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Hyderabad Offers Unlimited Opportunities for Entrepreneurs

CM Revanth Reddy at APTA Global Business Conference



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At the APTA Global Business Conference, Chief Minister of Telangana, Mr. Revanth Reddy, assured entrepreneurs from all backgrounds, including those settling in Hyderabad from other regions, that they would have access to unlimited opportunities in business, movies, and politics. His remarks were made while addressing a large audience of entrepreneurs and business leaders from across the world.

- CM Revanth Reddy emphasizes Hyderabad as a hub for diverse investment opportunities.
- Bondada Raghavendra Rao urges young entrepreneurs to explore renewable energy sector.
- Niharika Konidala discusses

challenges faced by startup films in the industry.

- Prominent leaders express support for APTA's efforts in fostering a thriving business environment.

"The Government of Telangana and our party are committed to supporting all entrepreneurs, whether they come from nearby or distant places, including from the USA," said CM Revanth Reddy. "Hyderabad is an open hub for investments in sectors like IT, Pharma, and upcoming projects like the Musi River Front. The doors are wide open for all businesspeople."

The conference, which witnessed a grand start, saw the participation of nearly 1,000 delegates from around the globe, all entrepreneurs working across various industries. The con-

ference focused on specific business categories, with dedicated sessions for different sectors.

Mr. Bondada Raghavendra Rao, Chairman of Bondada Group, addressed the renewable energy sector, emphasizing its future importance. "The demand for renewable energy is skyrocketing, and there is vast potential for growth in this sector. With skilled manpower and management, numerous renewable energy projects can be undertaken," said Mr. Rao, urging young entrepreneurs to explore this promising field.

Discussions also took place on sectors such as real estate, construction, healthcare, and women's empowerment.

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Dy CM Pawan Kalyan Clarifies Movie Ticket Price Hikes Are Based on Market Demand and Supply

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Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan addressed the ongoing discussion about movie ticket price increases during the pre-release event of the much-awaited film Game Changer, starring Global star Ram Charan. The event, which took place at Kadiyam mandal in East Godavari district, saw Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan in attendance as the chief guest, alongside Ram Charan and the movie team.

During his address, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan clarified that the ticket price hikes are based on market dynamics, specifically demand and supply. He emphasized that there is a misconception surrounding the issue and clarified that the government is not arbitrarily increasing the prices. He pointed out that the government collects an 18% GST from every ticket, highlighting that the price adjustment is not solely driven by the government but by market forces.

The Deputy CM also rejected the notion that politics plays a role in the film industry's pricing decisions, saying it was wrong to politicize the matter. He stressed that the development of the Indian film industry is a shared goal, and that figures like Ram Charan, Chiranjeevi, and himself, owe much to the blessings and contributions of the industry's predecessors.

"Don't Forget the Roots, We are here because of Chiranjeevi blessings"

At the pre-release event of the much-anticipated film Game Changer, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan praised his brother, global star Ram Charan, and expressed deep respect for their shared roots in the film industry. The film, starring Ram Charan and Kiara Advani, is set to release on the 10th of this month, and expectations are high.

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, who attended the event in Rajahmundry, emphasized the significance of their success, attributing it to Megastar Chiranjeevi. He stated, "Whether it's me, Ram Charan, or anyone else, we are here because of Chiranjeevi garu's guidance and blessings. We will never forget our roots in Mogalthur."

He also honored the contributions of legendary figures like NT Rama Rao, Akkineni Nageswara Rao, and others who have shaped the Telugu film industry. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan expressed his gratitude towards Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for his continuous support and the district administration for their cooperation in making the event a success. With Game Changer generating significant buzz, Pawan Kalyan's words resonated with fans and film enthusiasts alike.

Ram Charan Was "Our Gold" at Game Changer Event

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan reflected on the bond he shares with Ram Charan, describing him as "our gold" and a humble person despite his global recognition. He spoke fondly about Ram Charan's respect for others and his discipline, citing his practice of wearing sacred malas as a symbol of humility and responsibility. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan also admired Ram Charan's strength of character, noting that despite his success, he maintains simplicity, even going barefoot at international events like the Oscars. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan concluded by reiterating that he holds Ram Charan in high regard and wished him continued success, expressing his love and admiration for his fellow Tollywood star.

Seven New Airports to be Constructed in Andhra Pradesh

- Seven new airports to be built across the state, including in Kuppam, Dagadathi, Srikakulam, and others.
- Feasibility surveys for the Srikakulam and Dagadathi airports are completed, with land acquisition underway.
- New terminal at Gannavaram Airport to be designed around Andhra Pradesh's cultural heritage.
- Bharat Petroleum's refinery in Dagadathi and new industrial projects in Anakapalli.



Allu Arjun Submits Bail Bond in Nampally Court Amid Fan Frenzy

Actor complies with court orders in Sandhya Theater stampede case

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Popular cinema actor Allu Arjun appeared at the Nampally court on Saturday to comply with the conditions of his regular bail granted in the Sandhya Theater stampede case. Accompanied by his uncle Chandrasekhar Reddy, the actor submitted signed bail bond documents to the judge before heading back to his residence.

The news of Allu Arjun's presence at the court drew a large crowd of fans, many of whom eagerly attempted to take photos with the actor. However, the police main-

tained strict control, preventing fans from disrupting the proceedings.

The Nampally court had granted Allu Arjun conditional regular bail on Friday, stipulating that two sureties of Rs. 50,000 each be furnished. The court also directed him not to influence witnesses or make any comments that could affect the case. Additionally, it mandated that the actor appear in person at the Chikkadapally police station every Sunday for the next two months.

The case stems from the tragic stampede incident during the premiere show of Pushpa 2 at Sandhya Theater, where a woman named Revathi lost her life, and

her son, Sreetej, sustained serious injuries. The incident led to the police registering a case against Allu Arjun. Following his remand by the Nampally court, the actor was briefly sent to Cherlapally Jail before securing interim bail from the High Court.

Despite these legal challenges, Allu Arjun and the Pushpa 2 team have extended financial assistance to the victims. The actor provided Rs. 1 crore to Revathi's family, while director Sukumar and the producers contributed Rs. 50 lakhs each. Meanwhile, Sreetej continues to receive treatment at KIMS Hospital, with doctors reporting gradual recovery.



CM Chandrababu Watches Thrilling Navy Day Celebrations in Visakhapatnam

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The coastal city of Visakhapatnam witnessed an awe-inspiring display of military strength as the Navy celebrated Navy Day on January 4th. Battle tanks rolled onto the beach, fighter jets soared through the skies, and submarines emerged from the depths of the water as part of the grand Navy Day exercises. The event, which marks the victory over Pakistan, featured spectacular maneuvers to showcase the prowess of the Indian Navy.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu attended the celebrations as the chief guest, accompanied by his wife Bhuvaneshwari and grandson Devansh. CM Chandrababu Naidu, known for his interest in defense and technology, was visibly impressed by the powerful demonstrations, which included simulated operations like repelling enemy attacks, defeating terrorists, and conducting joint land, water, and aerial combat operations.

The Navy Day celebrations, held annually on January 4th, honor the bravery and achievements of the Indian Navy. CM Chandrababu Naidu was seen keenly observing the maneuvers of Navy sailors and pilots, applauding their skill and precision in ensuring national security.

The event not only highlighted India's military capabilities but also underscored the important role of the Navy in safeguarding the nation's interests.



The Chief Minister's presence at the event further emphasized the significance of defense celebrations in Andhra Pradesh.



"By CM Pawan Kalyan Invites Filmmakers to Build Studios in AP, Promises Full Support"

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Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has extended a warm invitation to filmmakers in the Telugu film industry, encouraging them to set up studios in the state and provide employment opportunities for the youth. Speaking at the pre-release event of Game Changer in Rajahmundry, Pawan Kalyan emphasized the potential of Andhra Pradesh's scenic locations and the need to tap into this to benefit local talent.

He addressed the need for skill development and professional training for the youth, suggesting that filmmakers such as Rajamouli, Trivikram, and other industry veterans could play a pivotal role in guiding aspiring technicians and artists. He also proposed the establishment of stunt schools in various regions of the state, particularly in districts like Godavari, Rayalaseema, and Kadapa, to hone the skills of young people and provide them with better opportunities in the film industry.

The Deputy CM urged Telugu film moguls to consider AP as a hub for film production, citing its diverse and picturesque locations, including the Godavari coast and Gandikota in Kadapa, which could be ideal for adventure films. He assured the industry of full government support, including assistance with infrastructure and logistics, while also highlighting the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu in backing the sector's growth. Pawan Kalyan concluded by reaffirming his commitment to the growth of the Telugu film industry and encouraging the industry to take advantage of the abundant resources AP has to offer.

Nara Lokesh Launches 'Dokka Seethamma Midday Meal Scheme' at Payakapuram Govt Jr College

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Vijayawada, Jan 05

Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh launched the "Dokka Seethamma Midday Meal" scheme at Payakapuram Government Junior College in Vijayawada on January 4, 2025. Minister Lokesh began his visit by inspecting classrooms and the chemistry lab at the college in the Vijayawada Central constituency. He later interacted with the students, emphasizing the importance of education and personal development.

The new scheme aims to provide midday meals to 1,48,419 intermediate students across 475 government junior colleges in Andhra Pradesh. The scheme, funded with an initial allocation of Rs. 29.39 crore for this year and Rs. 85.84 crore for the next financial year, is expected to support student engagement and retention in government educational institutions. This initiative is part of the state's efforts to create an equitable educational environment, ensuring students are nour-



ished and motivated to pursue their studies.

In his address, Minister Lokesh highlighted the significance of the intermediate stage in a student's life, urging them to stay away from harmful habits like drugs and alcohol. He encouraged the students to alert authorities if they noticed any drug-related activity around them. He also reassured them that the government is working towards elevating public education to the level of private institutions, and he invited students to share their suggestions for improving the system.

This scheme, reinstated after public demand during Nara Lokesh's Yuvagam Padayatra, replaces a similar initiative that was discontinued after the YSRCP government took office.

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Actress and Producer Niharika Konidala attended the entertainment business session, highlighting the struggles faced by startup films and their lack of recognition within the industry. "Many good movies with new stars and directors don't get the recognition they deserve, leading to fewer profits despite their potential," she explained.

The event saw the attendance of several prominent political and business leaders, including Minister Nadendla Manohar, MLA Bolisetty Srinivas, Janaseena leader Bolisetty Satya, and BJP leader Lakshman, all of whom expressed their support for the APTA's efforts in fostering a thriving business environment.

The APTA Global Business Conference serves as a platform for entrepreneurs to exchange ideas, form collaborations, and explore new avenues for investment and growth across multiple sectors.

Seven New Airports to be Constructed in Andhra Pradesh

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Andhra Pradesh, Jan 05

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has announced a major infrastructure development plan involving the construction of seven new airports across the state. The new airports are proposed for Kuppam, Dagadathi, Srikakulam, Tadepalligudem, Nagarjuna Sagar, Tuni-Annvaram, and Ongole. This announcement was made during a review meeting at Naidu's residence in Undavalli, attended by Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu and officials from the Airports Authority of India.

Regarding the airport at Srikakulam, the Chief Minister shared that the feasibility survey has already been completed, and the project will be carried out in two phases over an area of 1,383 acres. Land acquisition is currently in progress. The airport at Dagadathi will be constructed on 1,379 acres, with 635 acres already acquired. The proposed airports in Nagarjuna Sagar, Tadepalligudem, Ongole, and Tuni-Annvaram will require varying amounts of land, ranging from 657 to 1,670 acres. Additionally, Chief Minister Naidu approved the design of a new terminal building at Gannavaram Airport. The terminal will feature elements reflecting the state's cultural heritage, such as Kuchipudi dance and the Amaravati Stupa. Naidu has set a timeline of six months for the completion of the airport expansion and terminal construction.

Naidu also announced that Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) is setting up a refinery in Dagadathi, while industrial projects, including a steel plant in Nakkapalli, are being planned for Anakapalli district. Furthermore, a proposal to establish an airstrip in Sri City is under consideration, and plans are being explored for an aviation university and a pilot training center to cater to future aviation demands.

700 Crores Land Has Been Scam in Vijayawada Retired Sub-Registrar Files Complaint, Accuses High-Profile Individuals

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A new land scam has emerged in Andhra Pradesh, causing a stir over the alleged looting of properties worth Rs. 700 crore. The complaint has been filed by retired Sub-Registrar Dharam Singh, who previously served in Ibrahimpatnam. The properties involved are located in major cities, including Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, and Rajahmundry.

