

AVOID NEGATIVITY, STRIVE TOWARDS TARGET WITH POSITIVITY

Chiranjeevi Inspires Entrepreneurs at APTA Catalyst Global Business Conference

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Tollywood megastar Chiranjeevi delivered an inspiring and heartfelt speech at the American Progressive Telugu Association (APTA) Catalyst Global Business Conference-2025, held in Hyderabad. The event, designed to foster entrepreneurship and collaboration among the Telugu diaspora, drew dignitaries and business leaders from India and abroad. Chiranjeevi lauded APTA's initiative, emphasizing its significance in connecting global leaders with Telugu entrepreneurs. "This program isn't just about individual success; it is a collective effort that can uplift our region, state, and nation," he remarked.

Reflecting on his journey, Chiranjeevi underscored the power of positivity and perseverance. "Negativity can derail you. Focus on your goal like a blindfolded horse, trust yourself, and keep moving forward," he said. Sharing personal experiences, he recounted overcoming rejection and challenges in his career, crediting his success to resilience and the unwavering support of his fans.

In a heartfelt moment, Chiranjeevi spoke about his younger brother, Pawan Kalyan, and son, Ram Charan, highlighting their passion and dedication to their respective fields. "Pawan is not just my brother but a man of principles who dares to dream big and stand by his convictions, whether in films or politics. Charan, on the other hand, is a testament to the new generation's hard work and global aspirations. Watching him evolve into a global star with films like RRR makes me proud as a father," he said, inspiring the young audience to strive for excellence. The conference also featured speeches from



notable figures, including Hyderabad HYDRAA Chief Ranganath and Andhra Pradesh Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh. Ranganath praised the entrepreneurial spirit of the Telugu diaspora,

while Durgesh urged participants to explore Andhra Pradesh's untapped potential in the tourism sector, assuring government support for investors.

Chiranjeevi stressed the importance of hu-

mility and behavior over talent. "In the early days, talent alone wasn't enough. How you treat people matters. The audience recognized me before the industry did, and for that, I am forever grateful," he said. He encouraged young entrepreneurs to learn from setbacks and turn challenges into opportunities. The conference served as a vibrant platform for exchanging ideas, showcasing investment prospects, and fostering mentorship among entrepreneurs. The enthusiastic participation of global Telugu leaders highlighted the community's commitment to growth and collaboration.

Chiranjeevi concluded by urging attendees to pursue their goals with courage and determination. "Success is not just about money but about growth and contribution to society," he said, leaving the audience deeply motivated.

Pawan Kalyan Quietly Sets the Stage for Janasena's Organizational Growth!

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Despite facing challenges in 2019 due to the Janasena Party's reliance on Pawan Kalyan's film popularity and the absence of a robust grassroots party structure, the actor-turned-politician is now working to address these issues. In 2024, while the party still grapples with some organizational gaps, Pawan Kalyan's alliance with the TDP helped compensate for these deficiencies.

Now that he has the necessary resources, time, and political influence, Pawan Kalyan is quietly laying the groundwork for Janasena's future success. Sources confirm that he has already finalized committees for the party from the Mandal to district level across three former districts. His efforts began in the Godavari districts, where the party enjoys strong community support. The focus was then extended to Krishna district. These committees are tasked with identifying dedicated leaders and forming village-level structures.

In a recent Game Changer movie event, Pawan Kalyan delivered a mature and respectful speech, garnering admiration even from hardcore TDP supporters. His mention of the legendary Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR) and his respect for the TDP supremo impressed many, leading to a stronger connection

with the party's base. Pawan Kalyan's visit to Chandrababu Naidu when the latter was jailed by the ex-CM Jagan also showcased his courage and commitment. At a time when no one dared speak about the situation, Pawan Kalyan went on to meet Naidu and boldly announced their alliance. This historic move resulted in a powerful alliance between TDP, BJP, and Janasena, with Janasena sacrificing many seats in favor of the coalition. The alliance led to the grand success of the TDP-BJP coalition, with Janasena winning 21 MLA seats and 2 MPs, achieving a 100% strike rate. This marked a turning point, making Pawan Kalyan a national figure. Right from that moment, Pawan Kalyan has never looked back. In his role as Deputy CM of Andhra Pradesh, he continues to address public needs and has shown exemplary leadership in multiple aspects of governance. With the time, resources, and political influence to strengthen Janasena, he is now silently laying a strong foundation for the party's grassroots expansion.

Pawan Kalyan plans to roll out similar initiatives for the Guntur and Prakasam districts, with key leaders such as Nandendla Manohar and Balineni Srinivasa Reddy assigned to oversee the work in these areas. After these South Coastal districts, the next focus will be on Rayalaseema and Uttarandhra.

"If we Don't Love Our Mother Tongue, Who Else Will?" - Venkaiah Naidu Stresses Importance of Preserving Telugu Language



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Former Vice President Venkaiah Naidu emphasized the crucial responsibility of preserving and promoting the Telugu language during his address at the International Telugu Federation Conference held in Hyderabad. Naidu highlighted the importance of mother tongues and urged people to embrace and speak in Telugu, stressing that it is our duty to pass the language on to future generations. He posed a poignant question to the audience: "If we do not love our mother tongue, who else will?" Reflecting on his own journey, Naidu shared how his rise to prominence was deeply rooted in his love and education in the Telugu language. He pointed out that many individuals in high positions across the country have been educated in their mother tongues, underscoring the power of linguistic heritage in shaping successful careers. The former Vice President's comments resonated with the audience, calling for a collective effort to protect and nurture the Telugu language for generations to come.



Modi to Visit Visakhapatnam to Lay Foundation for Key Projects

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Visakhapatnam on January 8th, 2025, to lay the foundation stone for several crucial projects. Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh held a review today and personally inspected the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit. He spoke to the media and provided insights into the key projects to be launched.

- Modi will lay the foundation for a bulk drug park in Nakkapalli.
- The Prime Minister will inaugurate a Rs. 70,000 crore NTPC Green Energy project.
- Modi will also lay the foundation for the Visakhapatnam Railway Zone Headquarters.
- Lokesh criticized the YSRCP government for neglecting development in Uttarandhra.

During the visit, Modi will also inaugurate road projects worth Rs. 3,900 crore and mark the beginning of significant infrastructure developments in the region.

Minister Kandula Durgesh Invites Investments in AP Tourism and Cinema Sectors

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State Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh extended an invitation to industrialists to invest in Andhra Pradesh's tourism and cinema sectors during the APTA Catalyst Global Business Conference held at Hitex, Hyderabad. Emphasizing the state's new Tourism Policy 2024-29, the minister highlighted the government's commitment to offering subsidies and incentives to investors. Minister Durgesh elaborated on Andhra Pradesh's potential for tourism development, thanks to its 974 km coastline, scenic beauty, historical monuments, and rich cultural heritage. He urged investors to seize opportunities in adventure, eco, heritage, beach, temple, and river tourism, among other thematic circuits.



Comprehensive Tourism Development:

- Plans to establish 50,000 hotels to boost tourist accommodation.
- Development of anchor hubs in Visakhapatnam, Tirupati, Araku Valley, Rajahmundry, Amaravati, Srisailem, and Gandikota.
- Introduction of 25 thematic circuits, including Buddhist, temple, beach, river cruise, and eco-tourism circuits.
- Infrastructure and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP):
- Focus on infrastructure creation through the PPP model.
- Development of river cruise circuits on the Krishna and Godavari rivers and eco-tourism spots like Maredumilli and Konaseema.

Film Industry Investments:

- Encouragement for setting up film



- studios, dubbing theaters, and re-cording facilities.
- Plans to promote the state's unique landscapes as filming locations.
- Literary Tourism:
- Revival of historic libraries such as the Gautami Library in Rajahmundry and libraries in Andhra University.
- Integration of literary heritage into tourism circuits to enhance cultural

experiences.

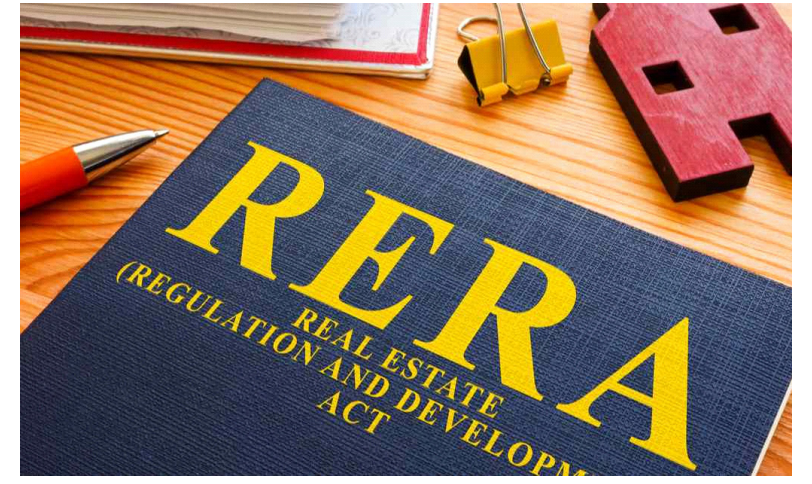
Policy and Support:

- Minister Durgesh acknowledged CM Chandrababu Naidu's visionary leadership and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan's commitment to welfare as driving forces behind the policy's formulation.
- He credited PM Narendra Modi for the central government's support through schemes like Prasad and Swadesh Darshan-2 for tourism development.

Vision for AP Tourism

The coalition government aims to make Andhra Pradesh a leader in the tourism sector by focusing on responsible tourism and sustainable development. The minister assured industrialists of quick approvals for Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and urged them to collaborate with the government to realize AP's tourism potential. The Minister concluded by thanking local leaders, activists, and industrialists for their role in the coalition's electoral success and assured them of a government that aligns development with welfare.

Special Drive to Clear Pending Applications at AP RERA Office



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In a bid to resolve the backlog of pending applications, a special drive will be conducted today at the Andhra Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority (AP RERA) office in Vijayawada. Minister Narayana will be present at the office from 10 am, along with officials, to address grievances and expedite the clearance of applications.

The drive aims to resolve the issues faced by real estate developers and applicants whose projects have been delayed due to pending permissions. Information regarding the event has already been sent to the applicants, informing them to attend the session at the AP RERA office on Poly Clinic Road, Vijayawada.

Many applications have been stalled due to various reasons, preventing the timely approval of permissions for real estate projects. The special drive is expected to address these delays and provide solutions to expedite the approval process. Officials from AP RERA have assured that the necessary steps will be taken to address the grievances of the applicants and bring the pending applications to a swift resolution. The initiative reflects the government's commitment to streamlining the real estate regulatory process and promoting faster development in the sector.

This move is expected to bring significant relief to developers and investors, ensuring that projects are completed on time and contribute to the growth of the real estate market in the state.

