth

### Water and Sewerage Strategy Boosting HMWSSB Revenue

### Godavari Phase 2 Expansion Upgrading Old Pipelines

**TPN , Hyderabad :** Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has directed the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) to prepare a comprehensive infrastructure plan to meet the water needs of the city's growing population by 2050. The first-ever HMWSSB board meeting, chaired by the CM, was held at the Integrated Command Control Center.



The CM emphasized studying water and sewerage requirements with the help of agencies and consultants to design sustainable solutions for the future. Officials briefed the meeting, stating that Hyderabad currently has a water distribution network spanning 9,800 kilometers, serving 13.79 lakh connections. Water is sourced from the Manjira, Singur, Godavari, and Krishna rivers.

Discussions were held on utilizing Phase 2 of the Godavari project to transport water to reservoirs like Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar. Based on a consultancy report, the project will transfer 20 TMC of water from Mallanna Sagar, revising the earlier proposal of 15 TMC, to

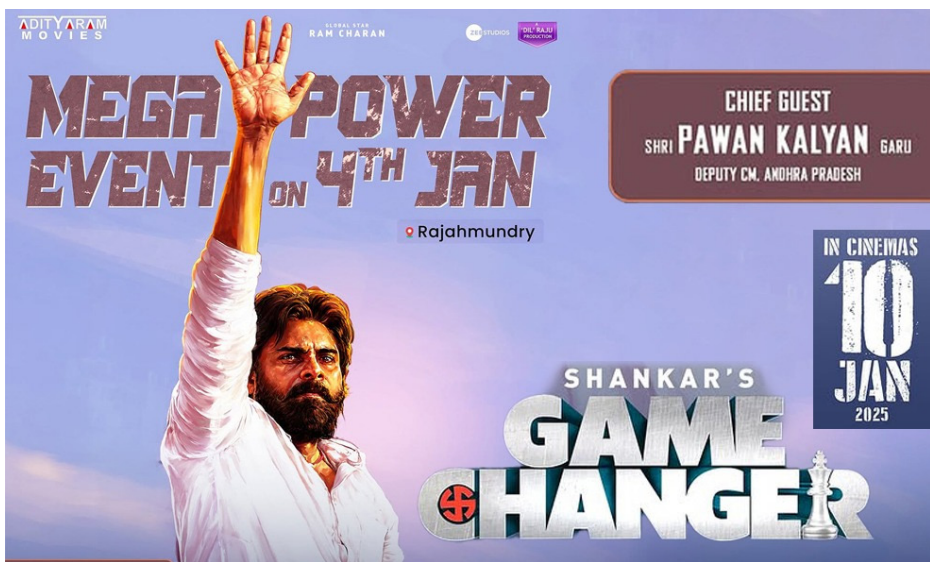
cater to the city's future demands.

The CM directed officials to explore ways to enhance HMWSSB's revenue and study policies for long-term sustainability. He suggested preparing DPRs (Detailed Project Reports) for new projects and raising low-interest loans to meet funding needs.

Given the aging infrastructure, the CM ordered the replacement of old water pipelines installed in 1965 with modern

lines to ensure uninterrupted supply. He also reviewed the income-expenditure reports of the water board through a PowerPoint presentation. The meeting was attended by CM's advisor Vem Narender Reddy, Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari, and other senior officials.

This initiative aims to secure Hyderabad's water infrastructure for decades, aligning with the city's rapid urbanization and expanding population needs.



## Big Relief for Allu Arjun

### Granted Bail in Nampally Court

**TPN , Hyderabad :** Actor Allu Arjun has been granted regular bail by the Nampally Court in connection with the stampede incident at Sandhya Theatre. The court approved the bail on a bond of Rs. 50,000 and two sureties.

The incident occurred during a promotional event at Sandhya Theatre, where overcrowding led to a stampede. Following this, a case was filed against Allu Arjun, holding him partially responsible for the mismanagement.

As part of the bail conditions, the court directed the actor to appear before Chikkadpally Police every Sunday for further investigation.

This decision comes as a relief for the actor, who had been facing legal scrutiny over the unfortunate incident. Fans and well-wishers of the actor welcomed the court's decision, expressing their support on social media platforms.