Dharam Singh alleges that a gang based in Ibrahimpatnam forcibly threatened and snatched properties from individuals. Singh claims that he was both threatened and kidnapped in 2023, and that illegal registrations were not made under his watch. He insists that he did not participate in any illicit land deals and has provided substantial evidence to support his claims in the complaint.

The complaint further accuses former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's family of being involved in the scam. Singh names YS Jagan's brother, YS Sunil, and the Chief Minister's PA, KNR, as key figures in the alleged scheme. Additionally, Cheemakurthi Srikanth and TV actress Ritu Chaudhary have been implicated, with allegations suggesting that Srikanth's family transferred properties into Ritu's name.



Singh emphasizes that he was not involved in the illegal registrations, and he has asked for a thorough investigation into the matter. The former Sub-Registrar has urged Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to ensure a comprehensive probe into the land scam, which allegedly involves influential individuals in the state. The case continues to unfold, drawing attention to potential high-level corruption in the real estate sector.

Home Minister Anitha Removes PA Jagadish Amid Allegations

Complaints from TDP leaders and intelligence alerts prompt action

TPN Correspondent
Andhra Pradesh, Jan 05

State Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha has dismissed her personal assistant (PA), Jagadish, following serious allegations of misconduct. This decision comes after two months of intelligence alerts from the Chief Minister's Office and complaints from political leaders regarding his alleged illegal activities.

- TDP leaders accused Jagadish of involvement in sand, soil, and liquor rackets.
- Jana Sena protests demand action against alleged extortion and threats.
- Jagadish reportedly took a ₹25 lakh bribe for a CI's favorable posting.

- Allegations of shares in liquor shops fuel political tensions in Payakaraopet.

TDP leaders from the Payakaraopet constituency accused Jagadish of engaging in illegal activities, including racketeering and issuing threats. Jana Sena leaders joined the protest, demanding immediate action to address these alleged violations.

Jagadish is also accused of accepting a ₹25 lakh bribe from a suspended Circle Inspector in Krishna district to secure a favorable posting, further heightening concerns about corruption. Additional rumors suggest Jagadish has stakes in liquor shops in S. Rayavaram village, adding to the controversy. Opposition parties have called for a detailed investigation into these allegations.

Jagan Should Witness Our Achievements on the Ground - Nara Lokesh

TPN Correspondent
Andhra Pradesh, Jan 05
Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh has invited opposition leader YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to step out among the public and witness the positive changes brought by the current government. Speaking at a press meet after launching the Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme at Payakapuram Junior College in Vijayawada, Lokesh emphasized that the government is fulfilling not only its election promises but also implementing additional initiatives for the welfare of the people.



Lokesh highlighted the introduction of the mid-day meal scheme for intermediate students, stating that it was implemented proactively without any public demand. "The respected Pulivendula MLA can now come onto the roads and see the good work we are doing, as we have built better roads for him to travel safely," he remarked, taking a dig at Jagan Mohan Reddy. He assured that the government remains committed to addressing public issues through programs like Praja Darbar, which brings officials closer to the people to understand their problems directly. Lokesh contrasted the current administration with the previous one, de-

scribing it as an anti-people regime that left the state burdened with debts. "Our government is not like the previous one. We are systematically solving public problems and implementing welfare programs. Despite inheriting a debt-ridden state and having to pay ₹4,000 crores in interest, we have provided ₹4,000 pensions, reopened food canteens shut by the previous government, and implemented the free gas scheme," Lokesh explained. He also announced plans to introduce the Thalliki Vandanam Scheme in the next academic year to further benefit students. Lokesh reiterated that the government is focused on bringing welfare schemes to the grassroots level and invited critics to observe the transformation happening under their administration.

Minister Payyavula Challenges Jagan to Disclose Polavaram Work Details

TPN Correspondent
Andhra Pradesh, Jan 05
Andhra Pradesh Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav strongly criticized former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, questioning his contributions to the Polavaram project over the last five months. Addressing the media on Saturday, Keshav accused Jagan of failing to prioritize the welfare of displaced people and farmers. Keshav alleged that Jagan's administration had not spent even five percent of what the previous government, under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, had allocated for Polavaram. He highlighted that during Naidu's tenure, nearly ₹1,000 crore was released to compensate 9,000 displaced families, despite financial constraints. He further criticized Jagan for neglecting the plight of flood-affected villages and their displaced residents. "Polavaram is not just a project for one region; it is a lifeline for the farmers of the entire state," Keshav remarked. He also pointed to significant improvements



in Rayalaseema following the Pattiseema project, which ensured water availability and brought relief to farmers. The minister noted that funds for paddy purchases are now being deposited within 24 hours, reducing farmers' hardships. He expressed frustration over false claims by Jagan's party regarding the removal of pensions for unworthy beneficiaries, calling it a baseless campaign. Keshav also questioned Jagan's recent emphasis on the Vandanam scheme, stating it was hypocritical given his alleged neglect of personal family obligations. He reiterated the previous government's commitment to Polavaram and farmers' welfare, contrasting it with what he described as Jagan's lack of urgency in addressing critical issues. "Jagan's anxiety about progress in the state reflects his inability to deliver results," Keshav concluded, emphasizing the transformative impact of Naidu's policies on Andhra Pradesh's agriculture and infrastructure.

Former Minister Kakani Criticizes Police Over Arrest of Venkata Sesaiah



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Nellore, Jan 05
Former Minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy strongly criticized the police and district administration over the arrest of former ZPTC member Venkata Sesaiah, accusing them of targeting those who questioned the ruling coalition while ignoring actual criminals. Kakani alleged that the remand report in the case contained two irrelevant documents, claiming that the police deliberately misled the judiciary to justify the arrest. He described the arrest as an example of systemic misuse to suppress dissent and warned the police and ruling coalition leaders of serious repercussions. He expressed doubts

about the impartiality of district authorities, including the Superintendent of Police, and demanded an independent investigation to uncover the truth. Kakani pointed to incidents in Kovur where old dates were allegedly stamped on documents to manipulate evidence against Sesaiah. He vowed to expose these alleged injustices and announced plans to file a case in the High Court with full evidence, along with a private case against the police for their involvement in the matter. Stating that the incident happened right before their eyes, Kakani emphasized that those responsible would not be spared, regardless of their location or influence. "The more salt you eat in the Sesaiah case, the more you will vomit," he warned, signaling his resolve to hold those involved accountable. Kakani also pledged to present the mistakes made in the Sesaiah case to society, accusing the authorities of failing to deliver justice. He reiterated his commitment to ensuring the facts of the case come to light and emphasized the need for accountability in the actions of the police and administration. His remarks have escalated political tensions in Nellore, drawing attention to the alleged misuse of power and suppression of dissent.



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Andhra Pradesh, Jan 05
AP Sadhu Parishad President Swamiji Srinivasananda Saraswati has made strong allegations against the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government, accusing it of destroying Hinduism in Andhra Pradesh. Expressing his anger, Swamiji claimed that Hindus were being denied the right to voice their concerns, and those who attempted to speak out had cases filed against them. He further criticized the government for honoring individuals responsible for atrocities against Hinduism, saying that such people were even awarded Shankagiri honors. Swamiji, speaking at an event, ex-

Gudivada Amarnath Accuses TDP of Fraud in Membership Registration

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Visakhapatnam, Jan 05
Former Minister Gudivada Amarnath has leveled serious allegations against the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) regarding membership registration in Muchcherla village. Speaking to the media on Saturday, he claimed that TDP leaders resorted to unethical practices, including using Aadhaar cards without consent and making false promises of welfare schemes, to inflate their membership figures. Amarnath criticized TDP's claim of achieving 100 percent membership in Muchcherla as a blatant lie, stating that many residents were unaware they had been registered. He alleged that some individuals were even threatened to join the party. "The claim that 1,400 people in the village are TDP members is entirely fabricated," he asserted, highlighting that other political parties, including YSRCP, BJP, and Janasena, have significant support in the area. The former minister emphasized that YSRCP is strong in Muchcherla, pointing to its victory in the Sarpanch and MPTC elections. He accused TDP leaders of manipulating membership figures as part of an attempt to acquire 600 acres of land in the village. Amarnath questioned how TDP leader Lokesh could visit the village to cel-



ebate these alleged achievements, calling them fraudulent. On a separate note, Amarnath criticized Home Minister Anita Peshi over allegations related to Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) letters. He accused ministers of engaging in corrupt practices, including collecting monthly fees, and questioned their silence on issues affecting Sanatana Dharma. Amarnath's remarks have sparked political tensions, with YSRCP leaders rallying behind his claims and demanding accountability from TDP for the alleged irregularities. The controversy continues to fuel debates over political ethics and land acquisition in Muchcherla.

YS Sharmila Reddy Demands Clarity on Visakhapatnam Steel Plant Ahead of PM Modi's Visit

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Andhra Pradesh, Jan 05
Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) Chief YS Sharmila Reddy has strongly criticized the central government for its handling of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant issue. Accusing the government of fueling conspiracies to privatize the plant, Sharmila demanded immediate action to protect the rights of Andhra Pradesh and the livelihoods of the plant's workers. Speaking to the media ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to Visakhapatnam on January 8, Sharmila outlined several key demands:

- No Privatization:** She urged the central government to publicly clarify that there will be no privatization of the steel plant.
- Merger with SAIL:** Sharmila called for an official announcement merging the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant with the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).
- Financial Package:** She demanded a special package of ₹20,000 crore to address the plant's financial difficulties.
- Dedicated Mines:** The allocation of separate mines was highlighted as a critical step to ensure the plant's long-term sustainability.
- Full Production Capacity:** She emphasized the need for the plant to operate at its full capacity of 7



million tons of steel production annually.

- Workers' Demands:** Clarity was sought on the demands of workers, who have been protesting for over 1,400 days.
- Tax Holiday:** Labor unions' demands for a three-year tax holiday for the steel plant should be met to stabilize operations.

Sharmila declared that Prime Minister Modi should only step foot in Visakhapatnam after announcing a definitive decision on the plant's future. She urged coalition parties in the state to stand united with the APCC in pressuring the central government to meet these demands. "Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is the pride of Andhra Pradesh. Its privatization would be a betrayal of the people and workers who have sacrificed for its establishment and growth," Sharmila stated firmly.

Swamiji Srinivasananda Alleges Destruction of Hinduism Under Jagan's Government

pressed his grief over the alleged attacks on Hindu temples during the current government's tenure. He claimed that 320 temples had been attacked, and idols were broken. He also accused the government of confiscating temple properties, which he said had deeply hurt the Hindu community. The Swamiji criticized the Jagan government for transforming the Tirumala temple, a sacred place of worship, into a commercial center driven by selfish interests. He lamented that Hinduism and its followers were being systematically suppressed. He emphasized the need for Hindus to unite for the protection of their religion and preserve Sanatan Dharma for future

generations. He praised the ongoing Hindu Sankha Rao event in Kesarpalli under the VHP and called for more programs to protect Hindu values. Swamiji also highlighted that the construction of Amaravati, the capital of Andhra Pradesh, should be completed and become an example for the state. He expressed hope that the coalition government would bring positive changes, adding that the purification of Tirumala had already begun. Swamiji announced that Peethadhipas and Mathadhipas would meet in Shankaravan Sabha to discuss a plan to promote Hindu Dharma across the state.



Women Should Unite for Empowerment - MP Kesineni Sivanath at 12th World Atheist Conference



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Speaking at the 12th World Atheist Conference held at the Atheist Center near Benz Circle in Vijayawada, MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) emphasized the need for women to unite for their empowerment. He highlighted the importance of organizing more social awareness programs to inspire change and strengthen women's roles in society.

The event, which was attended by MP Kesineni Sivanath and MLA Gadde Rammohan as chief guests, featured the unveiling of two significant books. MP Kesineni Shivanath launched the book Positive Atheism, translated into Hindi by Dr. Samaram, convener of the World Atheist Conference, and How India's Atheist Movement Shaped My Life by Dr. Kirti Bollineni.

During his address, MP Kesineni Shivanath praised the legacy of social reformer and atheist leader Gora, calling his ideals of rationalism

and social justice inspiring. He also spoke about his recent discussions with Dr. Kirti regarding the empowerment of women, emphasizing that more initiatives should be taken to promote social change. He offered his support for any future programs aimed at women's welfare.

MP Kesineni Sivanath also reflected on Gora's influence, stating that the essence of his teachings was human service. He discussed how Gora's efforts to fight caste discrimination and untouchability resonated with many.