Hindu Sankharavam Sabha Calls for Protection of Hindu Traditions and Temple Autonomy

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The Hindu Sankharavam Sabha, organized by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), attracted a large number of people from the Telugu states, including representatives of various Hindu religious, spiritual, and service organizations. The event saw prominent leaders like Ganapathi Sachchidananda Swamiji, Rajahmundry MP Daggubati Purandeshwari, and members from the VHP, who gathered to discuss the urgent need to preserve Hindu traditions and ensure the autonomy of temples. Ganapathi Sachchidananda Swamiji opened the event by urging the community to hold on to their cultural values. He emphasized the significance of Ugadi as a traditional new year celebration, warning against modern practices like cake-cutting and superficial festi-



ties that stray from the true essence of the festival. He called for a return to genuine celebrations that reflect India's cultural and spiritual heritage. Daggubati Purandeshwari, in her

speech, expressed concerns over what she claimed were repeated attacks on Hinduism in the past five years, particularly citing religious conversions in the state. She appealed to the public to unite for

the protection of Hinduism and to advocate for the autonomy of Hindu temples.

The VHP made several strong declarations at the event, calling for a range of measures to protect Hindu traditions, including:

- Full autonomy for Hindu temples and the removal of government interference in temple affairs.
- Strict action against attacks on temple properties and institutions.
- The protection of temple funds, which should only be used for religious purposes.
- Ensuring that only Hindus are appointed to temple trust boards and employees in temples, to safeguard the spiritual integrity of these institutions.

The gathering concluded with a call to action, urging everyone to join in safeguarding Hindu values and traditions for future generations.

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Lokesh highlighted the importance of the railway zone, calling it a long-awaited dream for the region that was delayed by the previous government's failure to allocate land. He also emphasized that it was the current coalition government's efforts that led to the acquisition of land for key projects, including the TCS campus in Visakhapatnam and airport development.

Lokesh further criticized the previous government for its alleged failure to create employment opportunities in the region and praised the coalition government for attracting major companies like Google and TCS to Andhra Pradesh. He stated that the NDA's successful leadership has led to major progress in the state's development.

In closing, Nara Lokesh reaffirmed the grand welcome planned for Prime Minister Modi and highlighted the government's commitment to advancing infrastructure and improving the quality of life for the people of Visakhapatnam.

Allu Arjun Appears Before Police in Stampede Death Case

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Telugu actor Allu Arjun appeared before the police on Sunday as part of the bail conditions in the case related to the tragic stampede death of a woman during the premiere of his latest film Pushpa 2. Arjun, listed as accused No. 11, had been granted regular bail by a city court on January 3. As per the court's orders, the actor must report to the investigating officer every Sunday between 10 am and 1 pm for two months or until the charge sheet is filed.



The court also imposed conditions barring the actor from changing his residential address without informing the court and prohibited him from leaving the country without approval. These conditions will remain in effect until the case is resolved.

On Sunday morning, Ram Gopal Peta police served notices at Arjun's residence in Jubilee

Hills, advising him not to visit Sree Tej, the son of the woman who died in the stampede, at KIMS Hospital. Despite this, Arjun complied with his bail conditions and appeared at the Chikkadapalli police station, where he signed the register and left after a brief stay. In light of his visit, the police had arranged heavy security around the station.

Jana Sena Party Leaders Inspect Venues for Plenary in Pithapuram



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A team of Legislative Council members, led by Sri Pidugu Hariprasad, conducted an inspection of potential venues for the upcoming Jana Sena Party plenary. The event is scheduled to take place on March 12, 13, and 14 to mark the party's formation day.

With a large turnout expected from party ranks across the state, Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party President Sri Pawan Kalyan has given instructions for meticulous preparation of the venues to accommodate attendees and provide

the necessary facilities. He emphasized the importance of making the event accessible and convenient for all participants.

Under Sri Pawan Kalyan's direction, several locations within Pithapuram constituency were inspected on Sunday. The inspection team included Sri Kalyanam Siva Srinivas, convener of the event management department, along with key party figures such as Sri Marreddy Srinivas, Sri Y Srinivas, Muralasetty Sunil Kumar, and Sri Chakravarthy, among others.

The party leadership is focused on ensuring that all arrangements are made to host a smooth and successful plenary event in March.

Home Minister Anitha Blames YCP Govt for Issues in Visakhapatnam Central Jail

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State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha visited Visakhapatnam Central Jail on Sunday morning and attributed the ongoing issues to the failures of the previous government. Highlighting concerns about prisoner safety, she emphasized the need for immediate corrective measures and strict monitoring. During her visit, the Home Minister inspected areas where contraband, including cell phones, was recently discovered. She confirmed that a detailed investigation is underway, and strict action will be taken against those responsible. Anitha also revealed allegations of cannabis supply within the jail, adding that a marijuana plant was shockingly found on the premises. She warned that negligence by staff will not be tolerated, and disciplinary measures, including transfers, would follow based on the findings of the investigation. The minister criticized the absence of proper records of visits to the jail over the past five years and questioned the lax security protocols during the previous administration. She announced plans to modernize the facility by installing CCTV cameras within ten days to enhance surveillance. Additionally, some prisoners are being transferred from Visakhapatnam Central Jail to Rajahmundry Jail to address security concerns. Jail Superintendent Mahesh Babu has intensified in-



spection, with officials conducting thorough searches across all blocks over the past four days. These inspections have led to the seizure of three cell phones, a cell battery, and two data cables. Earlier, two cell phones, a battery, and data cables were recovered from Hemant Kumar, an accused in the kidnapping case involving a former MP's family. Anitha assured that the investigation into the cell phone case will conclude within 10-15 days, and staffing levels in the jail will be increased. She reaffirmed the government's commitment to using technology and strict governance to prevent such incidents in the future, ensuring the safety and security of all prisoners.

BJP's Madhavi Latha vs JC Prabhakar Reddy Showdown Continues as JC Throws Money Bundles on Table to Make a Statement

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The ongoing war of words between actress Madhavi Latha and BJP leader JC Prabhakar Reddy has taken another dramatic turn. Recently, JC Prabhakar Reddy, the Municipal Chairman of Tadipatri, issued an apology to Madhavi Latha after calling her a prostitute. He explained that his comments were made out of anger due to his age of 72 but admitted that he should not have used such language.

Reddy clarified that his intention was never to insult anyone and expressed regret over his words. However, the controversy didn't end there. After his apology to Madhavi Latha, JC Prabhakar Reddy once again found himself embroiled in a fresh dispute with BJP leaders. He retaliated strongly to their comments regarding the donations collected at JC Park. In a bold statement, JC Prabhakar Reddy threw bundles of money on the table, saying, "This is the response you get when you call me out. The people of Tadipatri love me, and they give me these bundles of money as donations." He emphasized that no one was forced to contribute, and all the funds would be used for the development of Tadipatri. Reddy further remarked, "Tadipatri means JC, and JC means Tadipatri. That is my power."



Reddy, who admitted to a slip of the tongue earlier, asserted that he did not need advice from anyone. He apologized again for his previous inappropriate remark while responding to criticism from BJP women leaders like Madhavi Latha and Sadineni Yamini. These leaders had raised concerns over the celebrations held by Reddy's party for women on the night of December 31. Reddy apologized for using foul language but did not stop there. He targeted his critics, accusing them of being "flexi guys" and not true leaders. He suggested that those who criticized him would be better off focusing on doing good work for the people rather than making baseless comments. As the saga between Madhavi Latha and JC Prabhakar Reddy continues, Tadipatri remains at the center of this intense political drama.

MP Purandeswari Highlights Rising Attacks on Temples

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BJP Andhra Pradesh President and Rajahmundry MP Daggubati Purandeswari has expressed concerns over the increasing attacks on temples in the state. Speaking at the Hindu Sankharavam meeting held at Laila Green Meadows in Gannavaram, Kesarpalli, on Sunday, she emphasized the need to protect Hindu temples, religion, and traditions.

Addressing the gathering, which included VHP national representatives, BJP leaders, spiritual heads, and swamijis, Purandeswari stated that temple autonomy is crucial for preserving their sanctity. She also alleged an increase in the presence of non-believers within temple premises, calling for stricter measures to safeguard the spiritual integrity of these sacred places. Purandeswari underscored the importance of collective efforts to protect Hindu religious practices and heritage. She called upon devotees and leaders to stand united in preserving the dignity and sanctity of temples, which she described as the cornerstone of Hindu culture.



The BJP leader reaffirmed her party's commitment to ensuring the security of temples and preventing incidents that harm their sanctity. She urged the state government to take swift action against those responsible for such attacks and to establish robust measures to prevent future incidents. The Hindu Sankharavam meeting served as a platform for religious leaders and representatives to discuss strategies for protecting Hindu traditions and temples amidst growing concerns. Purandeswari's remarks have sparked discussions about the need for stronger protections for religious institutions in the state.

Govt to Inaugurate 100 Roads in Tribal Areas

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Tribal Welfare Minister Gummadi Sandhyarani emphasized that the coalition government is committed to transforming tribal villages through infrastructure development. Addressing the media, she outlined the government's focus on education, healthcare, drinking water, irrigation, and road construction, which are essential for improving tribal living conditions. Minister Sandhyarani announced the inauguration of 100 roads on January 6, a milestone in the government's ambitious plan to complete significant infrastructure projects within a short period. She noted that roads proposed during Gram Sabhas in August and finalized in October have been successfully completed within 100 days. Highlighting the swift pace of progress under the coalition government, she expressed gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan for their support and prompt sanctioning of funds. She said that projects such as CC and BT roads are being executed efficiently to improve connectivity in tribal areas, paving the way for further development. The minister criticized the previous regime, stating that the tribal people faced neglect and stagnation during



the past five years. However, she assured that the coalition government, since taking charge, has prioritized development initiatives to ensure tribal villages are not left behind. Minister Sandhyarani underscored the importance of roads as a critical element of infrastructure, enabling access to essential services and fostering economic growth. She praised the government's swift action in laying foundation stones and completing projects in record time, reflecting their commitment to tribal welfare and holistic development. The inauguration of these 100 roads stands as a testament to the coalition government's dedication to improving the quality of life in tribal areas and setting a precedent for sustainable progress.

Minister Anam Outlines Key Projects for Atmakur Constituency

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Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy held a special meeting with Panchayat Raj officials and MPDOs at the camp office in Nellore to review ongoing rural development projects. He emphasized the need to ensure all rural roads are free of potholes by Sankranti and detailed the progress of various initiatives in Atmakur constituency.

1. Rural Roads Development

- In the first phase, 199 cement roads have been sanctioned in Atmakur constituency at a cost of ₹10.34 crore, of which 143 roads are already completed.
- Minister Anam assured that the remaining roads would be swiftly constructed, and inauguration ceremonies would be held post-Sankranti to celebrate the beautification of village roads.
- An additional ₹10.20 crore has been allocated for the second phase to construct more cement roads, which will be expedited with special focus.

2. Social Welfare Hostels

- Minister Anam announced the reconstruction of 10 social welfare hostels in the constituency, with an investment of ₹2.66 crore. These hostels will be equipped with modern amenities to ensure a bright future for Dalit students.