The case highlights the need for better crowd management during large public events to prevent such occurrences in the future. Further proceedings in the case are awaited.



## Telangana's Green Energy Vision 2030

### Ambitious Goals: 20,000 MW by 2030 Sustainable Development Through Innovation



**TPN , Telangana :** Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, addressing a stakeholders' meeting on the Clean and Green Energy Policy, emphasized Telangana's exemplary achievements in the green energy sector. He highlighted the state's ambitious goal of generating 20,000 MW of green power by 2030, up from the current capacity of 11,399 MW, positioning Telangana as a leader in renewable energy in India.

#### Driving Comprehensive Development

The Deputy CM detailed plans for future urban development with initiatives such as AI City near Hyderabad, a hub for artificial intelligence and smart technologies, and Pharma City, envisioned as a global pharmaceutical hub. These projects, along with improved connectivity through the Regional Ring Road (RRR) and Metro Rail expansion, aim to transform Telangana into a logistics powerhouse.

#### Renewable Energy Milestones

Telangana currently generates 7,889 MW from solar, 2,518 MW from hydro, and 771 MW from pumped storage projects. Innovative solutions like floating solar plants, green hydrogen technology, and pumped storage systems are being explored. With a wind power potential of 54,717 MW, Telangana ranks among the top eight states in India.

#### Focus on Electric Vehicles

The state has established 872 EV charging stations and offers incentives like tax exemptions and subsidies to attract investments in the EV sector. Telangana also leads in waste-to-energy initiatives, reflecting its commitment to sustainable energy practices.

## CM Revanth Clarifies Stance on Outsourcing Employees

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy addressed the issue of outsourcing employees, stating there is no possibility of regularizing their services if it violates established rules. Speaking at a recent meeting, the CM emphasized the potential legal complications that could arise from any attempts to bypass regulations for regularization.



"If regularization is done against the rules, it will lead to problems in the courts. Insisting on it will only escalate the issue rather than solving it," Revanth said.

He urged employees to cooperate with the government in its efforts to boost revenue. Highlighting the importance of collaboration, the CM reassured outsourcing employees that their grievances would be addressed promptly.

## Chandrababu Celebrates Telugu Excellence

**Telugu Luminaries: A Legacy of Excellence**

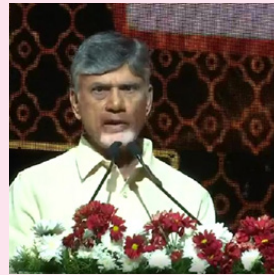
**From Cinema to Sports: Telugu**

**Achievements Shine Globally**

**A Vision for 2047: Chandrababu's Call for**

**Unity and Progress**

**TPN , Hyderabad:** 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.

## ACB Issues Notices to KTR

### ED to Question KTR on January 7

### Top Officials Also Under ACB Scrutiny

**TPN , Hyderabad :** The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has issued notices to Telangana Minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), summoning him for questioning on January 6 regarding the ongoing investigation into the E-Formula case.

The notices were personally delivered to KTR by ACB officials, marking a significant development in the case. Along with KTR, senior officials Arvind Kumar and BLN Reddy have also been issued notices. The ACB plans to question these officials following KTR's interrogation.

Additionally, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) had earlier summoned KTR for questioning on January 7 in connection with the same case.



The case, which has drawn considerable public attention, revolves around alleged irregularities and corruption in the E-Formula project. Authorities are now intensi-

fying their investigation to identify those responsible and hold them accountable. Further updates on the inquiry and legal proceedings are awaited.





## Vision 2030

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**Vision for 2030**  
Telangana aims to supply clean, reliable, and affordable energy to meet its estimated power demand of 24,215 MW by 2030. The government is fostering public participation and attracting significant investments to enhance its renewable energy capacity.

The Deputy CM asserted that Telangana’s green energy achievements serve as a blueprint for other states, paving the way for sustainable development and energy security in India.

## Outsourcing Employees

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“We understand your concerns and are committed to resolving your problems as soon as possible. However, we need your support to improve the state’s financial resources,” he added.