The event also saw participation from notable figures such as Vikas Gora, Dr. Narendra Nayak, President of the Federation of Rationalists India, Devaraju Maharaju, a Central Literary Award recipient, and freedom fighter Manoramala. The gathering focused on promoting rational thinking, social justice, and human empowerment, while underscoring the importance of continuing Gora's legacy of activism.

MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad Launches Dokka Seethamma Midday Meal Scheme at Mylavaram



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Mylavaram, Jan 05

MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad launched the Dokka Seethamma Midday Meal Scheme at Mylavaram VVR Government Junior College on [insert date]. The initiative aims to provide nutritious meals to students and support their academic success.

During the event, MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad served meals to students, emphasizing the importance of the scheme for their well-being and education. In his address, he encouraged students to take full advantage of the midday meal program and focus on their studies.

The MLA shared his own personal journey, stating that he, too, had studied in a government college and achieved success. "Those who studied in government colleges are in high positions," he remarked. "I studied in a

government college and became an MLA. If you focus and concentrate on your studies, you too can achieve your goals."

He further expressed his desire for students to achieve a 100 percent pass rate in government colleges next year, encouraging them to set high standards for themselves. Referring to the words of former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, he advised students to dream big and work hard to realize their dreams.

Vasantha Krishna Prasad also cautioned the students against indulging in harmful substances like drugs and marijuana, urging them to stay focused on their education and personal growth. The event highlighted the government's commitment to supporting students' education and well-being through initiatives like the Dokka Seethamma Midday Meal Scheme.

Minister Anam Visits Durga Malleswara Swamy Temple in Vijayawada

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Endowment Minister Anam Rama Narayana Reddy visited the famous Durga Malleswara Swamy Warla temple in Vijayawada to mark the beginning of the new year. This was the minister's first visit to the temple in 2025, where he was warmly welcomed by the temple officials and staff with traditional temple etiquette.

During his visit, Minister Anam Rama Narayana Reddy offered special prayers to Durga Maa and sought blessings for the well-being of the people of the state. "I pray to Durga Maa that all the people of the state live happily with health, prosperity, and happiness. We will prioritize the modernization and development of temples for the betterment of the state," said the minister.

Following the prayers, Minister Anam met with the temple officials to discuss plans for the further development of the temple. He instructed the concerned officials to take necessary actions to provide enhanced facilities for devotees. He emphasized the importance of ensuring a smooth



and convenient darshan experience for all visitors.

The minister also directed the security personnel to engage with devotees politely and ensure a hassle-free experience in the temple queues. The meeting was attended by officials from the Endowment Department and temple staff, who pledged to take immediate steps to improve the overall experience for devotees.

This visit highlights the government's commitment to developing and modernizing temples to ensure that spiritual practices remain accessible and convenient for the public.

Committee Members Extend Invitation to Devineni Uma for Urusu Celebrations

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The members of the Urusu Mahotsavam Committee have extended an invitation to Telugu Desam Party State General Secretary Devineni Uma Maheswara Rao to attend the 428th Urusu Mahotsavam of Kondapalli Hazrat Syed Shabukhari Baba Dargah, scheduled to be held from January 9th to 11th, 2025, as a special guest.

Devineni Uma, a prominent TDP leader and former minister, expressed her gratitude for the invitation and shared her fondness for the annual event. She mentioned that she has attended the Kondapalli Dargah Urusu Mahotsavam every year and that the celebrations are always organized in an excellent manner. She further acknowledged that the Kondapalli Dargah is a well-known spiritual center and confirmed her attendance at this year's Urusu Mahotsavams.

The invitation was presented by committee members SM Paijan, Mohammed Apsar, Sheikh Mustafa Basha, Shams Tabarej, and others, who were present at the event.



Strong Safety Measures in Industries Urged to Prevent Accidents - District Collector



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District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sa has called for enhanced safety measures in industries to prevent accidents and ensure the safety of workers. During a District Industrial Safety Committee meeting held at the Collectorate Pingali Venkaiah Conference Hall on Saturday, the Collector emphasized the importance of coordination between industry management, labor departments, factories, and fire departments to take preventive actions.

With 47 registered factories in the district employing over 44,000 workers, Dr. Lakshmi Sa highlighted that the responsibility of implementing and monitoring safety measures lies with the District Crisis Committee. She urged factory management to implement specific safety protocols, especially in hazardous industrial areas like Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, Kondapalle, G. Konduru Mandal, and Bhumpalem, which house major industries such as GAIL India, HPCL, BPCL, Indian Oil Corporation, YTPS, and Lanco Kondapalle Power Project.

The Collector stressed the importance of preventive measures, noting that taking action before accidents occur can save lives. She further proposed rewarding workers who identify potential hazards in factories, encouraging them to bring these to management's attention promptly. Dr. Lakshmi Sa also pointed out that safety awareness should not be limited to factories, urging the fire and police departments to conduct mock drills in high-risk areas like commercial squares, apartments, and reservoirs within the city.

Additionally, Dr. Lakshmi Sa insisted that safety inspections be conducted in major hazard industries, with owners required to report their compliance with safety protocols. She emphasized that while industrial development is essential, the protection of workers is equally crucial, aiming to make the district accident-free. The Collector concluded by reminding industry owners that even small negligence can lead to significant accidents and warned them to remain vigilant to protect workers' lives.

The meeting saw participation from officials such as Deputy Chief Inspector of Factories M.V. Sivakumar Reddy, Inspector of Factories T. Raju, and District Fire Officer A.V. Shankar Rao, along with industry representatives.

BIS Organizes Standards Carnival at Prasad V. Potluri Siddhartha Institute of Technology in Vijayawada

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The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) successfully hosted a Standards Carnival on January 4, 2025, at Prasad V. Potluri Siddhartha Institute of Technology, Vijayawada, aimed at promoting quality awareness and science education among students. The event was held in collaboration with the institute, drawing attention to the importance of maintaining standards and safety in various appliances.

The carnival featured a significant initiative to raise quality awareness among students by launching "Standards Clubs" in educational institutions. These clubs are designed to engage both teachers and students as members, encouraging them to become brand ambassadors of quality. Mr. M. Ramakanth Sagar, Scientist-D & Joint Director at BIS, Vijayawada, introduced the concept, emphasizing its role in fostering a culture of quality in the younger generation.

A new Standards Club was also formed in the Civil Engineering department at the institute, with the presence of Principal Dr. K. Shivaji Babu and Dr. V. Jagadesh, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering. Dr. Shivaji Babu highlighted the importance of purchasing and using ISI-marked prod-



ucts to ensure quality assurance. The carnival offered students an opportunity to explore the significance of standards in science, technology, and daily life. The event featured interactive exhibitions, activities, competitions, and inspiring discussions, providing an enriching educational experience. Over 500 students from schools, colleges, and major BIS licensees across Krishna District participated in the event.

The carnival not only offered insight into industrial processes and quality management but also motivated students for their future careers. The event included additional pavilions displaying handicrafts and ISI-marked products, further promoting the significance of quality.

Participants expressed their appreciation for BIS's initiative, noting that it would enhance scientific and technological awareness, enabling youth to contribute to building a modern India.

CI Daadi Chandrasekhar Enforces Helmet Rule

Vehicles to be Seized for Non-Compliance in Mylavaram

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CI Daadi Chandrasekhar has issued a strict warning to motorists in Mylavaram, stating that vehicles will be seized if they are found on the roads without helmets. This move is part of the ongoing efforts to promote road safety in the area.

On Saturday evening, a special drive was organized at the LBRC Y Junction to create awareness about the importance of wearing helmets while riding two-wheelers. CI Daadi Chandrasekhar addressed motorists, explaining the benefits of helmet usage in preventing injuries and saving lives. He urged the riders to comply with the safety regulations and warned that any motorist caught without a helmet would face legal action, including the registration of a case and vehicle seizure.

Sub-Inspector K. Sudhakar, ASI Sarveswara Rao, and other staff members actively participated in the campaign, which aimed to educate the public about the importance



of following traffic rules and prioritizing safety on the roads. The initiative is part of a broader effort to reduce road accidents and fatalities caused by non-compliance with basic safety measures. The awareness drive received a positive response from the public, with many acknowledging the importance of wearing helmets and adhering to traffic laws for their safety and well-being. CI Daadi Chandrasekhar's warning marks a significant step in enhancing road safety standards in Mylavaram.

HM Anitha Inaugurates Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Anakapalle

Calls on Students to Stay Away From Drugs and Focus on Studies

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State Home Minister Sri Vangalapudi Anitha inaugurated the Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme at the Government Junior College in Sabbavaram Mandal, Anakapalle District, on Friday. The event witnessed the presence of Pendurthi MLA Sri Panchakarla Ramesh Babu and former MLA and State Oil Federation Chairman Sri Gandhi Babji, who also participated as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, Sri Vangalapudi Anitha emphasized the importance of maintaining discipline among students. She urged them to stay away from drugs and excessive use of smartphones, focus on their education, and strive to bring pride to their families. The program also saw active participation from District Collector K. Vijay Krishnan, IAS, and several district and mandal-level officials, who lauded the initiative as a step towards ensuring nutritious meals for students and encouraging better academic performance. The Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme, named after the renowned philanthropist, aims to provide whole-



some meals to students and reduce dropout rates in government institutions. It is seen as a critical initiative to improve the educational and nutritional landscape in the region. Parents and students expressed their appreciation for the scheme, highlighting its potential to ease the burden on families while promoting regular school attendance.

Vijaya Gayatri School Student Secures Kakinada District 2nd Rank in Shine Talent Exam



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Kakinada, Jan 5

the dedication and academic excellence of its students.

In a proud moment for Vijaya Gayatri Olympiad Campus, class student Kumari Prajna has achieved the remarkable feat of securing the 2nd rank in the prestigious Shine Talent Objective Exam for Kakinada district.

The Shine Talent Objective Exam is renowned for its rigorous standards, designed to test the intellectual aptitude and problem-solving skills of students across various subjects. Kumari Prajna's accomplishment reflects her hard work, focus, and the quality of education provided by Vijaya Gayatri Olympiad Campus.

The school management, led by the Principal, extended heartfelt congratulations to Prajna for her outstanding performance in the competitive exam. The achievement not only brings pride to the school but also highlights

The management commended her achievement and wished her continued success in future endeavors.



Brutal Murder in Kadapa Dist, Grandson Kills Grandfather Over Money Dispute

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A shocking and brutal incident occurred in Maidukuru Mandal, where a grandson allegedly murdered his grandfather over a money dispute. The crime took place in Shettivari Palle village under Maidukuru Municipality on the 6th of last month. According to reports, the grandson asked his grandfather for money to settle his debts. When the elderly man refused, the grandson became enraged and killed him. After committing the murder, the grandson filmed the act, attempting to make it appear as a natural death. Unaware of the crime, the family members performed the last rites of the deceased, Veera Reddy.

However, CCTV footage later revealed the brutal truth, exposing the grandson as the killer. Acting on a complaint filed by Veera Reddy's son, Ramesh, the police initiated an investigation and arrested two suspects, identified as Harinath Reddy and Narasimhulu. A post-mortem examination of Veera Reddy's body was conducted on Saturday by a medical team from Kadapa, in the presence of the Revenue Police. Once the post-mortem report is received, a formal murder case will be registered, and further actions will be taken to apprehend the assailants. This incident has shocked the local community and raised concerns over family disputes escalating into such a horrific act.



"CM Chandrababu Naidu's Vision for Technologically Advanced Agriculture"

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Kothapet, Jan 05

MLA Bandaru Satyananda Rao highlighted the government's commitment to modernizing agriculture with the support of technology, aligning with Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's vision. The MLA attended the Polampilushukka program organized by the Andhra Pradesh Government under the Agriculture Department and Allied Sectors. Speaking at the event, MLA Satyananda Rao emphasized that the government's focus is to make agriculture profitable and financially strengthen farmers. He noted that the introduction of technology, such as drones and remote sensing for soil tests, will help farmers enhance their productivity. He also shared the government's efforts to provide technical education to farmers, aiming to make agriculture a more sustainable and profitable venture. Rao further mentioned that since the Praja government came to power, a substantial Rs. 43,403.33 crore budget allocation has been earmarked for the welfare of farmers.