3. Commitment to Rural Development

- He attributed these development works to the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, under the NDA coalition government.
- Minister Anam reiterated the government's focus on large-scale development projects to improve the quality of life in rural areas, aligning with the aspirations of the people.

Concluding the meeting, Minister Anam affirmed the government's dual commitment to development and welfare, ensuring that Atmakur constituency continues to progress through these transformative initiatives.

Sivashankar Reddy Accuses Govt of Diversion Politics

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YSRCP official spokesperson Putha Sivashankar Reddy criticized the government for engaging in diversion politics during a media conference on Sunday. He alleged that the state has been witnessing these tactics for the past seven months, aimed at misleading the public. Referring to a recent cabinet meeting, Reddy affirmed that the government had clearly decided to continue providing the annual Rs. 20,000 benefit to mothers and farmers this year as well, dismissing claims to the contrary. He accused opposition leaders of fabricating stories about a Rs. 700 crore scam to deflect attention from their own failures and tarnish the government's image. Reddy stated that the false campaign is an attempt to provoke public dissatisfaction and undermine the YSRCP government's welfare initiatives. He reaffirmed the party's commitment



to supporting farmers and women through its ongoing schemes, despite economic challenges. Concluding his remarks, the YSRCP spokesperson called on the public to remain vigilant against false propaganda and urged political opponents to engage in constructive criticism rather than spreading baseless allegations.

“AP Get Healthy” Campaign by Aster Ramesh Hospitals: Advanced Medical Services Along the Coastal Health Corridor

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As part of its 36th-anniversary celebrations, Aster Ramesh Hospitals has launched the “AP Get Healthy” campaign, providing advanced super-specialty medical services with 925 beds across Guntur, Ongole, Vijayawada, and Eluru in the Coastal Corridor. Through mega super-specialty medical camps, free healthcare services are being extended to citizens across the region.



Recognized for International Standards by JCI

Aster Ramesh Hospitals in Guntur has achieved recognition from the Joint Commission International (JCI) for adhering to global quality standards. The hospital is renowned for its state-of-the-art medical equipment, expert healthcare professionals, and advanced treatments, placing it prominently on the global healthcare map.

During a press meet, Dr. Pothineni Ramesh Babu, Managing Director and Chief Interventional Cardiologist of Aster Ramesh Hospitals, highlighted the institution’s policies and future plans.

Future Plans

In partnership with one of India’s third largest healthcare giants, Aster DM Healthcare & CARE Hospitals, Ramesh hospitals is offering advanced treatments with a team of expert specialists in Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Ramesh Babu stated that innovative interventional procedures like TAVI (Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation) and MitraClip, which are alternatives to heart surgeries, were introduced for the first time in Andhra Pradesh at their Guntur facility.

Upcoming Projects: Organ Transplants, Cancer, and Quaternary Care Hospital

Dr. Ramesh Babu shared that they have successfully performed over 30 kidney and liver transplants. Plans are underway to introduce advanced treatments for heart and lung transplants, alongside establishing a cutting-edge cancer center. Additionally, an international-level quaternary care hospital will soon be launched in the capital region.

“Cloud Docs Ramesh” Tele-ICU for Tribal Areas in collaboration with AP Government

Dr. Ramesh Babu announced that the “Cloud Docs Ramesh” Tele-ICU project, in collaboration with State Government, will provide emergency healthcare services in remote tribal areas like Rampachodavaram and Paderu Community Health centers. This initiative will

bring super-specialty medical consultations to underserved regions. Critical care patients across all Aster Ramesh Hospitals’ ICUs will be monitored 24/7 from a Command Control Center in Vijayawada. The introduction of 5G-enabled ambulances ensures real-time monitoring during patient transfers, significantly reducing mortality rates.

Drone Technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

To enhance operational efficiency in healthcare, Aster Ramesh Hospitals is set to implement advanced drone technology. AI-based diagnostic tools like AI CT Angiograms, AI ECG, AI Echo, and AI MRI will aid in early disease detection, allowing timely medical intervention. Dr. Ramesh Babu expressed confidence that such innovations will vastly improve health outcomes.

Aster Ramesh Hospitals as an Academic Institute

Beyond healthcare services, Aster Ramesh Hospitals has been recognized by the National Board of Education as one of Andhra Pradesh’s largest academic institutes for training specialists and super-specialists.

Arogyasri, Arogyabhagyam, and Free Medical Services on Every Tuesday

Under the NTR Health Services, over 20,000 cardiac treatments have been performed. Through the Arogyabhagyam scheme, affordable healthcare is being provided to low-income groups. As part of its 36th-anniversary initiatives, free consultations and discounted diagnostic services are being offered every Tuesday at Guntur, Ongole, Vijayawada, Eluru, and 25 outreach centers.

During a free medical camp organized by Aster Ramesh Hospitals, 75 doctors from various specialties provided healthcare services to 1,700 patients from Guntur and surrounding areas.

Deputy Managing Director Dr. Mamatha Rayapati and Group Business Head Dr. Karthik Chowdary also participated in the event.

Boycott Anti-Hindu Films Like Kalki 2898 AD!!



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In a recent gathering in Krishna district, a Hindu religious event organized by Vishwa Hindu Parishad saw film lyricist Anantha Sriram making strong statements about the portrayal of Hinduism in cinema.

Sriram expressed his frustration over the increasing trend of films that he believes insult Hinduism. He highlighted several instances where Hindu deities and religious symbols were misrepresented or distorted. One such example he shared was when a music director refused to use the term “Brahmanda Nayakudu,” prompting Sriram to stop working with him.

The lyricist emphasized that films that belittle Hindu beliefs should be boycotted, stressing the harmful impact these movies have on society. He particularly criticized the way Hindu gods and myths were being reinterpreted and portrayed in an inaccurate manner. According to Sriram, such films should not be accepted by the public. Sriram also took issue with the portrayal of historical figures in films, especially the character of Karna in the movie Kalki 2898 AD. He questioned how the film could depict Karna as greater than Arjuna and Dharmaraja, who remained silent during the episode of Draupadi’s cheerharan. Sriram argued that such portrayals were contrary to Hindu dharma, which would not condone these fabricated interpretations.

Furthermore, Sriram lamented that these distortions were not limited to Kalki alone, but were seen in various adaptations of Indian mythology across films. He pointed out that filmmakers often altered ancient texts like the Ramayana and Bhagavata Purana to suit their narrative preferences, thereby misrepresenting Hindu teachings. The lyricist also called out films like PK, which mock Hindu rituals and deities, urging the public not to support such films. He criticized filmmakers who twisted historical facts and mythology for entertainment value, ultimately distorting the true essence of Hindu culture. Sriram concluded his address by urging Hindus to unite in rejecting and boycotting such films to safeguard the sanctity of their faith.

Public Health Given Top Priority in the NDA Govt

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MP Kesineni Shivanath (Chinini) emphasized the coalition government’s commitment to public health during a free mega medical camp organized by the Kesineni Foundation on Sunday at KBN College, Kothapet. The event aimed to provide corporate-level medical care to underprivileged patients at no cost.



MP Kesineni Shivanath inaugurated the camp by garlanding the statue of NTR and paying tributes. Speaking at the event, MLA Sujana Chowdhury and MP Kesineni Shivanath highlighted that such initiatives are part of the government’s efforts to ensure healthcare access for all, urging Kesineni Foundation to extend similar camps across other regions. MP Kesineni Shivanath encouraged people to take advantage of the free services offered. He praised Grow Vascular Hospital and other partners for their efforts in providing expert medical care, particularly addressing the prevalent issue of varicose veins in Vijayawada. The camp, held from 9 AM to 5 PM, saw participation from a team of specialist doctors who offered treatment for various health issues, including blood

pressure, diabetes, thyroid disorders, uterine problems, orthopedic conditions, mental health, and eye care. Free medicines were distributed to attendees. Notable participants included Dr. Bandlamudi Basaveshwara Rao Chowdhury from NTR Trust, Endovascular Surgeon Dr. Sampath Vaditya, Dr. Suvarna Kumari (MD, General), and ophthalmology specialists from Sankara Hospital. Leaders Nagul Meera, MS Baig, Kothapalli Subbarayudu, and Ukti Venkateswara Rao also contributed to the event’s success. The leaders thanked NTR Trust, Go Hospitals, and KBN College for their support and vowed to continue prioritizing healthcare initiatives for the welfare of the public.

Krishna University Women’s Netball Team Announced for National Tournament

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The Krishna University Netball Women’s Team has been officially announced by Dr. J. Naveen Lavanya Latha, Principal of Dr. M.R.A.R. College of PG Studies. The team will represent the university at the All India Inter-University Netball Women’s Tournament to be held at Suresh Gyan Vihar University, Jaipur, from January 7 to 9.

The team members selected for the tournament include:

- S. Sravanthi, G. Rechal, K. Sai Durga, T. Mounika, K. Valli Sri, B. Likhita (S.R.R. & C.V.R. Government Degree College)



- C.H. Sreeja, G. Dhanasree, V. Ramita, B. Navya (Sri Durga Malleswara Siddhartha Women’s College)
 - V. Sri Varshita (Andhra Loyola College)
 - N. Leela Padmaja (Dr. L.H.R. Government College)
- The team will be coached by D. Satyanarayana and managed by D. Naveen

Kumar. Director of Physical Education, Shashank, along with the teaching and non-teaching staff of Krishna University, extended their congratulations and best wishes to the players. This recognition highlights the university’s emphasis on sports and the talent of its students.

Tiger Sighting Sparks Fear in Gannavaram Areas

TPN Correspondent
Gannavaram, Jan 06

Residents of Gannavaram and its surrounding areas are once again gripped by fear following claims of tiger movements in the region.



On Sunday early morning, RTC conductor Bokinala Ravi Kiran, a resident of Kalluturu village in Agiripalli mandal, reported seeing a tiger cub crossing the road between Sagguru and Metlapalli while on his way to duty at around 3 a.m. Alarmed by the sighting, Ravi Kiran immediately informed the local villagers, who then alerted the police. This incident comes just days after a male tiger was found dead in the area, having fallen into a trap set for wild boars. Now, with Ravi Kiran’s claim, locals are growing increasingly concerned about the possibility of tiger movements near their villages. Authorities are currently in-

vestigating the matter to verify if the conductor truly saw a tiger cub or mistook another animal for one in the dim light. The forest department has been urged to take immediate action to assess and confirm the presence of tigers in the region. Locals are demanding clarity and safety measures, urging forest officials to conduct a thorough investigation and increase surveillance in the area to address their fears. The sighting, whether confirmed or not, has reignited anxiety among residents of Gannavaram and neighboring villages.