The CM’s remarks come amid growing demands from outsourcing employees for permanent positions within the government. While reiterating his government’s commitment to employee welfare, Revanth maintained that any solutions must adhere to legal frameworks to ensure long-term stability.

This statement signals a pragmatic approach, balancing employee concerns with administrative and legal constraints.

## Telugu Excellence

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Recognizing sports icons, he cited names such as Karanam Malleswari, Pullela 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 Kuchipudi 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.

# CM Revanth Pushes RRR Progress

**Forest and R&B Coordination to Resolve RRR Hurdles**  
**Nagpur-Vijayawada Corridor Land Acquisition Deadline Set**  
**BT Roads for Villages to Mandal Centers Emphasized**

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to expedite the land acquisition process for the Telangana Maniharam Regional Ring Road (RRR) to ensure timely project completion. During a high-level review meeting at the Dr. BR Ambedkar Secretariat, the CM stressed the importance of resolving obstacles related to the Forest Department to facilitate RRR construction.

He instructed that the Forest and Roads & Buildings (R&B) departments work in close coordination and appoint dedicated officers from each department to address the issues efficiently.

The meeting, attended by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, cabinet ministers, and senior officials, also reviewed the progress of other key infrastructure projects, including R&B and National Highway works. The Chief Minister set a clear deadline, directing officials to finalize land acquisition for the Nagpur-Vijayawada corridor by Sankranti.

Highlighting the importance of connectivity, CM Revanth emphasized the need for high-quality bituminous (BT) roads from villages to mandal centers. He instructed officials to design these roads to accommodate future growth and release funds in installments to



facilitate the projects. Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy, Komatiredy Venkata Reddy, Konda Surekha, and Dhanasari Seethakka, along with CM Advisor Vem Narender Reddy, Telangana State Road Development Corporation Chairman Malreddy Ramreddy, and Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari, were among those present at the meeting.

The Regional Ring Road is a critical project aimed at improving transportation and boosting regional connectivity. The Chief Minister’s proactive approach underlines the state government’s commitment to ensuring the timely execution of infrastructure projects that cater to the state’s growing developmental needs.

## Kishan Reddy Slams Congress for Failing Telangana Farmers

**TPN , Hyderabad:** BJP State President Kishan Reddy launched a scathing critique of the Congress government in Telangana, accusing it of misleading the public and failing to address the needs of farmers. Calling it a “government of words, not deeds,” he alleged that Congress is cutting corners on vital schemes like Rythu Bharosa, leaving farmers in distress.

“The Congress government has data on farmers, farm laborers, and tenant farmers, yet applications for Rythu Bharosa continue. Why are farmers forced to apply for a scheme that should be automatic? There is no crop insurance, and not a single rupee has been disbursed under the scheme,” Kishan Reddy remarked. He accused the Congress of following the footsteps of the BRS government in shackling farmers with false promises.

The BJP leader also questioned the delay in the fourth installment of the loan waiver, which Chief Minister Revanth Reddy promised to implement by November 30. “The money has yet to reach farmers’ accounts, and this government appears to have no control over its officials,” he said.

### Modi’s Support to Farmers Highlighted

Defending the central government, Kishan Reddy praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s efforts in ensuring no shortages of fertilizers or power.



He pointed out that the central government provides substantial subsidies on fertilizers, with urea being available to farmers for just Rs 267, despite the actual cost being over Rs 2,500 per bag.

“The Modi government provides Rs 19,000 per acre through various channels and Rs 6,000 annually under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi, with no delays or gimmicks,” he stated.

Kishan Reddy demanded that Congress fulfill its manifesto promises and ensure farmer assurance is given only to those actively cultivating land. He also called for increasing the PM-Kisan Nidhi amount from Rs 6,000 to Rs 10,000.



## Sridhar Babu's Vision for a Tech and Sports Hub

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Telangana’s IT and Industries Minister Sridhar Babu has unveiled ambitious plans to establish the state as a global leader in technology and sports.