"Janhvi Kapoor Offers Prayers at Tirumala Temple, Receives Lord's Blessings"

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Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor, who is currently enjoying the success of her Telugu debut film Devara, visited the revered Tirumala temple on Friday. She made her way to the temple via the Srivari stairs, a traditional route that pilgrims often take to seek blessings. On Saturday morning, Janhvi participated in the VIP break darshan, where she was warmly welcomed by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) officials. Arrangements were made to ensure her smooth and uninterrupted darshan of Lord Venkateswara. Following her darshan, she was blessed by the Vedic scholars at the Rangamayakula Mandapam, where she was also offered the Lord's prasad. This wasn't Janhvi Kapoor's first visit to the temple; she has visited Lord Venkateswara many times in the past to seek divine blessings. During this visit, she expressed her gratitude and devotion, receiving blessings for her continued success in both Bollywood and Tollywood.

Janhvi's debut in Telugu cinema with Devara has been a major hit, marking a successful entry into the South Indian film industry. The actress is now set to work with global star Ram Charan in an upcoming film directed by Buchi Babu, who gained recognition with the success of Uppena.

Her spiritual visit to Tirumala and her growing film career highlight her rising star power, as she continues to garner both fame and admiration from her fans in multiple film industries.

Kakinada District Collector Issues Strong Warning to Students on Anti-Social Activities

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Kakinada, Jan 05

District Collector Shagili Shanmohan issued a firm warning to students, stressing that they should focus solely on their education and not fall prey to anti-social activities. The Collector made these comments during the inauguration of the mid-day meal scheme at Samarlakota Junior College on Saturday, which was held under the chairmanship of MLA Nimmakayala Chinrajappa. Shanmohan expressed concern over recent allegations that ganja (marijuana) use was becoming widespread at Samarlakota Junior College. He termed such reports as shameful and urged students to remain committed to their studies, steering clear of any illegal or harmful activities. The Collector warned that any involvement in ganja-related activities



would lead to serious consequences, including non-bailable cases and stringent legal action. The Collector highlighted the risk posed by a small group of students indulging in anti-social activities, noting that such behavior could tarnish the reputation of the entire student body and negatively

influence others. He urged students and their parents to be vigilant and ensure that no one in their community is involved in such harmful behaviors. In conclusion, Shanmohan made it clear that students found engaging in marijuana-related activities would face expulsion from the college, emphasizing that educational institutions are meant to be places for learning, not for indulging in unlawful activities. The warning serves as a call to both students and parents to prioritize education and maintain discipline.

Chaos Erupts at Guntur Corporation Council Meeting

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chose to walk out of the meeting, leading to a tense and disruptive atmosphere. This move from the

A routine meeting of the Guntur Corporation Council turned chaotic when Commissioner and other officials left the meeting in protest. The commotion began after Deputy Mayor Diamond Babu raised a series of questions regarding various municipal matters.



Despite the officials' attempts to answer his queries, Diamond Babu expressed dissatisfaction with the information provided. His frustration grew, leading him to question whether the officials were "playing a joke" with the Council. In response to his remarks, the Commissioner and the officials

officials sparked further controversy and left the Deputy Mayor and others present at the meeting surprised by the abrupt exit. The incident has raised concerns about the communication and cooperation between the elected representatives and the municipal administration in Guntur.

Reaffirming India's Unity During the Festive Christmas Season

Celebrating Christmas with Unity

In 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi achieved a historic first by hosting a Christmas celebration at his official residence, acknowledging the significant contributions of the Christian community in areas such as healthcare, education, social service, and the armed forces. This was followed by another milestone: Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to accept an invitation from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) to be the chief guest at their annual Christmas celebration. These gestures highlighted his commitment to fostering unity among India's diverse religious communities.

Additionally, BJP President JP Nadda's visit to the CBCI headquarters on Christmas Day emphasized the party's efforts to engage with the Christian leadership in a positive manner. These events not only marked a shift in the political engagement of the BJP with the Christian community but also symbolized an effort to bridge divides and promote harmony.

Opposition Criticism and Misinformation Campaigns

Despite these moves towards inclusivity, members of the opposition bloc, known as INDIA, along with their associated activist groups, continue to criticize PM Modi and the BJP's approach to India's minority communities. They often target not only the Prime Minister but also leaders of minority communities who refuse to align with their narratives. In particular, the CBCI leadership has come under fire for inviting the Prime Minister, despite the ongoing vilification campaigns against him.

Some critics expected the bishops to adopt a more conditional stance when inviting Modi or raise specific political issues during the Christmas event. However, Christmas, as a celebration, transcends political agendas.



It is a time for unity and goodwill, a sentiment that the CBCI emphasized by focusing on the spirit of the season rather than political divisions.

Modi's Vision of Inclusivity

Since taking office in 2014, Prime Minister Modi has consistently advocated for "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas" – a mantra aimed at ensuring development and unity for all Indians. This vision has been especially evident in the northeastern states, where the Modi government has launched initiatives such as the "Act East" policy, leading to significant investments in infrastructure and connectivity. These policies have transformed the region, which is home to a large Christian population, especially in states like Nagaland, Mizoram, and Meghalaya.

The government's efforts in the northeast, where it has invested over Rs 5 lakh crore, are a testament to its commitment to development for all citizens, irrespective of their re-

ligious or ethnic backgrounds. The region, which has seen significant improvements in various sectors, is now largely governed by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), with BJP electoral successes in states with Christian majorities.

Peace and Stability in the Northeast

Under Modi's leadership, the government has made significant strides in curbing insurgency movements across the northeast, a region that faced turmoil for decades. By prioritizing peace through dialogue and consensus-building, the government has brought much-needed stability to the region. In Manipur, where ethnic tensions have sometimes been misrepresented as religious conflicts, the Modi government has faced undue criticism. However, it has remained focused on restoring peace, a stance supported by figures like Cardinal Oswald Gracias, an advisor to Pope Francis, who urged for a peaceful resolution to the tensions in the state.

Addressing Religious Tensions and Misinformation

One of the ongoing points of contention has been the criticism surrounding the Waqf Bill, with some accusing the Modi government of favoring particular religious groups. However, these claims fail to recognize the government's stance on safeguarding property rights and promoting transparency. For example, the BJP has voiced support for the Christian community in Kerala regarding the state's Waqf Board, which has sought to claim land from Latin Catholic families.

Moreover, the Modi administration amended the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) in 2020 to ensure greater accountability in how NGOs use foreign funds. This led to the cancellation of thousands of NGO registrations for misuse of funds. Despite these efforts, the opposition continues to misrepresent the government's actions as anti-Christian.

The Debate on Religious Conversions

Another point of contention has been the issue of religious conversions. The Modi government supports laws that prevent forced conversions, emphasizing that any conversion should be voluntary. These laws, which are consistent with the Constitution, aim to protect vulnerable groups, including minorities, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes. The government has reaffirmed that everyone has the constitutional right to convert, as long as it is done freely and without coercion.

Good Governance and Christmas Celebrations

December 25th, the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the first BJP Prime Minister and a founding member of the party, is also celebrated as Good Governance Day. This is a voluntary event that commemorates Vajpayee's contributions to nation-building. The BJP's participation in the celebrations alongside Christmas demonstrates its commitment to celebrating both governance and religious diversity.

While critics continue to target the Modi government's approach to India's religious minorities, these attacks often stem from the opposition's inability to challenge the BJP's widespread support across various communities. PM Modi's leadership has garnered trust from a diverse cross-section of Indian citizens, including religious minorities, as demonstrated by recent elections. The government's all-inclusive policies reflect India's vibrant democracy, which continues to thrive despite attempts to create divisions. As India celebrates Christmas and looks toward the future, the need for unity and mutual respect across all communities remains paramount.

Understanding the Rising Threat of HMPV: A Common Man's Perspective

Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) is a respiratory virus that is causing growing concern due to its increasing prevalence worldwide. Unlike more widely publicized viruses such as Covid-19, HMPV has not garnered significant public attention. However, it poses serious health risks, ranging from mild cold-like symptoms to severe conditions like pneumonia. This article aims to provide an understanding of HMPV from a common man's perspective, discussing its effects on public health and its potential impact on national security.



HMPV primarily affects the respiratory system, with symptoms that can mimic the common cold, such as a runny nose, cough, and sore throat. However, in some cases, the infection can progress to more severe illnesses like bronchitis or pneumonia, particularly in vulnerable populations such as the elderly, young children, and individuals with weakened immune systems. In these cases, the virus can result in hospitalization and, in extreme instances, death.

While HMPV primarily targets the civilian population, its impact extends beyond just health concerns. The virus can significantly strain healthcare systems, particularly during peak infection periods. Hospitals, already burdened with routine cases, can become overwhelmed by the influx of HMPV patients, leading to resource shortages and a reduced ability to handle other medical emergencies. This strain on healthcare services can also affect the workforce, as a significant number of individuals may fall ill or require quarantine, leading to disruptions in various sectors of society, including transportation, education, and essential services.

In terms of national security, the indirect effects of HMPV cannot be overlooked. A widespread out-

break could reduce the availability of personnel, both in civilian and military sectors, as many individuals may be affected by the virus. This could have a ripple effect on security operations and preparedness, as well as delay critical tasks that depend on a functioning workforce. Therefore, ensuring public health resilience and preparedness is not just a matter of health policy but one that can impact national security and stability.

Preventive measures, such as hand hygiene, wearing masks, and avoiding close contact with sick individuals, are essential in reducing the spread of HMPV. Staying informed and taking basic precautions can help minimize the impact of the virus. Furthermore, urging policymakers to prioritize public health by strengthening healthcare systems and allocating resources to combat emerging infectious threats like HMPV is crucial for the well-being of society and the security of the nation.

Why Bangladesh could become India's new Pakistan

As Bangladesh approaches a period of political uncertainty, India seems to have decided not to engage deeply with the current interim government. The situation has become more complicated with the country's interim prime minister, Nobel Laureate Mohammad Yunus, making statements about delaying elections. Yunus suggested that elections may take place toward the end of 2025 or early 2026, which is seen as a response to the ongoing political turmoil.

In an attempt to adjust the electoral process, Yunus has also proposed lowering the voting age from 18 to 17 years. While the move is intended to involve more youth in the democratic process, it would result in significant delays as new electoral rolls would need to be created, further pushing back the election timeline. The delay could also give agitating youth, particularly students involved in the recent protests, ample time to organize and potentially form their own political party.

The student-led protests, sparked by widespread dissatisfaction with the current political system, have shown a strong desire to dismantle the existing order. However, the protestors remain unclear about what should replace it or how to implement these changes. The situation reached a critical point on December 31, when some student leaders of the July uprising threatened to declare a "Second Republic," a move that would challenge the legitimacy of the current government. This declaration would nullify the existing constitution and undermine the legitimacy of key state institutions, including the judiciary.



The unrest in Bangladesh highlights a broader issue of political instability, with factions vying for power and influence in the face of a delayed electoral process. If the situation continues to deteriorate, it could lead to greater chaos, leaving the country in a state of uncertainty, with long-term implications for its political future. The proposed changes, especially lowering the voting age, may only exacerbate existing tensions and further delay resolution.

Some People Trying To Disturb Peace In Name Of Caste Politics: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while inaugurating the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav 2025, emphasized the need to protect peace and harmony in rural India, stressing that certain individuals are attempting to disturb the social fabric by invoking caste politics. He called for a collective effort to thwart such divisive tactics and preserve the unity that has been the foundation of rural life.

Addressing the audience, the Prime Minister expressed his confidence that India's villages will play a pivotal role in realizing the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) by 2047. Modi noted that rural areas are crucial to India's progress and that the government's efforts since 2014 have focused on enhancing rural development, improving infrastructure, and addressing socio-economic issues.

Without naming specific individuals or groups, Modi pointed out that caste-based politics is being used to sow division and unrest in rural areas. He stressed the importance of working together to strengthen the peaceful and harmonious legacy that villages have long upheld.

Modi also reflected on the significant strides made in reducing poverty in rural India. Citing a State Bank of India (SBI) research report, the Prime Minister highlighted that poverty in rural areas had decreased dramatically, from 26% in 2012 to below 5% today, a testament to the government's sustained efforts in improving the livelihoods

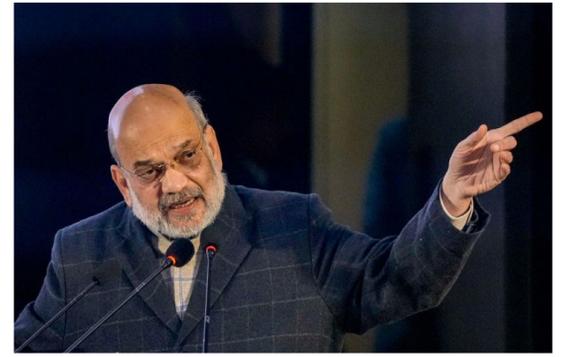


of rural populations.