Negligence Endangers Lives in Tadepalli’s Karakatta

TPN Correspondent
Tadepalli, Jan 06

The residents of Karakatta, near the Vijayawada Club in Tadepalli, are living in constant fear as heavy vehicles continue to wreak havoc on their roads, violating safety norms and endangering lives. Despite the River Conservancy (RC) Act, which should regulate such activity, officials have turned a blind eye, allowing unauthorized heavy vehicles to freely roam the area. This negligence is not only causing frequent accidents but is also destroying the Karakatta, a structure built at the cost of crores of rupees. Residents lament that vehicle traffic has reached dangerous speeds, and many lives have been lost due to accidents caused by reckless driving. The latest victim of such negligence

is the caring Nathu, whose tragic loss underscores the gravity of the issue. Worse, in previous incidents, vehicles involved in accidents were quickly removed from the scene before authorities could investigate. The repeated disregard for rules and safety measures has led to an environment of constant fear among the residents, who worry that another disaster could strike at any moment. The destruction of the Karakatta, coupled with the frequent loss of lives, demands immediate intervention. Residents are calling on authorities to strictly enforce regulations, monitor vehicle movement, and ensure safety to prevent further tragedies. The time for action is now to preserve the lives and infrastructure of Tadepalli.

CM Chandrababu Naidu to Launch Solar Power Initiative in Kuppam



TPN Correspondent, Kuppam: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is set to inaugurate a significant solar power initiative in Nadumur village of Kuppam mandal today afternoon. This marks a key step in the government's vision to transform the Kuppam constituency into a hub of solar-powered villages.

As part of the initiative, solar panels are being installed on every house in Nadumur village, bringing renewable energy directly to the residents. Villagers have expressed their happiness and appreciation for the project, which they believe will enhance their quality of life while contributing to sustainable energy practices.

In preparation for the CM's visit, officials have been making extensive arrangements for the inauguration ceremony. The project is part of a broader government effort, with funds already sanctioned for the development of Kuppam constituency.

Comprehensive Development Plan for Kuppam

The government has also out-

lined an action plan for the comprehensive development of the constituency over the next decade. Key initiatives include:

- Promotion of organic farming to enhance sustainable agricultural practices.
- Establishing export channels to send organic products to international markets.

This solar power project and the focus on organic farming reflect the government's commitment to driving economic growth while ensuring environmental sustainability in Kuppam.

The launch of this initiative is expected to set a precedent for similar projects across the state, furthering Andhra Pradesh's vision of becoming a leader in renewable energy and sustainable development.

Renu Desai's Comments on Akira Nandan's Film Entry

TPN Correspondent, Rajahmundry : Renu Desai, actress and former wife of AP Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, recently addressed ongoing speculation about her son Akira Nandan's potential entry into films. While in Rajahmundry for an ad film shoot, she was asked by the media about Akira's plans to join the film industry.

Renu acknowledged the public's curiosity, particularly among Power Star Pawan Kalyan's fans, regarding Akira's future in cinema. She stated, "Wherever I go, people ask me when Akira will enter films. As a mother, I'm also curious and interested, but this decision is entirely up to him."



Akira, who completed his schooling in Pune, has been pursuing training at a film institute in the United States and has developed a strong foundation in the arts. In addition to acting skills, he has also mastered the piano, showcasing his versatility and artistic potential.

Renu Desai emphasized that Akira is exploring his options and will take his time to decide between acting, music, or another career path. "He will choose when he feels ready," she added.

Fans of Pawan Kalyan and Renu Desai are eagerly awaiting Akira's decision, with many hoping he will follow in the footsteps of his talented parents and make his mark in the film industry. For now, all eyes are on Akira's journey as he prepares for his future.

Fraudulent Land Registration with Fake Certificates Uncovered in Adoni

TPN Correspondent, Adoni : A shocking case of land registration using forged documents has come to light in Adoni, where fraudsters falsely declared a living person deceased to acquire land worth crores. Eshwarappa, a resident of Adoni, is the rightful owner of 6.51 acres of land. He has two sons and a daughter. However, in a fraudulent scheme, a man named Amudhala Bhaskar from Nandyal created fake documents, including a death certificate and a family certificate, falsely claiming that Eshwarappa had passed away. Using these forged documents, Bhaskar managed to register the land in his name at the Adoni sub-register office.



filed a police complaint against Amudhala Bhaskar, the sub-registrar, and others allegedly involved in the scam.

ty of the documents used in the registration process.

This incident has raised serious concerns about the misuse of official procedures and the ease with which fake documents are being created to carry out such fraudulent activities. The authorities have assured strict action against those involved and are working to prevent similar incidents in the future.

When Eshwarappa and his family discovered the fraudulent registration, they rushed to the sub-register office and staged a protest, emphasizing that Eshwarappa was very much alive. Outraged by the incident, Eshwarappa

The Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) confirmed that a case has been registered and investigations are underway. Authorities are now examining the involvement of the sub-registrar and verifying the authentic-

Brain-Dead Farmer Saves Three Lives Through Organ Donation



TPN Correspondent, Kurnool : In a heartwarming yet tragic story, a 59-year-old farmer who was declared brain dead has become an inspiration by saving the lives

of three others through organ donation. The incident, which occurred earlier this month, came to light on Sunday.

The farmer, a resident of Kurnool district, was brushing his teeth on January 2 when he experienced a severe headache and described the sensation as something breaking in his brain. Concerned, his family rushed him to KIMS Hospital in Kurnool, where doctors diagnosed a blood clot in his brain. Despite receiving treatment, the farmer was declared brain dead on Saturday.

In the midst of their grief, the farmer's family took the courageous decision to donate his organs. Following medical advice, they consented to donate his liver and two kidneys, which were

successfully harvested and transplanted into three patients in need.

The farmer's wife and sons expressed pride in their decision, stating, "Our elder may have left us, but his sacrifice has given life to others."

This act of generosity has resonated widely, serving as a poignant reminder of the profound impact organ donation can have. It not only highlights the importance of such acts but also serves as an inspiration for others to consider organ donation as a legacy of life and hope.

Snake Found Hidden in Motorcycle in Kurnool Dist



TPN Correspondent, Kurnool Dist : In a bizarre incident, a snake was discovered moving on a motorcycle parked near a wine shop in Kodumur. The sight of the reptile caused panic among the locals and left the bike's owner and passersby in distress. The snake, which had gotten stuck inside the motorcycle, remained hidden for about an hour, leaving the bike owners unsure of its exact location. Despite their efforts to locate it, the snake could not be found initially.

Unable to resolve the situation, the owners called a bike mechanic to inspect the vehicle. However, even the mechanic was unable to identify the snake's hiding spot. It was only after servicing the motorcycle with water that the snake was finally located, curled up under the petrol tank. The locals promptly acted to remove the snake from the vehicle. Upon extracting it, they identified it as a venomous species. In an unfortunate turn of events, the snake was killed by the locals to eliminate any potential threat. The incident created a stir in the area, with many gathering to witness the unusual occurrence. This incident serves as a reminder to remain cautious and vigilant, especially in areas where wildlife encounters are not uncommon. The presence of a snake in such an unexpected location caused a significant disruption but was ultimately resolved without harm to the individuals involved.

Teachers in AP Yet to Receive Salaries, Says Venkatrami Reddy

TPN Correspondent, Amaravati: Venkatrami Reddy has raised serious concerns over the delay in disbursing salaries to teachers in Andhra Pradesh. Expressing anger, he stated that salaries, which should have been paid on January 1 to mark the new year, remain pending, causing financial distress to the teachers.



He further alleged that the government is disrespecting employees by forcing village and ward secretariat staff to distribute pensions in the early hours of the morning, often under challenging and embarrassing circumstances, especially for women employees.

Venkatrami Reddy also highlighted unfulfilled commitments such as the introduction of interim relief (IR) and the delay in forming a PRC (Pay Revision Commission). "After announcing PRC, at least a commission should have been formed, but there has been no progress," he said.

Venkatrami Reddy criticized the coalition government for failing to fulfill promises made to government employees. "Not a single promise has been implemented in the past seven months," he remarked. He stressed the need for improving the working environment for employees and condemned the ongoing neglect.

The situation has led to widespread discontent among government employees and educators, who are demanding immediate action from the government to address their grievances and ensure timely payments moving forward.

Turaka Kishore Arrested in Attack Case on TDP Leaders Buddha Venkanna and Bonda Uma



TPN Correspondent, Hyderabad/Macherla : Turaka Kishore, a YSRCP leader accused in the attack case on senior TDP leaders Buddha Venkanna and Bonda Umamaheswara Rao during the previous government's tenure, has been arrested by the Palnadu police in Hyderabad.

The attack on the TDP leaders took place in Macherla and sparked political outrage at the time. Turaka Kishore, a known close associate of for-

mer YSRCP MLA Pinnelli Ramakrishna Reddy, allegedly carried out the attack with the support of the then YSRCP government. Reports claim Kishore was involved in several irregularities and unlawful activities during the previous regime.

Following the coalition government's rise to power in Andhra Pradesh, Kishore went into hiding, anticipating legal action. However, after persistent efforts, the Palnadu police apprehended him in Hyderabad.

Interestingly, although Turaka Kishore was arrested earlier in this case during the previous government's tenure, he was granted station bail within a day, raising questions about the handling of the case.

The arrest marks a significant development as the current government intensifies efforts to hold individuals accountable for past political violence. Further investigations are underway, with the police expected to bring more clarity to the case in the coming days.

Lionel Messi, Hillary Clinton, Michael J. Fox Honoured with US' Highest Civilian Award

President Biden presents the Presidential Medal of Freedom to 19 influential figures for their contributions to society and humanity.

TPN Correspondent | Washington, D.C. In a grand ceremony at the White House, outgoing US President Joe Biden awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honour, to 19 distinguished individuals, including football superstar Lionel Messi, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, actor Michael J. Fox, and philanthropist George Soros. The medal recognises individuals who have made significant contributions to the prosperity, values, or security of the United States, global peace, or societal advancement.

A Diverse Group of Honorees

President Biden, during the ceremony, praised the recipients for their exceptional efforts:

"For the final time as President, I have the honour of bestowing the Medal of Freedom on truly extraordinary people who have shaped the culture and cause of America," he said.

Notable awardees include:

- Hillary Clinton: Honoured for her lifelong dedication to public service, from advocating children's rights as a lawyer to championing democracy worldwide as Secretary of State. Clinton received a standing ovation during the ceremony.
- Lionel Messi: Though unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts,



the Argentinian football legend was acknowledged for inspiring millions through his sporting excellence.

- Michael J. Fox: Recognised for his activism in Parkinson's disease research alongside his illustrious acting career.

- George Soros: Awarded for his contributions to democracy, justice, and equality through the Open Society Foundations. His son, Alex Soros, accepted the honour on his behalf.

Other honorees included basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson, singer-activist Bono, and chef-humanitarian José Andrés, among others.

- Robert F. Kennedy: Celebrated for his fight against racial segregation as Attorney General.
- George W. Romney: Recognised for his leadership in the business world.

Controversy Over George Soros

The decision to honour George Soros drew criticism from Republican leaders and MAGA supporters, who have long accused him of using his wealth to influence global politics. Despite the backlash, Biden defended the awardees, stating: "You defend the values of America even when they're under attack, which they have been."