### Blockchain City in Telangana

Minister Babu announced the creation of a Blockchain City in Telangana, with consultations underway to finalize its location. Speaking at the inauguration of Centillion Networks and HC Robotics Private Limited in Madhapur, he emphasized Telangana’s dedication to technological innovation. Plans to empower youth through Skills University and industry partnerships were also discussed, alongside the upcoming foundation for an AI University and a Quantum Computing Center of Excellence in Future City.

### Leadership in Sports Development

Sridhar Babu was unanimously elected as the President of the Telangana Badminton Association, with a vision to position the state as a sports hub. He revealed plans for a Sports University inspired by South Korea’s model, which produced 37 Olympic medals. A new sports policy integrating academics and athletics is in development to help Telangana athletes excel globally.

These initiatives highlight Telangana’s commitment to technological and sports excellence, paving the way for the state’s future growth and progress.

## Harish Rao Criticizes absence of ministers at Praja Vani

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Senior BRS MLA Harish Rao has sharply criticized the Congress government’s handling of the Praja Vani initiative, accusing Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and his ministers of failing to uphold their promises.

Rao highlighted that when Congress came to power, CM Revanth Reddy attended Praja Darbar for just one day and met people for only 10 minutes, undermining the initiative’s sincerity. He pointed out that Praja Darbar was supposed to be held every day, as promised in the manifesto, but it has since been reduced to Praja Vani, now held only twice a week.

He also criticized the absence of ministers at Praja Vani, claiming they were too busy with other engagements, despite promises that ministers would be available to address public grievances.



The initiative, he said, is now being run with outsourcing employees, further detracting from its credibility.

Rao also addressed concerns about the effectiveness of Praja Vani, noting that many public petitions, particularly those regarding unemployment, land issues, and unfulfilled election promises, were deemed outside the scope of grievances by officials. He alleged that over 50% of petitions were rejected, with many unresolved complaints being closed without resolution.

Calling the initiative a farce, Rao emphasized that Praja Vani has failed to live up to its promises and has instead become a tool of public oppression. His statements were backed by information obtained through RTI.

# Dil Raju Meets Home Ministry Over Theater Licenses

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Telangana Film Development Corporation Chairman and renowned producer Dil Raju recently met with Ravi Gupta, Principal Secretary of the Home Ministry, to discuss important issues regarding the renewal of theater licenses and the activities of the Film Development Corporation in the state’s film industry.

The meeting, which also included Telangana Film Chamber President Sunil

Narang and several exhibitors, focused on streamlining processes to support the industry.

The meeting comes amidst a controversy following recent comments made by BRS Working President KTR, who alleged that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had settled with the film industry and was no longer in communication with film personalities. Responding to these allegations, Dil Raju urged politi-

cians not to involve the film industry in such controversies, emphasizing the need for the sector to remain focused on its growth and development.

Given the timing of the meeting, it highlights the ongoing discussions between film industry representatives and government officials aimed at addressing key challenges and improving the environment for the state’s thriving film industry.





## Nerella Sharada Calls for Action on Mallareddy College

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Telangana Women's Commission Chairperson Nerella Sharada has made strong remarks regarding the ongoing controversy at Mallareddy College, calling for immediate intervention from the Women's Commission. Sharada questioned the actions of Mallareddy College, alleging inappropriate behavior and the use of secret cameras to record and sell videos of female students.

Sharada emphasized that it is not sufficient to merely suspend the warden and the dean. She called for the college management to be held fully accountable. The Commission has already issued notices to CMR College and is determined to bring special regulations for private colleges to prevent such incidents. She also stated that discussions with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy would be pursued to ensure justice for students living in hostels.

Furthermore, Sharada warned that



if claims are made that the Women's Commission lacks the authority to take action, legal steps will be taken. She urged the government to seize the college immediately, stressing that the Commission will not tolerate any injustice against students.

The call for action has raised serious concerns over the safety and management of private colleges in Telangana.

## Palla Rajeshwar Reddy Targets Kadiyam Srihari Over Party Switch



**TPN , Jangaon:** BRS Jangaon MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy has launched a scathing attack on Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari, accusing him of disloyalty after his shift from the BRS to the Congress party. Speaking at the Jangaon MLA camp office while distributing CM Relief Fund cheques, Reddy criticized Srihari for abandoning the BRS, a party that had supported his political career.