Through schemes aimed at rural empowerment, infrastructure development, and better access to healthcare and education, Modi asserted that the government is committed to ensuring that India's villages are at the forefront of national development. He reiterated that as the country looks toward

its centenary of independence in 2047, the rural population will be crucial in shaping India's future growth. The Grameen Bharat Mahotsav, a celebration of rural India's progress, marked another occasion for the Prime Minister to reiterate his vision for an inclusive, harmonious, and prosperous India, where every community, including those in rural regions, thrives.

Instead Of Creating Infra In Delhi, Kejriwal Built 'Sheesh Mahal': Amit Shah



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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.



Bhopal Gas Tragedy Waste Disposal: Cops File Cases Against Protestors

Protests erupt in Pithampur as 337 tonnes of toxic waste linked to the Bhopal gas tragedy are transported for disposal.

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Madhya Pradesh police have filed five cases against protesters in Pithampur, Dhar district, who opposed the disposal of 337 tonnes of toxic waste associated with the Bhopal gas tragedy. The protests intensified after the waste reached Ramky Enviro company, where the incineration was planned.

The protests led to authorities imposing prohibitory orders under section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), which bans assemblies of 50 or more people around the Ramky Enviro premises. Superintendent of Police (SP) Manoj Kumar Singh confirmed that the police registered five separate cases late Friday night for disrupting public peace. Some cases were filed against identified individuals, while others were registered against unnamed protesters.

By Saturday morning, the situation in Pithampur had returned to normal, with all industrial establishments operating as usual. The protests included a march by 500-600 people to the Ramky Group's Industrial Waste Management facility, but police successfully dispersed the crowd. During the protests, two individuals attempted self-immolation but were stopped by onlookers and subsequently admitted to a local hospital.



Sourav Ganguly's Daughter Narrowly Escapes as Bus Hits Her Car

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Prominent cricketer and former BCCI President Sourav Ganguly's daughter, Sana Ganguly, was involved in a road accident when a bus rammed into her car. The incident occurred on Friday in the Diamond Harbour area of Kolkata. According to police, while Sana's car sustained damage in the collision, she remained unharmed. At the time of the accident, the car was being driven by

Ganguly's driver, and Sana was seated in the front passenger seat.

The police further reported that the bus driver fled the scene without stopping after the collision at Behala Chowrasta. Sana, along with the driver, pursued the bus for a short distance before intercepting it. Upon receiving information about the incident, police arrived at the location and detained the bus driver. Officials also clarified that Sana Ganguly has not yet filed an official complaint regarding the incident.

2 Soldiers Die, 2 Injured As Army Vehicle Falls Into Gorge In J&K

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Two soldiers died and two others were injured after an Army truck skidded off the road and plunged into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipora district on Saturday.

Officials said the accident occurred near the SK Payen area, and the injured soldiers have been rushed to a hospital for treatment.

In a similar incident last month, five soldiers died and five others were injured after the truck they were traveling in plunged into a 300-foot gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch.

"All ranks of #WhiteKnightCorps extend their deepest condolences on the tragic loss of five brave soldiers in a vehicle accident during operational duty in the #Poonch sector," the Army's White Knight Corps had written on X. Many leaders had expressed sorrow over



the incident, including Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, "I pay my heartfelt tribute to the martyrs and hope for the speedy recovery of the injured soldiers. My deepest condolences to the bereaved families."



BJP's First List For Delhi Polls In, Parvesh Verma To Fight Arvind Kejriwal

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The BJP has released the first list of its candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections in Delhi. The party has unveiled the names of candidates who will contest 29 out of the total 70 seats in the national capital.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has already released the names of all its candidates for the elections scheduled in February. In a significant development, former BJP MP Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma will challenge former Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal for the New Delhi seat.

"I thank my party's top leadership... I hope to live up to the trust the party has shown in me... During COVID-19, when Delhi needed Oxygen, Arvind Kejriwal Ji was distributing 'free bottles on every bottle'... There are many tasks in Delhi like cleaning the Yamuna and curbing pollution. When BJP forms the government, we will address these issues," Verma said.

In another notable move, former Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gehlot, once a close aide of Kejriwal, joined the BJP months before the elections and will be contesting from Bijwasan.

Ramesh Bidhuri, the former BJP MP from South Delhi, will contest from the Kalkaji constituency against Delhi Chief Minister Atishi. Bidhuri, who was not given a ticket for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, said, "I thank the BJP leadership for trusting me to reclaim the Kalkaji assembly seat. Delhi is suffering under Arvind Kejriwal, and the people of Kalkaji have faced 'AAPda' under Chief Minister Atishi."

Arvinder Singh Lovely, a former Congress minister in Sheila Dikshit's cabinet, joined BJP last year and will contest from Gandhinagar in east Delhi.

The Aam Aadmi Party has dominated the Delhi Assembly elections since 2015, securing significant victories, while the BJP has consistently won all seven Delhi Lok Sabha seats since 2014.

In a twist, Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva will not be contesting the upcoming Assembly elections, as confirmed by sources.

India Stresses Importance of Skilled Professional Movement Amid H-1B Visa Debate

India has reaffirmed the importance of the movement of skilled professionals between India and the United States, highlighting how it benefits both countries economically and technologically. This comes as the debate over the H-1B visa program intensifies, with prominent figures like President-elect Donald Trump and tech billionaire Elon Musk voicing their support for the program.

Elon Musk recently defended the H-1B visa system on social media, crediting it for enabling the success of companies like SpaceX and Tesla. "The reason I'm in America along with so many critical people who built SpaceX, Tesla, and hundreds of other companies that made America strong is because of H1B," Musk stated. He further expressed his commitment to defending the program, saying, "I will go to war on this issue the likes of which you cannot possibly comprehend."

The H-1B visa debate has revealed differing opinions among Trump's allies. While some view the program as essential for the U.S. tech industry, others see it as a threat to American jobs. Despite earlier attempts to restrict visa access through an executive order, Trump has expressed continued support for the H-1B program, recognizing its value to the U.S. economy.

India's foreign ministry spokesperson,



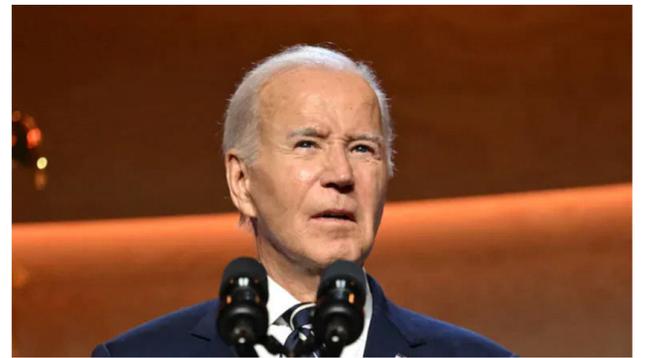
Randhir Jaiswal, underscored the significance of the mobility of skilled professionals, calling it a key component of the strong and growing economic and technological partnership between India and the U.S. He emphasized that both nations benefit from the technical expertise provided by these professionals, with each leveraging their strengths for mutual growth.

India received around 78% of the 265,777 H-1B visas issued by the U.S. in fiscal year 2023, demonstrating the essential role

Indian professionals play in the U.S. tech industry. As India and the U.S. continue to strengthen their ties, the exchange of skilled workers remains a cornerstone of their economic relationship.

This collaboration is reflected in the broader trends of increasing bilateral trade, with U.S.-India trade growing by 7.65%, reaching USD 129 billion in 2022-23. The movement of skilled professionals between the two countries remains pivotal for further deepening their economic ties.

"Risk For National Security": Joe Biden Blocks US Steel Sale To Japan's Nippon



President Joe Biden has blocked a controversial \$14.9 billion acquisition in which Japan's Nippon Steel sought to buy US Steel, citing the need to protect domestic industry and national security. The decision, made just weeks before Biden's term concludes, follows a deadlock within the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) over whether the deal posed a threat to US security.

Biden emphasized that the acquisition would place a key American steel producer under foreign control, creating risks to national security and vital supply chains. "I am taking action to block this deal," Biden stated, highlighting the importance of safeguarding the US steel industry. His move was met with support from the United Steelworkers (USW) union, which praised the president's commitment to maintaining a strong domestic manufacturing sector.

However, both Nippon Steel and US Steel expressed disappointment, calling the decision a "political" one and accusing the administration of violating due process. The companies insisted that the deal posed no credible security threat and criticized the process as being politically motivated. They also warned that the decision could deter future investments from US allies.

The Japanese government, reacting to the news, expressed "regret" over the decision, with Industry Minister Yoji Muto describing it as "incomprehensible." US Steel's stock price dropped by 6.5% following the announcement.

Biden's decision, which reflects his broader strategy of protecting American manufacturing, comes amid increasing tensions over foreign trade practices, particularly with China. The president had previously emphasized the need for a robust domestic steel industry to ensure national security, noting his efforts to bolster the sector through tariffs and subsidies.

The move highlights the ongoing political and economic challenges surrounding US trade and investment policies, as Biden balances domestic economic concerns with international relations, particularly with key allies like Japan.

Americans Unhappy: Trump On Flags Flying At Half-Mast During Inauguration



Donald Trump voiced his displeasure on Friday regarding the lowering of US flags to half-mast following the death of former President Jimmy Carter, asserting that "no American can be happy" about it. The decision to honor Carter, who passed away on Sunday at the age of 100, was made by President Joe Biden, who ordered flags to be lowered for 30 days at federal buildings and grounds. This gesture is a customary way to commemorate the late president as he is laid to rest during a state funeral next week.

For Trump, this act poses an awkward juxtaposition as he prepares for his inauguration on January 20. The image of the nation in mourning, with flags at half-mast, will coincide with his return to the White House after a tumultuous first term. Trump expressed his frustration with the situation in a post on his Truth Social platform, stating, "Nobody wants to see this, and no American can be happy about it." In his message, the Republican also leveled an unsubstantiated accusation at Democrats, claiming they were "giddy" about the optics of flags at half-mast during his inauguration. Trump went on to say, "They don't love our country, they only think about themselves," though he did not specify who he was referring to.



China Calls HMPV Outbreak 'Winter Occurrence', India Says 'Don't Panic'

Countries neighboring China are closely monitoring the situation, with Hong Kong reporting a few cases of HMPV.

The spread of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV), a respiratory illness with flu-like symptoms, has raised global health concerns, particularly after reports emerged of a rising number of cases in China. HMPV, discovered in 2001, is similar to COVID-19 in its symptoms, leading to comparisons with the pandemic that started five years ago. Social media platforms have shown videos and images of individuals wearing masks in Chinese hospitals, sparking worries among the public.

Addressing the concerns, China's foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning reassured both citizens and tourists on Friday, saying, "Respiratory infections tend to peak during the winter season," and emphasized that "It is safe to travel in China."

In India, which was severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) official Dr. Atul Goel urged people not to panic over the spread of HMPV in China. Dr. Goel

explained, "Metapneumovirus is like any other respiratory virus, causing common cold-like symptoms. While it can be more serious for the very young or the elderly, there is no need for undue concern."

He further clarified that there had been no substantial increase in respiratory infections within India in December 2024, and no significant outbreaks had been reported by Indian institutions. While the World Health Organization (WHO) has not issued an official statement regarding the HMPV outbreak, and no emergency has been declared by either WHO or the Chinese government, neighboring countries such as Hong Kong are on high alert and monitoring the situation closely.

According to the US Centre for Disease Control (CDC), HMPV is a respiratory virus that affects people of all age groups, though it poses a greater risk to young children, the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems. Common symptoms include cough, fever, nasal congestion, and shortness of breath. In severe cases, it can lead to conditions like bronchitis or pneumonia.

Netherlands Reveals 425,000 Suspected Nazi Collaborators, Sparks Debate

The Netherlands has released the names of 425,000 individuals suspected of collaborating with Nazi Germany during World War II, igniting a debate on privacy versus transparency. This move comes as part of the "War in Court" project, following the expiration of a law on New Year's Day that previously restricted public access to the archive. The names of the suspected collaborators, mostly Dutch citizens, are now available online, offering greater public insight into the

nation's wartime past.

The archive, containing nearly 32 million pages, provides detailed records on individuals who worked in various capacities with the German occupiers during the war. The names are searchable along with birth dates and locations, although accessing specific details about their actions requires submitting a request. This project was made possible with the help of the Huygens Institute, which digitized

the archive, previously accessible only at the Dutch National Archives in The Hague.