In response to the honour, Soros expressed gratitude, saying:

"As an immigrant who found freedom and prosperity in America, I accept this award on behalf of those who strive for freedom and justice around the world."

Legacy of the Medal

The Presidential Medal of Freedom continues to recognise individuals who embody resilience, creativity, and a commitment to progress. This year's recipients reflect a broad spectrum of contributions, uniting the worlds of politics, arts, sports, and philanthropy.



Prayagraj gears up for the world's largest religious gathering with cutting-edge technology and state-of-the-art facilities for an estimated 40 crore attendees.

Maha Kumbh Mela 2025: A Technological Marvel to Enhance Devotees' Experience

The Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, set to commence on January 13 and conclude on February 26, promises to be an unparalleled event, blending ancient traditions with modern technology. The Uttar Pradesh government and various agencies are collaborating to ensure safety, crowd management, and a seamless experience for an anticipated 40 crore pilgrims. Leveraging innovative technologies like AI cameras, drones, and virtual reality, the administration aims to redefine the experience of the world's largest religious gathering.

Here's how Prayagraj is preparing for the mega event.

To ensure better crowd management and security, AI-powered cameras have been installed across the venue. These cameras will monitor real-time crowd density and detect unusual activities. In addition to AI cameras, drones, anti-drones, and tethered drones will provide aerial surveillance, ensuring a 24/7 watch over the event.

Underwater Drones for Triveni Sangam

The sacred Triveni Sangam, where millions will take a holy dip, will be secured using underwater drones. These advanced devices can dive up to 100 meters and transmit live feeds to the Integrated Command and Control Center (ICCC). Their deployment aims to ensure safety and detect any unwanted activities beneath the water.

To address emergencies on the riverbanks, remote-controlled lifebuoys will be stationed. These devices can swiftly reach individuals in distress, providing prompt rescue assistance. Their efficiency in reaching distant locations is expected to enhance safety measures during the festival. Railway officials will wear fluorescent green jackets featuring QR codes to assist travelers with unreserved ticket bookings. By scanning the QR code, pilgrims can access the

Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) mobile application, reducing the hassle of waiting in long queues for tickets.

Water Ambulance for Medical Emergencies

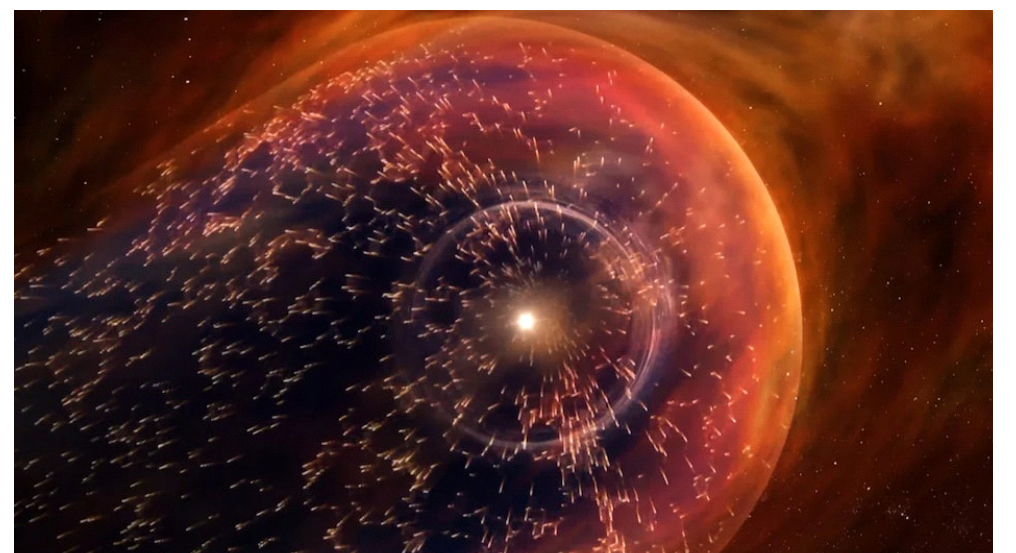
Recognizing the proximity of Maha Kumbh Mela to the riverbanks, a water ambulance has been introduced to provide immediate medical assistance during emergencies. This state-of-the-art facility, flagged off by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, will ensure timely healthcare services for devotees. The Uttar Pradesh government has launched "Kumbh Sah'Ai'yak," an AI-powered chatbot to offer pilgrims easy access to information about Maha Kumbh 2025. Available in 11 languages, the chatbot will provide details about the event's schedule, transportation, accommodations, and rituals, ensuring a user-friendly experience for pilgrims from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

To enable devotees to relive iconic moments of Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, such as the Ganga Aarti and Peshwai procession, VR stalls will be set up. These 360-degree virtual reality experiences will allow visitors to engage with the event's cultural and spiritual essence from a unique perspective.

Managing the World's Largest Religious Gathering

The Maha Kumbh Mela is held once every 12 years and is celebrated with unmatched fervor and devotion. This year's event marks a significant leap in managing such a vast gathering, with over 40 crore attendees expected to converge in Prayagraj. Multiple departments, including police, healthcare, and transportation, are working in unison to manage the logistical challenges posed by this influx. Pilgrim Safety and Comfort Take Center Stage The administration's emphasis on technological innovations reflects its commitment to ensuring safety and enhancing the spiritual experience of pilgrims.

Solar Missions in 2025: Unlocking the Sun's Mysteries



Heliophysics enters a transformative phase with new missions, strategic plans, and insights into solar activity during an active cycle.

Heliophysics is set to make significant progress in 2025 with the Sun's increasing activity, new solar missions, and a strategic research plan for the decade. These efforts aim to deepen understanding of the Sun's behavior, its effects on Earth, and its influence across the solar system.

As Solar Cycle 25 reaches its peak, the Sun's activity is at its most intense phase. This cycle, part of an 11-year pattern, has already produced numerous solar flares and coronal mass ejections. While not breaking historical records, Solar Cycle 25 has offered invaluable data, collected through advanced solar telescopes and spacecraft making record-setting approaches. These observations are driving research into how solar phenomena impact our planet, satellites, and the broader solar system. In 2025, six major heliophysics missions are slated for launch, promising groundbreaking discoveries. One of the key missions is the Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe (IMAP), which will map the Sun's outer influence, known as the heliosphere. This mission will provide crucial insights into how solar winds interact with interstellar space. Another significant project is the Escape and Plasma Acceleration and Dynamics Explorers (ESCAPEDE), a dual-spacecraft mission that will study space weather around Mars, improving our understanding of the Red Planet's atmosphere and its interaction with solar winds.

The Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere (PUNCH) mission will examine the Sun's outer atmosphere using four small satellites. It will focus on the dynamic relationship between the corona and solar wind, helping researchers understand how energy and particles travel through space. These missions, along with others launching this year, will expand the scope of solar research and address long-standing questions about the Sun's activity and its far-reaching effects.

A recently released decadal report on heliophysics outlines strategic goals for the next ten years. Among the proposed initiatives is a mission deploying more than 26 spacecraft to study Earth's magnetic field and auroral phenomena, offering new insights into space weather and its effects on the planet. Another ambitious project aims to explore the Sun's poles over an entire solar cycle, a region critical for understanding the Sun's magnetic field and its role in driving solar activity.

Supporting these missions will be the Next Generation Global Oscillations Network Group (ngGONG), an advanced initiative to enhance solar interior studies. This technology will provide unprecedented detail on solar oscillations, helping scientists unlock key mysteries about the Sun's inner processes.

The importance of these missions cannot be overstated. The Sun's activity has a profound impact on life on Earth, from affecting communication systems to influencing climate patterns. Solar flares and coronal mass ejections can disrupt satellites, power grids, and navigation systems. Understanding the Sun's behavior is crucial for predicting and mitigating the effects of space weather events.

Heliophysics research also has implications beyond Earth.

PM Modi Urges Delhi to Elect BJP for Development, Calls AAP Rule a 'Disaster'

TPN Correspondent
New Delhi, Jan 06

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing a massive rally in Rohini on Sunday, launched a sharp critique of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Delhi, terming its ten-year rule an "AAP-da" (disaster). Modi urged citizens to vote for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the upcoming 2025 Assembly elections, promising a transformative era of development for the national capital.

"I appeal to the people of Delhi to give BJP a chance and let Delhi progress," said the Prime Minister, emphasizing the party's vision to make Delhi a world-class capital as India aims to become the third-largest economic power globally. The rally, branded as a 'Parivartan rally,' follows Modi's recent address in Ashok Vihar, where he inaugurated key infrastructure projects. On Sunday, he laid the foundation stone for several projects worth over ₹12,200 crore, including the 13-km stretch of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Namu Bharat corridor and the 2.8-km Delhi Metro Phase-IV stretch between Janakpuri and Krishna Park. He also announced the 26.5-km Rithala-Kundli section of Metro Phase-IV and a new Central Ayurveda Research Institute in Rohini.



Highlighting BJP's developmental achievements, Modi stated, "Delhi needs a double-engine government—BJP at both the Centre and the state—to ensure seamless progress. Most of the development in Delhi, including Metro expansions, highways, and PM Awas Yojana housing projects, has been done by the Central government." Slamming the AAP administration, Modi accused it of lacking vision and pushing

Delhi into stagnation. "In ten years, this government has delivered no progress. Delhi needs development, and the people trust BJP to make that happen," he remarked, reiterating his commitment to urban transformation. With infrastructure upgrades and development initiatives underlined as key priorities, Modi's rally set a decisive tone for the BJP's campaign in the 2025 Delhi Assembly elections.

Nitish Kumar's "Mistake" Reply To Lalu Yadav's "Doors Open" Comment

TPN Correspondent
Patna, Jan 06



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has firmly dismissed Opposition leader Lalu Prasad Yadav's recent remarks about keeping "doors open" for political reconciliation. Speaking to reporters during a visit to Muzaffarpur, Kumar made it clear there is no possibility of rekindling ties with Lalu Yadav's Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), stating, "I had by mistake (galti se) aligned with them a couple of times."

Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) [JD(U)] was once part of the Grand Alliance led by the RJD but later exited due to differences and joined the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA). The Chief Minister highlighted his dissatisfaction with past partnerships, asserting that his government has achieved significant progress compared to previous administrations.

"Back then, people feared stepping out of their homes after sunset. Women's empowerment, such as the self-help groups we initiated under the Jivika scheme, was unheard of. The Centre later adopted our model as Ajjivika. Such confident rural women were not seen before," Kumar remarked, emphasizing his government's achievements.

Lalu Yadav's Cryptic Offer

Lalu Prasad Yadav had recently extended an olive branch, saying, "Our doors are open," sparking speculation about potential political maneuvering. However, Kumar's categorical rejection underscores the deep rift between the two leaders.

This exchange comes in the backdrop of Union Home Minister Amit Shah projecting Nitish Kumar as the NDA's chief ministerial candidate for the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections. BJP leaders have echoed similar sentiments, reaffirming Kumar as the face of their alliance in Bihar. The BJP, which fell short of a majority in the recent Lok Sabha elections, continues to rely on allies like JD(U) and Chandrababu Naidu's TDP for support at the Centre.