Reddy challenged Srihari's integrity, saying that if he had any shame, he should resign from his MLA post, which he claimed was won with the help of BRS leaders and party supporters. Reddy

further claimed that Srihari's vocal criticisms of BRS leader KCR were unjust, as he had previously benefitted from the party's support.

"People from Station Ghanpur and BRS leaders will teach you a lesson," Reddy warned, implying that Srihari's political future was uncertain following his defection. He also criticized Srihari's tendency to switch parties, comparing him to a sunflower that changes direction based on political winds. The verbal spat has intensified tensions within the BRS, highlighting the ongoing political rift between party leaders.

## Seethakka Promises Key Reforms for CRT Teachers



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Minister for Tribal Welfare Seethakka successfully mediated talks with Contract Residential Teachers (CRTs) working in tribal ashram schools, leading to the announcement that the teachers would call off their strike. At her request, the CRTs confirmed they would resume their duties from the following day.

The government responded positively to most of the teachers' demands, excluding job regularization and minimum time scale. Among the key commitments made were the promise to issue salaries by the fifth of every month, extend 108 days of maternity leave to female teachers, and provide death bene-

fits for teachers' families.

Minister Seethakka assured that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao would discuss the issues of job compensation and minimum time scale in a future meeting. She urged the teachers to cooperate with the government, emphasizing that the ultimate goal was the betterment of tribal students' education.

Clarifying the situation, Minister Seethakka addressed the pending issues, stating, "Your problems have been pending for 10 days, and we are resolving each one," reaffirming the government's commitment to addressing the teachers' concerns.

# KTR Questions Congress on Farmer Assurance

**KTR Blasts Congress Over Farmer Assurance Affidavits**  
**No Rythu Bandhu Funds Disbursed Under Congress, Says KTR**  
**KTR Accuses Congress of Sabotaging Farmer Welfare Schemes**  
**Rythu Bandhu Delayed by Months, Claims KTR**

**TPN, Hyderabad:** BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has raised strong objections to the Congress government's handling of farmer welfare schemes, particularly the Rythu Bandhu program. Speaking at Telangana Bhavan, KTR questioned why farmers were being asked to provide affidavits for the assurance of benefits under the scheme.

KTR slammed the government for requiring farmers to "beg" for what is rightfully theirs. He pointed out that not a single rupee has been disbursed under the farmer assurance program so far, despite promises made during the election. "It is not the farmers who should give the declaration; it is the government that should fulfill its promis-



es," KTR asserted.

He further accused the Congress government of trying to undermine the Rythu Bandhu scheme, which was introduced by the BRS government to provide financial assistance to farmers. KTR claimed that the Congress administration had evaded approximately Rs. 26,500 crore intended for farmer welfare. He compared the current govern-

ment's actions unfavorably with the BRS regime, stating, "During the BRS government, Rythu Bandhu was distributed 12 times. Since Congress took power, they have only released funds once, and that too only after we lost power."

KTR also highlighted the delayed release of funds, noting that the money deposited in farmers' accounts was delayed by three months. He accused the government of spreading misinformation about the Rythu Bandhu scheme, claiming that it had gone off track under their administration.

KTR's comments reflect growing frustration within the BRS party over the handling of crucial farmer welfare programs.

## Shabbir Ali Criticizes KTR Over Formula E Race Controversy



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Senior Congress leader and government advisor Shabbir Ali recently made sharp comments on the ongoing Formula E race case. Speaking to the media, Ali criticized BRS Working President KTR for making frequent statements on the issue. He ex-

pressed his displeasure over KTR's claim in court that he had no involvement in the case, despite previously instructing Arvind to transfer money for the event. Ali questioned KTR's ethics, pointing out his contradictory stance.

Ali also compared KTR's behavior to his actions during the Janwada farmhouse episode, accusing him of resorting to evasive tactics when faced with legal scrutiny. He expressed frustration with KTR and Minister Harish Rao, saying they were speaking freely without considering the consequences. He also lamented the absence of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, who he said was "not visible," and raised concerns over the lack of clear leadership in the opposition.