While the release of this archive aims to foster transparency, it has drawn criticism from both the descendants of the accused and the families of wartime victims. Some fear that this public access could reopen old wounds and stigmatize individuals linked to this dark chapter of Dutch history.

Imran Khan Rejects Exile Offer, Vows to Stay in Pakistan



Imran Khan, Pakistan's jailed former prime minister, revealed that he was offered the opportunity to go into exile for three years, but he declined, asserting his commitment to staying in Pakistan. The 72-year-old former cricketer-turned-politician made the claim during an interaction with media at Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail, where he has been incarcerated since August 2023.

Khan stated, "I was offered the opportunity of a three-year exile while I was in Attock Jail, but I will live and die in Pakistan." Despite being imprisoned, Khan emphasized his unwavering resolve to remain in his homeland, rejecting the option of exile.

The former prime minister also disclosed that he had been "indirectly approached" with a proposal to be transferred to his Bani Gala residence in Islamabad. However, he reiterated his refusal, making it clear that he would not entertain discussions about his personal situation until his detained supporters and leaders were released.

In a post on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Khan further clarified his position: "My stance is clear: release my detained workers and leaders first. Only then will I consider discussing my personal situation."

Khan's bold statements come amid ongoing political turmoil in Pakistan, with his party, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), facing a crackdown by the government. Many of his supporters and key party leaders have been arrested, and Khan's refusal to leave the country underscores his resolve to continue his political struggle.

Hindustan Unilever in Talks to Acquire Minimalist for Rs 3,000 Crore

Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), one of India's leading FMCG companies, is reportedly in advanced discussions to acquire Jaipur-based skincare startup Minimalist for approximately Rs 3,000 crore (\$350 million), according to a Moneycontrol report. This potential acquisition comes nearly three years after Minimalist raised Rs 110 crore (\$15 million) from Unilever Ventures, the venture investment arm of Unilever.



If the deal is finalised, it would represent a significant leap in Minimalist's valuation, which has surged from around Rs 630 crore (\$75 million) to Rs 3,000 crore (\$350 million) in just three years. This dramatic increase in value is attributed to Minimalist's rapid revenue growth and consistent profitability. The acquisition would not only provide HUL with a strong foothold in the fast-growing skincare market but also add a direct-to-consumer brand to its portfolio.

Minimalist, which is known for its minimalist approach to skincare, has been gaining popularity among consumers for its simple and effective products. The brand's appeal to a younger, digital-savvy audience has contributed to its success, positioning it well in a competitive market.

HUL has stated that it will make appropriate disclosures regarding any material developments related to this acquisition under applicable laws. The potential deal highlights HUL's growing interest in the beauty and skincare segment, which has seen increasing demand for more natural and transparent products.

This acquisition, if concluded, will be one of the largest in the direct-to-consumer skincare space and reflects the growing trend of FMCG companies expanding their portfolios to include digital-first, consumer-centric brands. Investors and market watchers are keenly awaiting further details as discussions progress.

India's Current Account Deficit to Remain Elevated in FY26 Amid Global Trade Challenges

India's current account deficit (CAD) is expected to remain elevated in FY26, largely due to the impact of stringent global trade policies, according to a report by JM Financial. The country's trade balance has been under pressure, with imports consistently surpassing exports, leading to a widening deficit. The report suggests that sluggish exports, exacerbated by global supply chain realignments, will keep the CAD high in the coming years.



In particular, the report highlights the potential effects of US President-elect Donald Trump's trade policies, which are expected to disrupt global supply chains. India is predicted to face greater adverse impacts on its exports compared to imports, leading to a situation where exports will trail imports well into 2025. This scenario could result in a trade deficit that continues to put pressure on the country's current account balance.

In November 2024, India's trade deficit surged to USD 37 billion, much higher than the monthly average of USD 23.5 billion recorded between April and October 2024. This widening gap is attributed to the changing dynamics of global trade, which could further affect India's export performance in the near future.

The report projects a CAD of around 1.5-1.6% of GDP for FY25, with the figure expected to stabilize at approximately 1.4-1.5% in FY26, depending on the direction of Trump's trade policies. This persistent deficit is expected to put downward pressure on the Indian rupee (INR), potentially leading to currency depreciation.

However, there is some positive news in the report. Fiscal consolidation efforts are expected to keep bond yields in check, with the government likely to meet its FY26 fiscal deficit target of 4.5%. Despite a slowdown in capital expenditure (capex) during FY25, particularly due to the election period, the government's focus on reducing debt-to-GDP levels may help stabilize the economy. The report forecasts bond yields to average 6.5% in 2025, providing some stability in the financial markets.

Overall, while India's widening CAD and trade imbalances pose significant challenges, fiscal discipline and stable bond yields offer some relief in the years ahead.

HDFC Bank Sees Deposit Growth Outpace Loan Growth in Q3 FY2025

HDFC Bank reported that its deposits grew at a faster rate than loans during the quarter ending December 31, 2024, marking a notable shift in its financial performance. According to the Mumbai-based bank, deposits increased by 4.2% to ₹24.53 trillion (\$286.03 billion), although this growth rate slowed compared to the 5.1% rise seen in the July-September quarter.

The growth in low-cost deposits, comprising current and savings accounts, was more modest, rising by 1.1% in the period. On the other hand, the bank's gross

advances, which reflect loans sanctioned and disbursed, rose by 0.9% to ₹25.43 trillion. This was a slowdown from the previous quarter's sequential growth of 1.3%.

HDFC Bank, the largest private lender in India by assets, is still benefiting from its merger with its parent company, HDFC, which was completed in July 2023. The merger significantly increased the bank's loan portfolio, though it brought a relatively smaller increase in deposits. The larger pool of loans has contributed to the bank's dominance in the Indian banking sector, but its deposit base has not grown

at the same pace.

Despite the slower growth in loans and deposits, HDFC Bank remains a leading player in the Indian financial market. The bank's ability to generate low-cost deposits and manage its loan portfolio will be key to sustaining its growth trajectory in the coming quarters. The slowdown in deposit and loan growth could reflect broader economic trends or market conditions, but the bank's solid financial foundation positions it well for the future.



Vedanta Ltd's Zinc Production Declines 2% in Q3 FY2024-25, Aluminium Output Up

Vedanta Limited, a leading mining and metals company, reported a 2% drop in its zinc production in India during the October to December quarter of the financial year 2024-25. Zinc production in this period totaled 265,000 tonnes, down from 271,000 tonnes in the same quarter last year, as per the company's exchange filing.



Despite this decline in zinc output, Vedanta's total aluminium production saw a 3% year-on-year increase, reaching 614,000 tonnes in Q3 FY2024-25, compared to 599,000 tonnes in the same period in the previous year. The rise in aluminium production is part of a broader positive trend, with total aluminium output rising 3% to 1.82 million tonnes for the nine months ending December 2024, compared to 1.77 million tonnes in the previous year.

Vedanta operates two primary aluminium production plants—one in Jharsuguda and the other under the Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd (BALCO) subsidiary.

The company also saw growth in its mined metal production, which rose 1% to 784,000 tonnes in the December quarter, compared to 780,000 tonnes in the same period the

previous year. This growth was attributed to improved mined metal grades and mill recovery, which contributed to the best-ever 9-month mined metal production, according to Vedanta.

In other key production segments, Vedanta's Zinc International business saw a 12% growth year-on-year in the quarter, while its oil and gas production decreased by 19%. The company's iron ore segment reported a 10% year-on-year growth, though sales declined by 8%. Finished steel production fell by 3% to 329,000 tonnes, compared to 341,000 tonnes in the same quarter of the previous year. Power sales also dropped significantly, by 21%, to 3.2 billion units.

Despite the mixed results across its various production segments, Vedanta's share price rose by 1.8%, closing at ₹457.90, up from ₹449.80 at the previous market close.

Indians' Consumption of Pulses and Cereals Declines by 5% as Spending Patterns Shift

Indian households have experienced a marked change in their spending habits over the past 12 years, according to a recent analysis by the State Bank of India (SBI). The shift reflects broader economic and social changes, with a clear trend of decreasing focus on food-related expenditures in favor of non-food items. This evolving spending pattern is influencing consumption across various sectors, with food items such as pulses and cereals seeing a notable decline in consumption.



The SBI analysis reveals a worrying trend in the consumption of essential food items, with both pulses and cereals experiencing a significant drop in demand. Over the past decade, consumption in both rural and urban areas has decreased by more than 5 percent. This decline is attributed to a variety of factors, including changing dietary preferences, urbanization, and increased disposable incomes that encourage more varied food choices.

Cereals and pulses have traditionally been staples in the Indian diet, providing an essential source of carbohydrates and protein. However, in recent years, there has been a gradual shift in consumer preferences toward more processed and packaged food options, which are perceived as more convenient and modern. The increasing availability of ready-to-eat meals, fast food, and international cuisines has further driven this shift.

Additionally, with rising incomes and changing lifestyles, Indians are spending more on non-food items, such as electronics, clothing, and entertainment, leaving less room in their budgets for staple food products. The shift is especially noticeable in urban areas, where disposable incomes are higher, and where the influence of global food trends

is more pronounced. Meanwhile, rural areas have also seen a reduction in cereal and pulse consumption, though this shift is attributed to factors such as rising prices and a reduction in agricultural productivity.

The drop in cereal and pulse consumption has raised concerns about nutritional imbalances in the average Indian diet. Pulses, in particular, are a key source of protein for many households, especially in rural areas where vegetarian diets are more common. The decline in their consumption could have long-term health implications, leading to deficiencies in vital nutrients for a significant portion of the population.

The report underscores the importance of understanding these consumption patterns, especially as India continues to urbanize and its middle class grows. Policymakers will need to consider these changes to ensure food security and promote healthier eating habits across the nation. In particular, addressing the affordability and accessibility of nutritious food options will be crucial to meeting the needs of India's diverse population in the coming years.

New Just-in-Time App Helps Smokers Stay on Track to Quit

Quitting smoking is one of the toughest challenges faced by millions of people worldwide. Nicotine addiction often leads to withdrawal symptoms, making it difficult for smokers to stay smoke-free. While many smokers successfully quit for a time, the temptation to relapse remains high, with up to 75% of people returning to smoking within the first year of quitting.

Now, there's some promising news for those struggling with this ongoing battle. Researchers at the University of Bristol have developed the first-ever "just-in-time" intervention app aimed at helping smokers prevent relapse. This innovative app uses personalized reminders to deliver support right when it's needed most. Imagine a scenario where your smartwatch vibrates and flashes a message like, "Remember why you wanted to quit," just as you're about to reach for a cigarette. These timely nudges can act as a powerful

reminder to stay on track and resist the urge to smoke.

The app is designed to intervene precisely when smokers are most vulnerable, providing real-time support at moments of temptation. By reinforcing the reasons for quitting and offering immediate coping strategies, the app works to interrupt the automatic behavior of smoking and remind users of their commitment to a healthier life.

Smoking remains one of the leading causes of preventable disease and death, so finding innovative solutions to help smokers stay quit is crucial. With the introduction of this "just-in-time" intervention app, smokers have a new tool in their fight to break free from nicotine addiction. The app's personalized approach provides a unique form of support, which could make all the difference in helping smokers achieve long-term success in their quit journey.



RRM-TD, India's First Space Robotic Arm, In Action Onboard POEM4

ISRO showcases the precision of India's first space robotic arm in its first operational mission aboard POEM4.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has unveiled its first space robotic arm, RRM-TD, aboard the POEM4 platform.



A short video released by ISRO captures the robotic arm's precise movements and various operational stages as it works in space. The video begins with the robotic arm being unlocked and lifted from its base position, followed by its intricate movement, which includes "Arm manipulation with 7 actuators." This demonstrates the arm's ability to perform complex tasks. The footage then highlights "POEM deck imaging operation" and "positioning using visual serving," a technique that uses visual data to guide the robot's motion. The arm's sequence concludes as it returns to its base, locking back into position.

ISRO described the milestone as "a proud #MakeInIndia achievement in space robotics," emphasizing the arm's precision and functionality. This demonstration aboard the POEM4 mission marks a significant step in India's

space exploration capabilities.

The POEM4 mission, part of the PSLV-C60 SpaDeX mission, utilizes the fourth stage of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) to create a specialized platform for scientific experiments in space. The PS4-Orbital Experiment Module (POEM) enables scientists to carry out microgravity experiments for up to three months, advancing new technologies for future space missions.