Coast Guard Chopper Crash in Gujarat's Porbandar Claims Three Lives

TPN Correspondent
Porbandar, Jan 06

An Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) of the Indian Coast Guard tragically crashed in Gujarat's Porbandar on Sunday, resulting in the deaths of three crew members. The chopper, which burst into flames upon impact, was on a routine sortie when the incident occurred. The crash took place at the Air Enclave of the Indian Coast Guard. Several people were injured and are currently receiving treatment at the civil hospital. The identities of the victims have not yet been disclosed, and an inquiry has been initiated to determine the cause of the crash.

Repeated Incidents Raise Concerns This incident is the latest in a series of accidents involving the ALH Dhruv helicopters operated by India's armed forces. Four months ago, in September, an ALH MK-III helicopter fell into the Arabian

Sea off Porbandar, leading to the deaths of three crew members. The body of the pilot in command, Rakesh Kumar Rana, was recovered in October after a month-long search.

Two years ago, design and metalurgy flaws were identified in the ALH Dhruv fleet, prompting a safety audit. Despite corrective measures and technical checks across the 325 ALH Dhruv helicopters operated by the Indian Navy, Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard, these recurring crashes raise questions about the platform's reliability. The Coast Guard, which operates as a maritime law enforcement and search-and-rescue agency, has often relied on the ALH Dhruv for critical missions. However, this latest accident underscores the need for further scrutiny and enhanced safety measures for the fleet. Further details regarding the crash and the victims are awaited as investigations continue.



UK-based NRI Divorces Wife via Triple Talaq on Video Call

Mumbai Police launch investigation after woman alleges harassment and demands for dowry in the complaint.

In a disturbing incident, a UK-based Indian man allegedly divorced his wife via triple talaq during a video call. The victim, who has now filed a complaint with Mumbai Police, has accused her husband of harassment and dowry demands. Police have initiated a case under the Muslim Women (Protection of Marriage Rights) Bill and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

According to the complaint, the woman, married to Aaqib Bhatiwala in 2022, was initially living a normal married life. However, after relocating to the UK with her in-laws, the victim claims that the situation deteriorated, and she faced increasing harassment. The conflict reportedly escalated after a domestic dispute, during which her husband confiscated her jewelry, sent her back to India, and cut off communication.

The victim claims that she was divorced through triple talaq during a video call after returning to India. She also alleged that she was later denied entry into her husband's home upon her return to the UK.

Mumbai police have begun investigating the case, as triple talaq is illegal in India under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019, following a Supreme Court ruling in 2017 which declared the practice unconstitutional.



Bail granted to Nikita Singhania, her mother, and brother after the session court's hearing in the case related to techie's suicide.

Bengaluru Techie Atul Subhash's Wife, In-Laws Get Bail In Abetment Of Suicide Case

TPN Correspondent
UP, Jan 06

The wife and in-laws of Bengaluru techie Atul Subhash, who tragically died by suicide on December 9, have been granted bail by a Bengaluru court in the abetment of suicide case. Subhash had alleged harassment by his wife Nikita Singhania and her family members, which he claimed drove him to take his own life.

Subhash's wife Nikita, along with her mother Nisha Singhania and brother Anurag Singhania, had earlier approached the session court for bail. Following directions from the Karnataka High Court, the session court expedited the hearing and granted bail today.

On December 14, Nikita was arrested in Gurugram, while Nisha and Anurag were apprehended in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.

Subhash, aged 34, left behind a distressing video and a 24-page suicide note in which he detailed the marital issues, harassment, and extortion attempts by his wife, her family, and an Uttar Pradesh-based judge. He accused his wife and her relatives of pushing him to suicide through false cases and consistent torture. Subhash also alleged that his wife demanded Rs 3 crore to resolve the issue.

Subhash and Nikita married in 2019 and had a son in 2020. The deceased's parents have sought custody of their four-year-old grandson, expressing concerns over his whereabouts.

Pawan Kumar, Subhash's father, stated, "My son was broken from inside... Even after torture by his wife and in-laws, he didn't tell anyone about it. His suicide note also mentioned that his parents be given custody of his child."

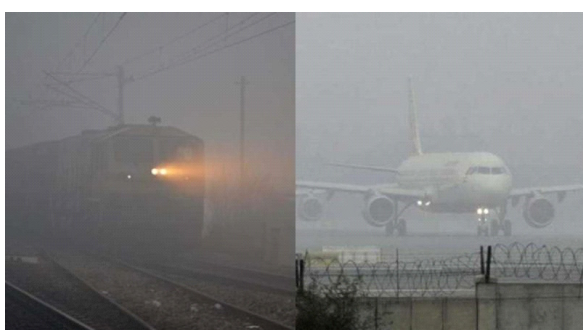
The family is awaiting a January 7 hearing in the Supreme Court regarding the child's custody. Pawan Kumar also alleged that his daughter-in-law had treated the child as an "ATM," extorting money from him. Meanwhile, Atul Subhash's counsel, Akash Jindal, argued that the accused should not be permitted to use the child as leverage in securing bail, adding that the family has already filed a habeas corpus petition before the Supreme Court regarding the child's whereabouts. The case continues to draw attention to the tragic circumstances surrounding Subhash's death and the allegations against his wife and her family.

Over 160 Flights Disrupted, Train Delays as Dense Fog Blankets Delhi-NCR

TPN Correspondent
New Delhi, Jan 06

A thick blanket of fog engulfed Delhi and the surrounding regions on Sunday morning, causing significant disruptions to air and rail travel. For the third straight day, reduced visibility severely affected operations, leaving passengers stranded and schedules in disarray.

At the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), over 160 flights were impacted. More than 155 flights faced delays, primarily those without advanced CAT III navigation systems, while at least eight were cancelled. By 7:30 am, visibility had dropped to zero. Despite assur-



ances from the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) that operations were ongoing, passengers were warned of delays for non-CAT III-compliant flights. Rail services also faced disruptions, with over 50 trains delayed by an average of four to six hours. The Railways urged

passengers to verify train statuses before travel as visibility across the city plummeted.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued an alert, warning of dense fog during the morning hours. Saturday marked the season's longest zero-visibility spell in Delhi, with Safdarjung weather station recording eight hours of complete fog cover. Temperatures ranged slightly above average, with the maximum at 20°C and the minimum at 7.8°C.

Adding to the discomfort, the city's air quality remained in the 'very poor' category. The Central Pollution Control Board reported an AQI of 377, a level posing health risks to vulnerable groups.

How Expensive Was the Diamond PM Modi Gifted US First Lady Jill Biden?

₹17 lakh or less than ₹2 lakh

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

During his visit to the United States in June 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a 7.5-carat lab-grown diamond to US First Lady Jill Biden, sparking a debate over its valuation. US authorities valued the diamond at \$20,000, making it the most expensive gift given to the Biden family by a world leader. However, the Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) suggested a much lower value, estimating the diamond at less than ₹2 lakh.

According to sources quoted by the Times of India, the 7.5-carat diamond was grown in a lab, which makes it significantly cheaper than a natural diamond. Lab-grown diamonds typically range between ₹15,000 and ₹25,000 per carat, which means the diamond's value would fall between ₹1.1 lakh and ₹1.9 lakh. The higher valuation by the US State Department is believed to have been based on the cost of natural diamonds, which are far more expensive.

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The gifts from PM Modi were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration, while the diamond was retained "for official use" in the East Wing of the White House.

The diamond was created using advanced technology in Surat, Gujarat, a hub for diamond manufacturing. The process mimics the natural conditions under which diamonds form beneath the earth's surface. Smit Patel, convenor of the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), explained that the diamond symbolized India's 75 years of independence. He also highlighted that the diamond was made using green energy, aligning with PM Modi's vision of promoting renewable and sustainable energy sources in India.

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Donald Trump's Inauguration Ceremony: Key Details and Schedule



Donald Trump is set to enter office for a second term on January 20, 2025.

TPN Correspondent | Washington, D.C.

The inauguration of US President-elect Donald Trump is scheduled for January 20, 2025, at the US Capitol in Washington, DC. The event will coincide with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday that honors the civil rights leader's legacy, adding further significance to the day.

The Joint Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies will organize the event. This committee has been responsible for planning the swearing-in ceremonies for US presidents since 1901, ensuring a smooth and traditional execution of the inauguration.

Key events will take place on the day of the inauguration, beginning with a victory rally that Trump will hold on January 19, 2025, at Capitol One Arena in Washington, DC. The following day, President Joe Biden will officially welcome Donald Trump to the White House in the morning before the swearing-in ceremony.

The central part of the inauguration will be the swearing-in ceremony, set for noon

at the US Capitol, where the US Chief Justice will administer the presidential oath to Donald Trump. This will be followed by Trump's inaugural address, outlining his vision for his second term. The ceremony will also feature a pass-in review, where the new president will review the military, a long-standing tradition.

The formalities will conclude with the inaugural ball and reception, a celebratory event marking the beginning of Trump's second term in office.

As part of the ceremony, the Vice President will take the same oath of office as senators, representatives, and other federal employees. The president-elect's oath, administered by the Chief Justice, will be:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

This marks Donald Trump's return to the White House as the 46th President of the United States.

South Korea's President Yoon Resists Arrest Amid Protests and Impeachment Trial

TPN Correspondent | Seoul

Suspended South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol is defying arrest attempts as he faces charges of insurrection, a crime that carries severe penalties, including imprisonment or the death sentence. With just hours left before the arrest warrant expires, the political turmoil has drawn thousands of protesters braving a snowstorm in Seoul.

Demonstrations erupted in the capital as pro- and anti-Yoon supporters gathered near his presidential residence. Anti-Yoon protesters, such as Lee Jin-ah, 28, camped outside overnight, braving bitter conditions to demand his arrest. On the other side, Yoon's supporters like Park Young-chul, 70, vowed to shield him, citing loyalty to the embattled leader.

"Snow is nothing," said Park. "This is a war to protect our democracy."

Yoon, who attempted a controversial martial law declaration last month, has since been holed up in the presidential residence, surrounded by loyal security officers obstructing investigators' access. Yoon's arrest would mark the



Suspended leader faces insurrection charges; protests erupt as warrant nears expiry

first time a sitting South Korean president has been detained. Acting President Choi Sang-mok has been urged by opposition leaders to order the presidential security service to cooperate with investigators.

Opposition Democratic Party floor leader Park Chan-dae criticized the security service's actions, calling for its dissolution, labeling it a "force of insurrection."

Adding an international dimension, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has arrived in Seoul, reportedly to engage in discussions addressing the ongoing crisis. Blinken is expected

to encourage policy continuity while distancing the U.S. from Yoon's recent actions.

The Constitutional Court is set to begin Yoon's impeachment trial on January 14, which could either dismiss him from office or restore his powers. The trial is expected to proceed even if Yoon does not attend.