Ali urged KTR and his party to reflect on their actions over the past decade, highlighting what he perceived as inconsistencies and failures in governance.

## Ponguleti's Strong Warning on Registration Dept. Corruption

**TPN , Telangana :** Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has issued a stern warning over the massive corruption in the registration department. Speaking to the media on Friday, the minister revealed that the public had raised numerous complaints regarding corrupt practices within the department. He made it clear that if officials do not change their behavior, their details will be forwarded to the anti-corruption department.

Ponguleti further stated that if any official is caught accepting bribes



and is suspended, they will not be reinstated. The corrupt money, he emphasized, will be fully recov-

ered. The minister also clarified that from now on, action will be taken against the officials based on monthly vigilance reports.

This strong stance from Minister Ponguleti aims to curb corruption and bring greater transparency to the registration department, ensuring officials are held accountable for any unethical practices. He made it clear that the government will not tolerate corruption and will take strict action to restore integrity within the department.

## Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Criticizes Kavitha's BC Dharna

**TPN , Telangana :** MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy criticized MLC Kavitha for holding a dharna in support of BCs, calling it "strange" given her party's history of ignoring the community. Speaking on Friday, he questioned why Kavitha, from the ruling party, is now advocating for BCs after a decade of neglect. Chamala pointed out that the Congress party had already initiated a caste census to assess BC issues, and he expressed skepticism about the party's intentions in light of their previous record.

He mocked Kavitha's dharna at Dharna Chowk, suggesting she should instead hold it in front of her



father's farmhouse if she genuinely cares about BCs. Chamala further challenged Kavitha to demonstrate her commitment to the cause by appointing a BC as the president of

her party. His comments shed light on the Congress party's ongoing efforts for BC reservation and further highlighted his concerns about the ruling party's stance on the issue.



# Kavitha’s Emotional Plea for BCs

**Kavitha’s Strong Condemnation of Congress and BJP  
Historical Injustice to BCs: Kavitha’s Emotional Outburst  
Regional Parties’ Role in BC Welfare: Kavitha’s Defense  
Kavitha Honors Savitribai Phule’s Contribution to Society**



**TPN , Hyderabad :** BRS MLC Kavitha made an emotional appeal regarding the implementation of reservations for BCs, criticizing both the Congress and BJP governments for their negligence. In a passionate speech, she declared that if she failed to deliver on her promises, she would permanently leave politics.

Kavitha pointed out the historical injustice towards BCs, accusing the Congress party of rejecting the Kaka Kalelkar Commission’s report, which was intended to address BC issues. She argued that Congress had betrayed BCs by not implementing the

Mandal Commission report, which was only enforced when non-Congress Prime Minister VP Singh came to power. She further criticized the BJP for toppling the VP Singh government and for its failure to support BC welfare initiatives, including blocking the release of the 2011 caste census report.

Kavitha also lambasted both national parties for perpetuating injustice to BCs, noting statements by former Congress leaders, including Rajiv Gandhi, who had claimed that granting reservations to BCs would divide the country. In contrast, she

praised regional leaders like KCR and NTR for their commitment to BC welfare, asserting that regional parties have been the true champions for BC rights.

Expressing her deep frustration, Kavitha challenged anyone to prove her claims wrong, warning that if she failed to deliver on her promises, she would leave politics for good. She ended her speech with a tribute to Savitribai Phule, hailing her as a trailblazer for women’s education and societal development despite facing significant challenges.

## CM Revanth Pays Tribute to Savitribai Phule

**TPN , Hyderabad :** On the occasion of Savitribai Phule’s 194th birth anniversary, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy paid tribute by laying wreaths at her portrait at her residence in Jubilee Hills. Speaking at the event, CM Revanth hailed Phule as a pioneering social reformer, a courageous woman who fought against caste discrimination, and an advocate for the upliftment of oppressed communities. He emphasized that the government remains committed to realizing her ideals.

CM Revanth highlighted Phule’s monumental contribution to Indian society, particularly her role in challenging gender discrimination and



caste inequalities. He affirmed that his government is actively working to implement Phule’s vision by empowering women and providing skills development opportunities for girls across various sectors.