The mission also carries biological experiments into space for the first time on an Indian-made rocket. The PSLV will conduct three biological experiments involving living cells, a challenging task due to the harsh space environment. Special life support systems are employed to sustain the organisms, and data is collected remotely, contributing to significant advancements in space research.

Canadian Student Breaks Jaw After Biting Into Jawbreaker Candy

A 19-year-old Canadian college student, Javeria Wasim, has been left with a fractured jaw and a new understanding of why jawbreaker candies live up to their name. After purchasing a giant jawbreaker while shopping with a friend, Wasim bit into the candy, only to experience excruciating pain and significant dental damage. What seemed like a fun treat turned into a nightmare when her jaw cracked under the pressure.



Wasim and her friend had picked out one of the largest jawbreakers available, joking with the shop owner about whether they could actually bite into it. "We got a giant one, the biggest size they had," Wasim shared. The shopkeeper confirmed that biting into it was possible, but little did they know that the candy's reputation as a "jawbreaker" was about to become a harsh reality.

As soon as Wasim bit into the gumball-sized candy, she felt a sharp pain in her jaw. Her friend noticed that her front tooth had chipped, and another was loose. Realizing the situation was more serious than just a dental issue, the pair called an ambulance. After being rushed to the hospital, X-rays and a CT scan revealed that Wasim had suffered two fractures in her jaw.

"I bit into it and only made a hole, and my jaw

started to hurt. My friend looked over and said my tooth was chipped. It hurt bad, I was crying a lot when the ambulance came and everything was blurry," Wasim recalled.

The 19-year-old was unable to open her mouth, and the next day, she underwent surgery to repair the damage. The procedure lasted about an hour, during which her jaw was repositioned and a bar was inserted on her gums, wiring her mouth shut for the next six weeks. Wasim will be on an all-liquid diet during this recovery period.

This traumatic experience has left Wasim shaken, and she now says she may never eat another candy again.

Zhang Yazhou Breaks World Record by Slicing 41 Cucumbers with Playing Cards in One Minute



Cucumbers are commonly known for their role in salads, detox waters, and sandwiches, but they've now found their place in the record books, thanks to Zhang Yazhou from China. Zhang has set a new Guinness World Record for slicing cucumbers in an extraordinary way—using playing cards. That's right, with no knife in sight, Zhang sliced through 41 cucumbers in just one minute, using only his card-throwing skills.

Known for his impressive ability to throw cards with precision, Zhang's recent achievement earned him a spot in the Guinness World Records. In a video shared by Guinness World Records on Instagram, Zhang is seen standing at a distance from a row of cucumbers, each suspended on a stand. With each flick of his wrist, a card slices through a cucumber, splitting it perfectly in half. The video includes slow-motion shots that highlight the sharp accu-

racy of his throws, making the whole feat look like something straight out of a martial arts action movie.

The record-breaking attempt wasn't something Zhang achieved overnight. According to Guinness World Records, it took him 20 days of practice to perfect his card-throwing technique before he was able to break the record. His dedication paid off when he successfully sliced through 41 cucumbers, earning him the title for the most cucumbers cut by playing cards in one minute.

"Most cucumbers cut by throwing playing cards in one minute, 41 by Zhang Yazhou," reads the caption of the Guinness World Records' post, commemorating his achievement. This unique and skillful accomplishment shows that the art of throwing playing cards isn't just for magic tricks—it's now officially a world record!

Bird-Inspired Wing Design Could Boost Performance of Aeroplanes, Claims Study

The flight dynamics of birds have sparked innovative research aimed at enhancing aeroplane wings. Featherlike flaps, designed to mimic the covert feathers found on bird wings, have shown the potential to significantly improve lift, reduce drag, and prevent stalls. These advancements could lead to more efficient and safer aircraft, particularly during challenging maneuvers like landings or flights in turbulent conditions. The research highlights promising applications for both commercial and specialized aviation.



Research Findings A study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences explored the effects of lightweight, bird-inspired flaps on model airplane wings. The researchers tested the flaps in a wind tunnel and discovered that they improved airflow around the wings, boosting lift by up to 45% and reducing drag by 31%. Unlike traditional manual wing flaps controlled by pilots, these bird-like components adjust automatically in response to high angles of attack, a condition that often leads to sudden loss of lift.

Improved Aircraft Stability Tests on remote-controlled aircraft showed that these feather-inspired flaps enhance flight stability, especially in gusty weather or during takeoff and landing on short runways. This design could be a game-changer in aviation, offering improved performance in situations where precision and efficiency are crucial.

Expert Insights Aimy Wissa, an engineer at Princeton University, explained to Science News Explores that

the design of these flaps operates without mechanical controls, responding naturally to aerodynamic changes. The use of multiple rows of flaps across the wing—rather than just at the front or rear—ensures a consistent airflow and prevents high-pressure air from disrupting lift at critical points.

By borrowing ideas from bird flight, engineers aim to create aircraft that perform more smoothly and reliably in demanding conditions. These developments demonstrate the exciting potential of bio-inspired technologies to advance the future of aviation.



Rishabh Pant Hits 5,000 Runs Milestone With Explosive Knock Against Australia

Swashbuckling Indian wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant reached a significant milestone in his cricket career, crossing the 5,000-run mark in international cricket during the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia in Sydney. Pant achieved this feat with a blistering knock of 61 runs off just 33 balls in India's second innings. This innings was a display of his aggressive batting, as he smashed six fours and four sixes, maintaining a remarkable strike rate of 184.85. Pant had earlier contributed 40 runs in 98 balls during India's first innings, demonstrating both patience and flair.

This performance brought Pant's career total to 5,028 runs across all formats of international cricket, with an impressive average of 33.97. His 150 matches for India include seven centuries and 23 fifties, with Test cricket being his strongest format. In 43 Test matches, Pant has accumulated 2,948 runs at an average of 42.11, including six centuries, with a best score of 159*. In One Day International

als (ODIs), he has scored 871 runs at an average of 33.50, while in T20Is, he has made 1,209 runs at a strike rate of 127.26.

Pant's rapid-fire 61 in the second innings came when India needed quick runs. Despite a shaky start and a struggling top order, which saw Virat Kohli continue his issues with deliveries outside the off-stump, Pant's knock provided some entertainment and aggression. Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah also chipped in, but India ended the day at 141/6, with Jadeja (8*) and Washington Sundar (6*) still at the crease.

In the first innings, India had struggled to 185 all out, with Boland's (4/31) fiery bowling leading the charge for Australia. India's bowlers responded well, however, reducing Australia to just 181 runs in their first innings, with Prasidh Krishna and Mohammed Siraj taking three wickets each.

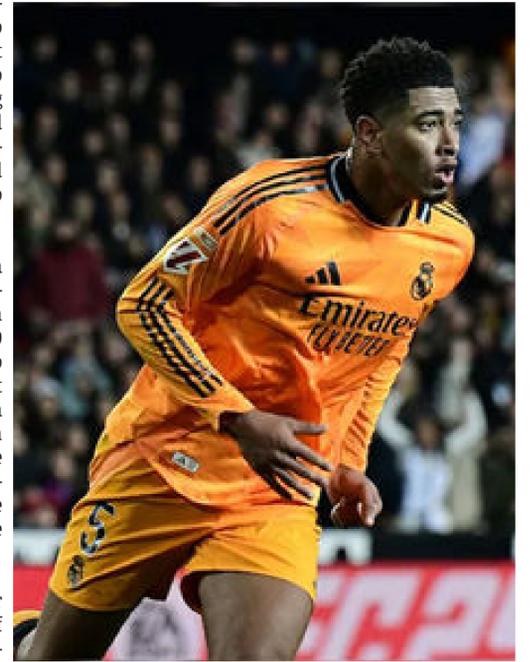
Jude Bellingham Rescues 10-Man Real Madrid with Stoppage Time Winner at Valencia

Jude Bellingham delivered a dramatic stoppage-time winner to secure Real Madrid a 2-1 victory at Valencia on Friday, lifting them to the top of La Liga. Despite missing a penalty earlier in the match and being reduced to 10 men after Vinicius Junior's red card, Madrid mounted a superb comeback to claim all three points.

The game began with Valencia taking the lead in the 27th minute, as Huro Duro capitalized on a rebound to give the hosts a 1-0 advantage. Madrid struggled to find their rhythm, and things got worse when Bellingham missed a penalty after being brought down in the box. His low shot hit the post, and despite some controversy over Valencia's goalkeeper Stole Dimitrievski being off his line, the miss left Madrid trailing.

The match then took another turn when Vinicius was sent off for shoving Dimitrievski in retaliation for a challenge in the box. With Madrid down to 10 men and trailing, the odds seemed stacked against them. However, they fought back and equalized in the 85th minute when Bellingham provided the assist for 39-year-old Luka Modric, who calmly finished to level the score.

In the dying moments of the game, Bellingham pounced on a defensive error from Valencia, with Dimitri Foulquier's poor pass putting Hugo Guillamon under pressure. Bellingham seized the opportunity, intercepting the pass and finishing confidently to give Madrid a 2-1 victory.



Head coach Carlo Ancelotti praised Bellingham for his resilience after missing the penalty, calling his performance extraordinary. "It gave him extra motivation," Ancelotti said. "The goal was a reward for the effort he put in."

Vinicius, who was disappointed by his red card, thanked his teammates for securing the win, saying "Sorry and thanks team" on social media. Despite Valencia's best efforts, including a late strike from Luis Rioja that hit the post, they remain in the relegation zone, four points from safety.

Stood Down from SCG Test Because Runs Weren't Coming from My Bat

India captain Rohit Sharma clarified his decision to step aside from the crucial SCG Test, explaining that it was motivated by his lack of form and the team's pressing needs. Speaking during the lunch break on Day 2, Rohit said, "The conversation with the coach and selector was simple—runs weren't coming from my bat, and form was missing. This is an important match, and we need players in form. I felt it was the right decision to tell the coach and selector that I should step aside for the team's benefit."

Rohit's self-assessment came after India's disheartening loss in Melbourne, where a batting collapse handed the hosts a 2-1 series lead. Rohit, who struggled with scores of 3 and 9 in the game, acknowledged that his form wasn't helping the team's cause. Rohit emphasized that his decision wasn't about giving up on the game but a temporary step back to prioritize the team's success. "This isn't a retirement decision. It's just about recognizing the present situation. Things can change in cricket; I believe in myself, but I also need to be realistic about where I stand," he explained. The skipper reflected on the challenges of stepping away: "It was very, very tough. I've come so far to play and win games for my team. But some-



times, you have to put the team's needs above your own. That's what makes a team—you play for the collective good, not just for yourself." Rohit assured fans that he remains committed to the game and confident in his ability to return stronger. "This is a temporary phase. Cricket teaches us that every day is a new opportunity. I trust things will turn around for me." He also dismissed external criticism, saying, "People with mics, laptops, or pens can't dictate our careers. I've played this game long enough to understand what's best for me and my team. The decision to step down was mine and made with maturity." Rohit's decision underscores the importance of self-awareness and prioritizing the team's goals over personal milestones, a testament to his leadership and commitment to Indian cricket.

AC Milan Defeat Juventus 2-1 to Set Up Super Cup Final with Inter Milan

AC Milan staged a thrilling comeback to beat Juventus 2-1 on Friday, securing their place in the Italian Super Cup final against city rivals Inter Milan. The match, held in Riyadh, saw new AC Milan coach Sergio Conceicao lead his team to victory in his first game in charge, after replacing Paulo Fonseca earlier this week.

Juventus took the lead in the 21st minute, thanks to a clinical strike from Kenan Yildiz. The goal came after poor defending from Theo Hernandez, who allowed the Turkish midfielder to fire past Milan goalkeeper Mike Maignan. Despite Juventus' early advantage, AC Milan bounced back



in the second half. Christian Pulisic leveled the score for Milan in the 71st minute, converting a pen-

alty with confidence. Just four minutes later, Juventus' Federico Gatti, under pressure from the Milan attack, accidentally turned the ball into his own net, giving Milan a 2-1 lead.

The victory sets up an exciting Super Cup final on Monday, where AC Milan will face off against Inter Milan, who defeated Atalanta 2-0 on Thursday. Inter's dominant performance was led by Dutch international Denzel Dumfries, who scored both goals for the defending champions.

AC Milan will now aim to win their eighth Italian Super Cup title, and their first since 2016, when they take on Inter in what promises to be a highly anticipated clash.