Until the court delivers its verdict, Yoon remains suspended but retains the title of president. As the warrant deadline looms and protests intensify, South Korea remains on edge, grappling with a leadership crisis that has brought its democratic institutions under scrutiny.

"Travesty": Elon Musk Criticizes Biden for Honoring George Soros

TPN Correspondent | Washington, D.C.

Elon Musk has publicly criticized U.S. President Joe Biden's decision to award billionaire philanthropist George Soros the Presidential Medal of Freedom, calling it a "travesty" in a post on X (formerly Twitter).

Soros, a billionaire investor and founder of the Open Society Foundations, was among 19 recipients of this year's award, which recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to American society. The White House cited Soros for his efforts in advancing democracy, human rights, education, and social justice.

Soros' recognition has sparked intense debate, highlighting the polarizing figure's role as a major donor to Democratic causes. Republicans, including Musk, have labeled the award politically motivated. In contrast, Biden defended the decision, stating that the recipients reflect "values that define America."

"These nineteen individuals are great leaders who have made extraordinary contributions to our country and the world," Biden said during the announcement.

Other notable honorees include former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, football icon Lionel Messi, and actors Michael J. Fox and Denzel Washington.

Global Controversies Surrounding Soros George Soros' son, Alex Soros, accepted the medal on his behalf. The billionaire's influence has long been a point of contention globally, with his Open Society Foundations often accused of meddling in domestic politics.

Soros has faced pushback in Hungary, Rus-

sia, and even India, where his initiatives are frequently characterized as foreign interference.

In India, Soros became a focal point of political debate during the Winter Session of Parliament in December. BJP President JP Nadda accused the Congress of colluding with Soros-funded organizations to desta-



bilize the country. Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge dismissed these allegations as baseless distractions from pressing socio-economic issues.

In the U.S., Republicans have consistently criticized Soros for leveraging his wealth to influence policy and elections. Musk's comments reflect this broader skepticism, adding another layer of political polarization to an already contentious decision.

The debate over Soros' Medal of Freedom underscores the enduring divisions in American politics, where philanthropy and political activism often intertwine with controversy.

New Zealand Eases Visa Rules, Benefiting Indian Workers?

TPN Correspondent | New Zealand

In a significant move to address severe labour shortages and streamline immigration processes, New Zealand has introduced updated visa policies that will likely benefit Indian workers and migrants from other countries. These changes will make it easier for skilled professionals to find employment opportunities in the country, as well as provide more flexible options for lower-skilled workers.

The most notable change involves a reduction in the work experience requirement for applicants. Previously, applicants needed a minimum of three years of work experience; this has now been reduced to two years, easing access for

many qualified individuals. Additionally, two new visa pathways have been introduced for seasonal workers. These include a three-year multi-entry visa for experienced workers and a seven-month single-entry visa for lower-skilled workers. This is expected to address New Zealand's immediate need for seasonal labour while providing better visa options for foreign workers.

For workers falling under the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) skill levels 4 or 5, the validity of their work visas has been extended from two to three years. This extension allows workers to stay longer in the country and benefit from

more stable employment opportunities.

In a further positive change, the New Zealand government has removed the median pay requirement for the Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV) and Specific Purpose Work Visa (SPWV). While employers will still need to post job opportunities and offer salaries reflecting market rates for the role and location, they are no longer required to meet a predetermined salary threshold. This change is expected to make the visa process simpler and more accessible for employers and workers alike.

However, a new earnings threshold has been introduced for AEWV holders who wish to bring children to New Zealand.



Stock Market Outlook: Mixed Trends Expected Amid Uncertainty

Domestic stock markets are expected to show a mixed trend this week, influenced by international developments. Key factors such as the weakness of the rupee, the withdrawal of foreign institutional investors, and economic slowdown are likely to impact market movements. While the IT, pharma, and healthcare sectors are showing bullish signs, the previous week saw demand in sectors like auto, finance, consumer durables, FMCG, and oil and gas, while realty and metal stocks experienced selling pressure. Given the prevailing uncertainty, it is advised for investors to remain vigilant.



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Stock Recommendations

NTPC

NTPC shares, which hit a lifetime high in October, have seen a 30% correction but have recently turned around at the key support level of Rs. 300. Having gained in the last four sessions, investors can consider taking a position at Rs. 345 with a target price of Rs. 365/385. The stop loss should be placed at Rs. 338.



Investors should consider taking a position at Rs. 1180 with a target price of Rs. 1250/1310. The stop loss should be placed at Rs. 1165.

Kotak Mahindra Bank

Kotak Mahindra Bank shares, which have been moving sideways for several months, are now available at an attractive price. With strong growth prospects for 2025, this counter is poised for potential returns. A position at Rs. 1850, with a target price of Rs. 1970, is recommended. Stop loss should be placed at Rs. 1830.



HCL Health Tech

HCL Health Tech shares are showing strength compared to the Nifty index. With increasing trading and delivery volumes, and the bullish trend in the IT sector, this counter is poised for growth. For investors, the recommended entry point is above Rs. 1860, with a target price of Rs. 1950. A stop loss at Rs. 1840 is advisable.



Max Health

Max Health shares are currently trading at a lifetime high and have rebounded strongly after a brief pullback, benefiting from the bullish healthcare sec-



Dabur

Dabur shares, which saw a 26% fall in October, are currently recovering and have shown strength in the last few sessions after finding support at the Rs. 500 level. Investors can consider taking a position at Rs. 528, with a target price of Rs. 590. A tight stop loss at Rs. 510 is advised.



India's Petroleum Product Demand Expected to Rise by 3-4% in FY25



India's demand for petroleum products, including petrol, diesel, and LPG, is projected to increase by 3-4% in the current financial year ending March 31, 2025, according to a Fitch Ratings report. This growth is fueled by rising consumer demand, along with increased industrial and infrastructure activity. However, the report also predicts that refinery margins for India's oil marketing companies (OMCs) will fall below their mid-cycle levels in FY25. This decline is attributed to factors such as lower product cracks, regional oversupply, and reduced benefits from price differences between crude varieties. Despite this, marketing margins are expected to remain higher than FY24, thanks to lower Brent crude oil prices, which should help mitigate the pressures from lower refining margins.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL), the report forecasts a dip in profits due to subdued production and lower crude oil prices. Domestic prices for gas produced from old fields are expected to remain capped at \$6.5/MMBTU in the second half of FY25, determined by a formula pegged to 10% of crude prices. India's crude oil production is projected to decline by 2-3% in FY25, as upstream companies face challenges in offsetting natural output declines from ageing fields. However, production is expected to see modest growth in FY26, driven by increased output from ONGC's eastern offshore KG Basin and privately owned fields. The country's crude oil import dependency is expected to rise, as demand for petroleum products outpaces the growth in domestic crude oil production.

For upstream companies like

Indian Bank Q3 Update: Business Up 8.3%, Total Deposits Surge 7.3%

Total business stands at ₹12.6 lakh crore for the quarter ending December 31, 2024.

Indian Bank reported a significant 8.3% year-on-year (YoY) growth in its total business for the quarter ending December 31, 2024. The Chennai-based public sector bank's total business reached ₹12.61 lakh crore, compared to ₹11.64 lakh crore in the same period last year.



The bank's positive performance continues its upward trajectory, following a strong second quarter result, where the profit rose by 36% to ₹2,707 crore, compared to ₹1,988 crore in the same quarter of the previous year. Total income for

Q2 increased to ₹17,770 crore, up from ₹15,736 crore, with interest income standing at ₹15,348 crore.

The bank's Net Interest Income (NII) also saw an 8% increase, totaling ₹6,194 crore for the second quarter, up from ₹5,741 crore last year.

Kevan Parekh: Apple's New CFO and First-Gen Indian-Origin American

Kevan Parekh, a first-generation Indian-American, has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Apple Inc. on January 1, 2025, succeeding Luca Maestri after his decade-long tenure. Parekh, who had been serving as Apple's Vice President of Financial Planning and Analysis, brings with him over 20 years of experience in global finance leadership. He will reportedly earn an annual salary of \$1 million (approximately ₹8.57 crore), with additional executive incentives based on his performance. Parekh has been an integral part of Apple since 2013, playing key roles in financial planning, in-



vestor relations, and market research. His leadership contributed significantly to Apple's financial strategies, product development, and overall business planning. Before joining Apple, Parekh had a distinguished career with Thomson Reuters and General Motors, focusing on European and Asian markets. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan and an MBA from the University of Chi-

cago. Apple CEO Tim Cook praised Parekh's intellect and financial expertise, describing him as the perfect choice to take the helm as CFO.

Foxconn Q4: Revenue Hits \$64.72 Billion, Driven by High AI Server Demand

Foxconn, the world's largest contract electronics manufacturer and a key Apple iPhone assembler, posted a record revenue of \$64.72 billion (T\$2.13 trillion) for the fourth quarter of 2024. The Taiwanese tech giant outperformed analyst expectations, fueled by surging demand for artificial intelligence (AI) servers, as reported by Reuters.

Record-Breaking Growth

Foxconn's Q4 revenue represented a 15.2% year-on-year increase, surpassing the LSEG SmartEstimate of T\$2.1 trillion. This growth was primarily driven by the strong market demand for cloud and networking products, reflecting the growing need for AI server technology.

The company's smart consumer electronics segment, which includes iPhones, remained steady year-on-year, indicating robust performance despite a challenging global market. However, AI server sales significantly contributed to the overall rise in revenue, with total revenues for December alone surging by 42.3% YoY to T\$654.8 billion, marking its second-highest level ever for the month.

Foxconn noted that the first quarter of 2025 typically marks the off-season for its operations. Despite this, the com-



pany expects sequential performance to remain aligned with the average levels of the past five years. Moreover, it anticipates significant growth compared to the same period last year. Foxconn did not provide detailed numerical forecasts but hinted that sustained demand for AI-related products could maintain its revenue momentum.

In 2024, Foxconn's shares rose by an impressive 76%, outperforming the broader Taiwan market by 28.5%. However, its shares closed 0.8% low-

er on Friday ahead of the revenue announcement.

The company is scheduled to release its detailed fourth-quarter results on March 14, 2025, where further insights into its financial performance and strategic focus are expected.

With high-profile clients like Apple and Nvidia, Foxconn's ability to adapt to AI-driven market demands continues to cement its position as a leader in the electronics manufacturing sector.