He reiterated that the government’s ongoing programs align with Savitribai Phule’s principles of equality and social justice, aiming to create a more inclusive society.

## ABVP Protest in Front of Telangana Higher Education Council



**TPN , Hyderabad :** Tension flared outside the Telangana Higher Education Council office on Friday as ABVP (Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad) leaders organized a protest demanding better basic facilities in Gurukuls and government hostels. Students gathered in large numbers and attempted to enter the office premises to press their demands.

However, the police were quick to respond, blocking the students’ entry. An

argument ensued between the students and the police, with protesters questioning whether they had the right to demonstrate peacefully. The situation intensified as the police closed the gates of the Higher Education Council office, trying to disperse the crowd. The protest was part of ABVP’s ongoing efforts to highlight the issues faced by students in government-run educational institutions, particularly regarding inadequate infrastructure and amenities.

## Forest Officials Meet Minister Surekha for New Year Wishes



**TPN , Hyderabad :** On the occasion of the New Year, senior officials from the Forest Department, including PCCF (HOFF) R.M. Dobriyal, PCCF (Wildlife) Ael Singh Meru, and PCCF (Kampa) Suvarna, visited the office of Minister for Forest, Environment, and Endowments, Smt. Konda Surekha, at the Secretariat. The officials extended their New Year greetings to the Minister, marking the beginning of a new year with collaborative goodwill.

## Minister Seethakka to Launch Mobile Fish Vending Vehicles

**TPN , Hyderabad :** Minister Seethakka has announced the launch of mobile fish vending vehicles to support local vendors. In the first phase, 25 vehicles will be distributed to beneficiaries through self-help groups under the Indira Mahila Shakti program. The vehicles will sell both raw fish and fish dishes. A total of 32 vehicles will be sanctioned in this phase, with one vehicle allocated to each district. Arrangements are currently being made for the distribution of these mobile vending units, which aim to provide better access to fish products across the region.



## Rally at Osmania University to Demand Two Lakh Jobs in Telangana

**TPN , Hyderabad :** Telangana Unemployment JAC Chairman Motilal Nayak led a rally at Osmania University, demanding the state government release notifications to fill two lakh jobs as promised during elections. The rally began at the Main Library and proceeded to the Arts College, with participants holding placards and voicing their concerns. Nayak emphasized that the government had failed to fulfill its election promise even after a year in power, leaving many in a difficult situation.

The protesters called for the immediate announcement of a job calendar for the two lakh jobs and a notification for 12,000 VRO positions and Deputy Surveyor jobs within a week. They warned of a large-scale movement across the state, joining forces with student unions, unemployment groups, and caste-based organizations if their demands were not met.

## TGMC Issues Notice to Hyderabad Hospital for Promoting 'Fake' Doctors



**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Telangana Medical Council (TGMC) has served a notice to Rush Care Hospital in LB Nagar, Hyderabad, following allegations that the hospital promoted unqualified doctors. The notice, issued by TGMC Chairman Dr. Mahesh Kumar and Registrar Dr. Lalayya, addresses the hospital’s alleged sponsorship of the 18th Annual Convention of the Sushruta Gramin Vaidya Sangha, held on December 25 in Nalgonda.

The event reportedly featured individuals with no medical qualifications, and the hospital’s management has been accused of endorsing them as practitioners. Dr. G. Srinivas, Vice Chairman of TGMC, stated that promoting such unqualified doctors is unethical and a growing issue in hospitals, where agents market these individuals in exchange for commissions.

The notice gives Rush Care Hospital 10 days to respond; failure to do so will result in further action under the National Medical Commission (NMC) and TGMC Acts. If the hospital does not comply, the matter will be forwarded to the Ethics Committee for further investigation and potential penalties.

## 37.11% of Prajavani Grievances Unresolved in 2024: RTI

**TPN , Hyderabad:** A recent Right to Information (RTI) query filed by Siddipet Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLA Harish Rao revealed that only one-third of the total petitions submitted under the Prajavani program in 2024 were resolved. According to the Telangana government’s response, a total of 82,955 petitions were received, of which 43,272 were classified as grievances. However, more than half of the petitions were rejected.