Chahal, Dhanashree Spark Divorce Rumours After Instagram Unfollow

Actor-choreographer Dhanashree Verma and cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal have recently sparked divorce rumours after they unfollowed each other on Instagram and deleted all pictures together. The couple, who tied the knot on December 11, 2020, have been at the center of media attention with sources confirming the couple's separation. While Yuzvendra Chahal deleted all photos with his wife, Dhanashree removed him from her followers but left the pictures intact. According to sources close to the couple, the divorce rumours are indeed true, with the divorce being seen as "inevitable" though the exact reasons be-



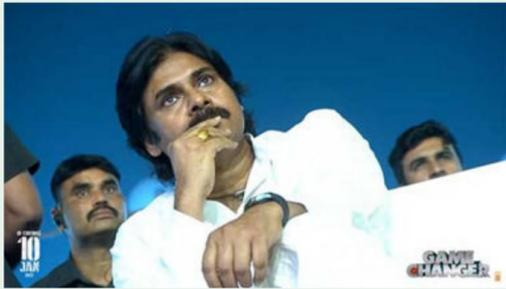
hind the split remain unclear. "It's only a matter of time before it becomes official," the sources stated.

The rumours began circulating in 2023 after Dhanashree removed 'Chahal' from her Instagram name, coinciding with a cryptic Instagram story by Yuzvendra that read, "New life loading." At the time, the cricketer had dismissed the divorce speculations, urging fans not to believe or spread such rumours. Dhanashree and Yuzvendra's love story began during the lockdown, when Yuzvendra, frustrated with the lack of cricket matches, approached Dhanashree to learn dance after seeing her videos on social media. Dhanashree, who used to teach dance, agreed to take him on as a student, marking the beginning of their relationship.



Pawan Kalyan Graces Ram Charan's Game Changer Pre-Release Event, Expresses Gratitude To Cinema Legends

The pre-release event of Ram Charan's much-anticipated film *Game Changer* was held in a grand fashion this evening in Rajahmundry, attracting a massive crowd and extensive arrangements. The event was graced by none other than Andhra Pradesh's Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, who attended as the chief guest.



Pawan Kalyan began his speech by expressing his sincere gratitude to the fans who attended the event, acknowledging their presence from various parts of Andhra Pradesh. He also took a moment to pay tribute to several iconic figures in Indian cinema, including Raghupathi Venkayya Naidu, Dada Saheb Phalke, Satyajit Ray, BN Reddy, and Nagi Reddy, emphasizing that it is crucial to never forget one's roots, regardless of how far one goes in life.

The deputy chief minister also paid his respects to Tollywood legends like N.T. Rama Rao (NTR), Krishna, Shoban Babu, and Akkineni Nageswara Rao (ANR) for their immense contributions to Telugu cinema. He spoke fondly of his brother, Megastar Chiranjeevi, calling him the foundation for every actor, including himself and Ram Charan. Pawan Kalyan expressed deep thanks to the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Home Minister Anitha, and the police department for their support and cooperation, which made the event possible.

Pawan Kalyan shared personal memories, revealing how he watched director

Shankar's *Gentleman* and *Premikudu* in Chennai during his early days, even before considering a career in acting. He credited Shankar for inspiring countless actors and filmmakers to aspire for pan-India success through his socially relevant films and powerful storytelling.

The Janasena party leader also took the opportunity to acknowledge film producer Dil Raju's support. He revealed how Dil Raju's *Vakeel Saab* played a significant role in helping his political party, Janasena, through a period of financial difficulty.

Talking about Ram Charan, Pawan Kalyan expressed a deep brotherly bond with him, highlighting their close relationship. He praised Charan's performance in *Rangasthalam*, stating that the actor truly deserved the Best Actor award for his role in the film. Pawan Kalyan expressed his hope that Charan would win the award soon, marking another milestone in his illustrious career.

The event was a celebration of not only Ram Charan's upcoming film but also of the rich legacy and continued growth of Telugu cinema.

Game Changer Trailer Breaks Records, Sets New Milestone

Global star Ram Charan's upcoming movie *Game Changer* is creating waves even before its release, with its trailer breaking records across platforms. Released on Friday, the trailer has already amassed 180 million views in multiple languages by Saturday and continues to trend on YouTube. It has surpassed the trailer records of *Pushpa 2* and *Devara* in just 16 hours.

Directed by star filmmaker Shankar, *Game Changer* took nearly four years to complete. The film stars Kiara Advani as the lead op-

posite Ram Charan, with Dil Raju and Sirish producing it. With a massive budget and soaring expectations, *Game Changer* is set to release worldwide as a Sankranthi special on January 10.

The trailer, which has garnered significant attention, is currently trending on social media, with a promotional post from the makers also going viral. The movie will be available in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, and Kannada languages, further adding to the excitement among fans and movie enthusiasts alike.



Rana Daggubati Presents Dark Chocolate: A Stylish and Intense New Thriller

Rana Daggubati, known for his dynamic roles in the industry, is set to present an exciting new project, *Dark Chocolate*. This marks the third collaboration between Spirit Media and Waltair Productions, following the success of their previous ventures, *Pareshan* and *35 Chinna Katha Kaadu*. With *Dark Chocolate* the production house aims to bring an intriguing and intense narrative to the screen.



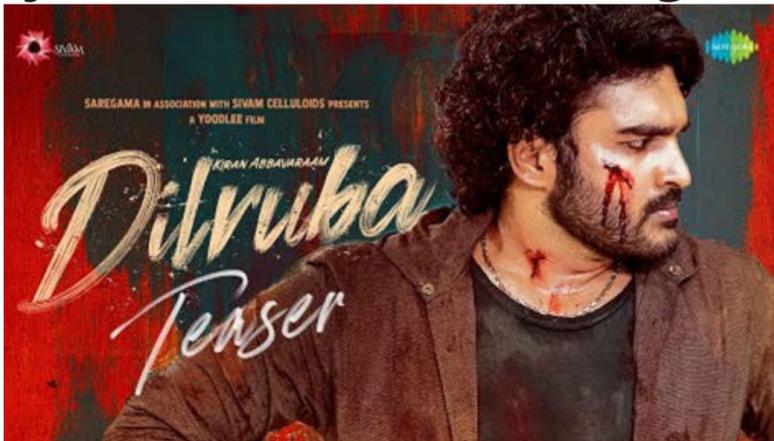
Directed by Shashank Srivastava, *Dark Chocolate* stars Viswadev Rachakonda and Bindhu Madhavi in the lead roles. The film's first look, unveiled today, has already caught the attention of audiences. In the poster, Viswadev Rachakonda is seen in a stylish new avatar, a stark contrast to his previous role in *35 Chinna Katha Kaadu* where he sported a rustic look. This shift in his appearance hints at a more polished and intense character in *Dark Chocolate*.

The first look is filled with suspense and mystery. Viswadev and Bindhu are both shown gazing directly into a surveillance camera, their expressions filled with intensity and intrigue. This visual, combined with the cryptic quote Genre Adagodhu, Maakkuda Telidhu (meaning "Don't know the genre, nor do we"), adds to the enigmatic aura of the film, leaving viewers eager to learn more about the plot.

The title *Dark Chocolate* suggests a mix of flavors—sweet, bitter, and complex—much like the characters and story that are yet to unfold. The film promises a thrilling journey, with its intense and suspenseful atmosphere making it a highly anticipated release for 2025. With the backing of renowned figures like Rana Daggubati and the talent of Viswadev and Bindhu, *Dark Chocolate* is set to make waves in the world of cinema.

Dilruba Teaser: Kiran Abbavaram's Journey of Love, Pain, and Rage

Young actor Kiran Abbavaram is all set to captivate audiences with his upcoming film *Dilruba*, which promises a blend of romance, emotion, and action. Following the success of his previous projects, the teaser for *Dilruba* was recently unveiled, raising expectations and generating considerable buzz. The teaser opens with Kiran's voiceover, where he reflects on his love life, sharing the heart-wrenching experience of his relationship with Maggie and the counseling sessions he had with friends King and John.



At first, the film adopts a quirky and light-hearted tone, depicting Kiran's character as someone navigating the ups and downs of love. However, everything changes when Anjali, played by Rukshar Dhillon, enters his life. The chemistry between Kiran and Rukshar is undeniable, with their romantic moments bringing a refreshing and captivating energy to the screen. Kiran Abbavaram's stylish appearance and swag-filled attitude add to the charm, enhancing his character's appeal.

What stands out in the teaser is the emotional depth of Kiran's character. The music, composed by Sam CS, plays a pivotal role in conveying his emotional journey. The powerful score amplifies the transitions

from love to rage and pain, making the teaser even more compelling. With such intense and engaging moments, it's clear that **Dilruba** is set to be another successful venture for Kiran Abbavaram, who continues to rise as one of the most promising young actors in Telugu cinema.

Directed by debutant Viswa Karun, *Dilruba* is a romantic action entertainer that blends love, emotion, and action, making it an exciting prospect for audiences. Rukshar Dhillon stars opposite Kiran as the female lead, promising a strong and dynamic on-screen pairing. Produced by Ravi, Jojo Jose, Rakesh Reddy, and Saregama under the banners of Sivam Celluloids and Yoodlee Films, *Dilruba* is slated for a worldwide release in February 2025. With its engaging storyline and intense emotions, the film is sure to be a treat for moviegoers.

Aghathiyaa Teaser: The Epic Battle Between Angels and Devils

Actor Jiiva, widely known among Telugu audiences, is gearing up for his upcoming film *Aghathiyaa*, a unique blend of fantasy, adventure, and horror thriller. Directed by Pa Vijay and produced by Vels Film International, the film also stars Arjun Sarja and Raashii Khanna in prominent roles. The highly anticipated teaser was recently unveiled, giving viewers a glimpse of the eerie, thrilling journey that awaits them.



The teaser introduces a mysterious island and an ominous, abandoned bungalow, setting the stage for the film's spine-chilling narrative. Set in the 1940s, *Aghathiyaa* revolves around a series of strange and unexplained events that occurred during British rule. Raashii's character initially believes there's no connection between the past and present, but Jiiva's character is convinced otherwise, sensing a deeper, ominous link. The teaser leaves the audience questioning: What transpired during the British era? Is Arjun Sarja's character an ally or a foe? And how are the past events tied to present-day occurrences? The movie promises to explore the epic battle between Angels and Devils, with both forces locked in a struggle that will transcend time.

From the teaser, it's clear that *Aghathiyaa* is more than just a typical horror or thriller. The film delves deep into the emotional realms of fear, guilt, and unresolved vengeance, creating a narrative that is

both gripping and emotionally charged. The connection between the past and the present emerges as a pivotal theme, propelling the plot forward and hinting at a monumental mystery that the characters must solve.

The teaser raises the stakes with its high production values, offering stunning visuals and an immersive atmosphere. With cinematography by Dipak Kumar Padhy and music composed by the legendary Yuvan Shankar Raja, *Aghathiyaa* promises to deliver an unforgettable cinematic experience. The film is slated for release on January 31st, and it is sure to captivate audiences with its intriguing blend of mystery and suspense.

Daaku Maharaaj Trailer to Be Released Tomorrow at the USA Pre-Release Event

Senior actor Nandamuri Balakrishna's upcoming action drama *Daaku Maharaaj* is all set to hit theaters on January 12, 2025, as a festive treat for the Sankranthi season. Directed by Bobby, the film has already generated considerable buzz, especially following the release of the controversial Dabidi Dabidi song featuring Bollywood actress Urvashi Rautela, which has only fueled excitement for the film.

In the latest development, it has been confirmed that the theatrical trailer of *Daaku Maharaaj* will be launched tomorrow at the USA pre-release event. The trailer is scheduled to go live at 8:39 AM IST, offering fans a closer look at the film's plot and setting the stage for the action-packed drama that Balakrishna fans are eagerly anticipating.

Daaku Maharaaj promises to be an engaging action drama with a gripping storyline. The trailer is expected to give viewers a glimpse

of the characters and the intriguing narrative that unfolds in the movie. Alongside Balakrishna, the film features Bollywood actor Bobby Deol, Shraddha Srinath, Pragya Jaiswal, and Chandini Chowdary in pivotal roles, making it an exciting ensemble cast.

Produced by Naga Vamsi under the banner of Sithara Entertainments, the film has music composed by the talented Thaman, further adding to the anticipation surrounding its release. As fans await the trailer's drop, the excitement for *Daaku Maharaaj* continues to build, with many looking forward to its high-octane action sequences, powerful performances, and compelling storyline.

With its theatrical release just around the corner, *Daaku Maharaaj* is expected to make a big splash this Sankranthi, drawing audiences to theaters for an unforgettable cinematic experience.