Out of the 43,272 grievances, 27,215 were addressed, while 16,057 remain unresolved from the previous year. Harish Rao criticized Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for attending the program only once in 2024, a sharp decline compared to previous years. He also pointed out the ministers’ lack of commitment, accusing them of not regularly attending the Prajavani sessions.

On Friday, January 3, the Prajavani program took place at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad, where 359 applications were received. Issues raised included matters concerning the panchayat raj, rural development, power, revenue, and various other departments. The session was attended by state planning commission vice-chairman Dr. Chinna Reddy and special officer for public administration Divya.





# 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.

# 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.

# 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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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.



# 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.

# 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.

# 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.

# 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.

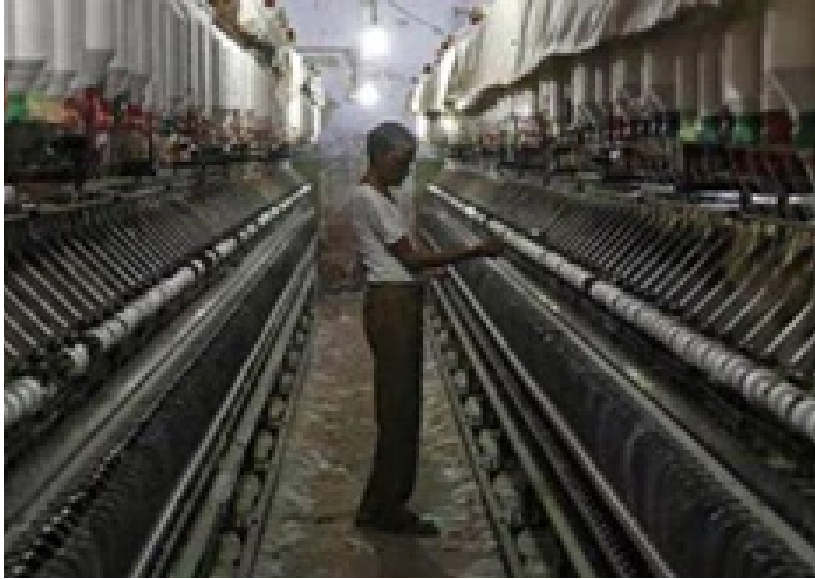
Corporate updates highlighted mixed performance. IDFC First Bank reported 22% growth in loans and 29% growth in deposits for Q3, while Hero MotoCorp posted a 17.5% decline in December 2024 sales. KEC International secured orders worth ₹1,097 crore in the US and Arab countries. The Ministry of Corporate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

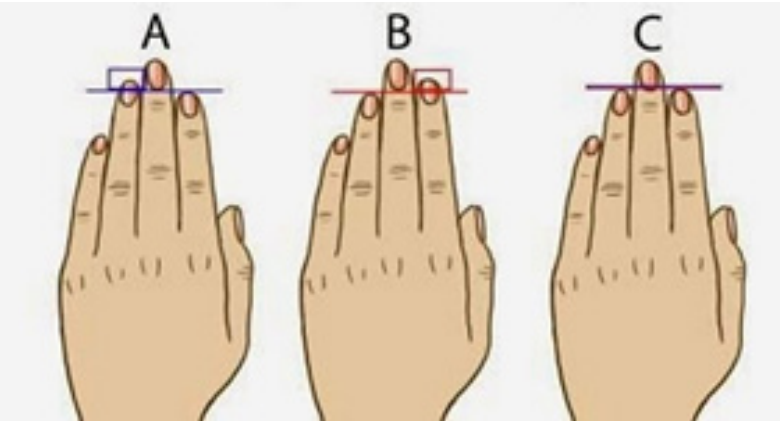


# What Your Fingers Reveal About Your Personality: Fascinating Insights

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 oth-



er 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.

# 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.



# 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

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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.

# 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 (Tees), 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 Tees. A second theory posits that Tees 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 Tees 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 Tees 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.



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-

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.

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.

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 Rand final 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 2003/04 series between India and Australia.

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 Sankranti.

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 *tandavam* 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.

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-

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 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.