Women-Led Startups in India See Surge in Funding, Reaching \$930 Million in 2024

India's startup ecosystem has witnessed a significant shift, with a notable increase in women entrepreneurs taking charge as founders and co-founders. As per the Indian Startup Funding Report 2024



by Inc42, funding for women-led startups has skyrocketed by over 90%, with these ventures raising a total of \$930 million across 136 deals this year. This marks a substantial rise from \$480 million across 118 deals in 2023, reflecting a year-on-year growth of 93.75%. Fintech startups emerged as the biggest recipient of funding, with \$266.91 million (28.7% of the total) raised in 17 deals. E-commerce followed with \$212 million (22.8%) across 53 deals, while enterprise tech garnered \$130 million (14%) in funding. Health tech and cleantech sectors also saw substantial investments, securing \$102.3

million (11%) and \$130.93 million (14.1%), respectively. The uptick in women-led startup funding reflects a growing trend where not only are women becoming key players in the entrepreneurial world, but they are also attracting significant investments. This surge in funding is part of a broader trend where 2024 saw 13 new-age companies go public, collectively raising over Rs 29,200 crore through initial public offerings (IPOs). This includes major names like TAC Security, MobiKwik, Swiggy, and Ola Electric, contributing to a thriving startup ecosystem in India.

OYO Revises Check-in Guidelines: Relationship Proof Required for Couples

New rules prohibit unmarried couples from checking in at OYO partner hotels in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. OYO has introduced a major change in its check-in policy, now requiring couples to provide valid proof of relationship before being allowed to check in at partner hotels in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. This new guideline prohibits unmarried couples from booking rooms together. The policy, effective immediately, will apply to both online and in-person bookings at OYO hotels in the city.

According to the revised guidelines, partner hotels will have the discretion to accept or decline bookings based on local social sensibilities. The company stated that this decision came in response to feedback from civil society groups in Meerut, which had urged for such action, along with similar petitions from residents in other cities. OYO emphasized that the move is part of a broader initiative to position itself as a brand that prioritizes safe experiences for families, students, business, and solo travelers. The company also aims to promote longer stays and repeat bookings as part of this new direction.

Additionally, OYO is undertaking nationwide efforts to ensure safe hospitality



practices, including blacklisting hotels that allegedly promote immoral activities and taking action against unauthorized establishments using OYO branding. Pawas Sharma, Region Head of OYO North India, clarified that while OYO respects individual freedoms, it must also collaborate with local law enforcement and civil society groups in the areas where it operates. The policy will be periodically reviewed to assess its impact.

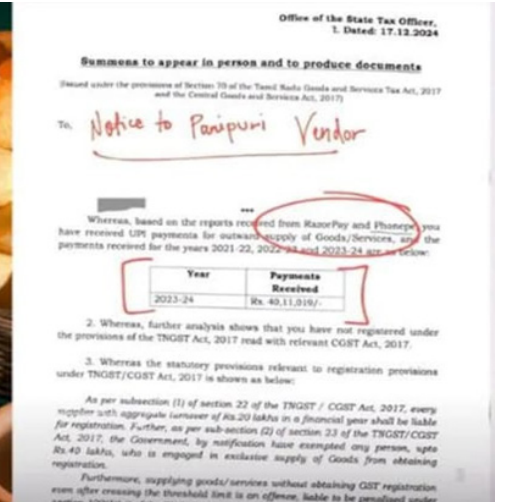
Panipuri Vendor Gets GST Notice After Earning Rs 40 Lakh, Internet Divided

A panipuri vendor from Tamil Nadu has sparked controversy after receiving a GST notice for reportedly earning Rs 40 lakh in online payments during the 2023-24 financial year. The vendor was summoned under Section 70 of the Tamil Nadu Goods and Services Tax Act and the Central GST Act on December 17, 2024.

According to GST regulations, any business with an annual turnover exceeding Rs 40 lakh is required to register and comply with taxation rules. The notice, which has since gone viral on social media, asked the vendor to appear in person and submit financial documents covering his transactions over the past three years. The authorities aim to review the vendor's earnings, particularly focusing on the significant digital payments received during the last financial year.

The notice also emphasized that failing to obtain GST registration after crossing the Rs 40 lakh turnover threshold constitutes an offence.

The internet's reaction to the GST notice has been mixed. One user commented, "40 L is the amount he received and that may or may not be his income. You have to deduct ingredients, manpower costs, fixed expenses, etc. He may be earning just enough to get by." Another user stated, "I believe more than 50 per-



cent of people would be paying in cash as the payments are not hefty, merely 50-100 bucks. He must be earning at least 60 LPA."

Some commenters criticized the potential impact of the tax notice on small vendors. One said, "The taxman's action would push people into cash transactions!" Another pointed out that the vendor could face tough competition due to the added GST, making his bills higher than competitors who do not charge GST. The issue also sparked conversation due to a viral video from a comedian, who argued that operating a panipuri stall could be more profitable than a corporate job. He emphasized that vendors enjoy a steady stream of customers and flexible working hours, highlighting the potential of the food business.

Jammu and Kashmir Winter Delight

Sonamarg's Stunning Visuals Please Tourists After Fresh Snowfall



Amid the biting cold of 'Chillai Kalan', the coldest winter phase in Kashmir, fresh snowfall has brightened the spirits of tourists, especially in popular destinations like Sonamarg, which has transformed into a winter paradise. Visitors have flocked to the region to witness its scenic beauty, which has become a sensation on social media.

The India Meteorological Department predicted snowfall across Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, further enhancing the region's appeal for tourists seeking a winter wonderland experience. Fresh visuals from Sonamarg and other places in Jammu and Kashmir have captured the hearts of many on the internet. A traveller from Gujarat, sharing his excitement in a video posted by SDA Sonamarg, expressed his joy at experiencing the snow and the breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. He even encouraged people to visit the place at least once in their lifetime.

The temperature in Kashmir plummeted sharply on Saturday, with Kokernag in south Kashmir witnessing a low of minus 8.1 degrees Celsius. Other regions also reported significant drops in temperature. Srinagar recorded minus 2.5 degrees Celsius, Gulmarg in north Kashmir had a low of minus 4 degrees Celsius, while Pahalgam saw minus 3.2 degrees Celsius.

Several towns recorded near freezing temperatures, including Qazigund (minus 3.6°C) and Konibal (minus 3.5°C), while Kupwara had minus 2.8°C. The coldest recorded temperature was in Kokernag, where it dipped to minus 8.1°C.

Kashmir is currently undergoing 'Chillai Kalan', the coldest and most intense winter phase, which began on December 21 and



will last until January 30. This period is marked by the highest likelihood of snowfall. Following Chillai Kalan, the region experiences the 'Chillai Khurd' and 'Chillai Bachha' phases, which are shorter and less intense.

Kia India Opens Bookings for 2025 Syros SUV

Set to Launch in February, the New SUV Sits Between Sonet and Seltos in Kia's Lineup. Kia India has officially opened bookings for the much-anticipated 2025 Kia Syros SUV, which is set to launch in a few weeks. Deliveries of the new model are expected to begin in February 2025. The Syros will fill the gap between the Sonet B2-SUV and the Seltos C-SUV in Kia India's expanding lineup.

The 2025 Kia Syros will be available in six variants, with pricing expected to range from ₹9 lakh to ₹15.90 lakh (ex-showroom). The petrol-manual variants are likely to be priced between ₹9.0 lakh and ₹12.0 lakh, while the petrol-automatic variants will likely start from ₹12.20 lakh and go up to ₹15.20 lakh. Diesel variants are also expected to be available, with the range starting at ₹11.0 lakh for the HTK (O) diesel-manual variant and going up to ₹15.90 lakh for the HTX Plus (O) diesel-automatic top model. Design Highlights of the 2025 Kia Syros

The 2025 Syros SUV showcases a boxy design that sets it apart from the compact Sonet. The vehicle adopts Kia's latest design philosophy, which is evident in its electric SUVs such as the EV3 and EV9. The front of the Syros features a slim upper grille, a large lower air dam, and tri-LED headlights with integrated DRLs, inspired by the EV9. The upright bonnet further enhances the SUV's bold road presence.

The side profile of the Syros is marked by blacked-out A- and C-pillars, while the B- and D-pillars are finished in body color. Gloss black roof rails and a shark-fin antenna add to the SUV's dynamic look. Top variants will also feature 17-inch alloy wheels with a machined finish. At the rear, the 2025 Syros gets LED taillamps similar to the EV9, with a flat tailgate that maximizes boot space.

Interior and Safety Features of the 2025 Kia Syros



display. The rear seats offer additional comfort with slide and recline features, along with ventilated seat bases.

The SUV is also equipped with a Harman Kardon 8-speaker sound system and a panoramic sunroof. In terms of safety, the top HTX Plus (O) variant is loaded with a full suite of ADAS (Advanced Driver Assistance Systems) features, including forward collision warning, lane-keeping assist, adaptive cruise control with stop-and-go, blind-spot collision avoidance assist, and rear cross-traffic collision avoidance assist.

Engine Specifications for the 2025 Kia Syros

The 2025 Kia Syros will offer multiple engine options to cater to different driving preferences. Powertrain choices include a 1.0L turbo petrol engine mated to either a 6-speed manual or a 7-speed DCT automatic transmission, and a 1.5L turbo diesel engine with a 6-speed manual or a 6-speed TC automatic transmission.

The launch of the 2025 Syros marks a significant milestone for Kia India as the company looks to expand its presence in the competitive SUV market. With its stylish design, advanced features, and versatile engine options, the Kia Syros is set to be a strong contender in its segment.

Lionel Messi Misses Presidential Medal Ceremony With Joe Biden

Lionel Messi, the legendary Argentine footballer and current Inter Miami player, was awarded the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Joe Biden on Saturday. However, Messi did not attend the ceremony at the White House, citing prior commitments. Messi, an eight-time Ballon d'Or winner and 2022 FIFA World Cup champion, is the first Argentine and the first male soccer player to receive the United States' highest civilian honor. Other honorees at the ceremony included Bono, Magic Johnson, and Hillary Clinton, who were present to accept their medals in person.

In a statement distributed by Inter Miami, Messi's representatives expressed gratitude for the honor while explaining his absence.

"The White House informed FIFA, who informed the club at the end of December that Leo was going to be awarded with this recognition," the statement read. "Leo, through the club, sent a letter to the White House saying that he is deeply honored and that it is a profound privilege to receive this recognition but that due to scheduling conflicts and prior commitments he was going to be unable to attend. He appreciated the gesture and noted that he hopes to have the opportunity to meet



in the near future."

The Presidential Medal of Freedom is awarded to individuals who have made "exemplary contributions to the prosperity, values, or security of the United States, world peace, or other significant societal, public or private endeavors."

According to the White House, Messi was recognized as "the most decorated player in the history of professional soccer" and for his contributions to global healthcare and education through the Leo Messi Foundation. He also serves as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador.

This marks the second time a soccer player has received the honor, following Megan Rapinoe in 2022. Despite his absence, Messi's recognition adds another illustrious accolade to his unparalleled career.

Australia End Decade-Long Wait, Clinch Border-Gavaskar Trophy

Historic win at SCG sends Australia to World Test Championship final

Australia secured their first Border-Gavaskar Trophy since the 2014-15 series with a decisive six-wicket victory over India on Day 3 at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG). This triumph not only ended their 10-year drought but also confirmed their spot in the World Test Championship (WTC) final, where they will face South Africa.



The chase of 162 runs was anchored by debutant Beau Webster and the reliable Travis Head, whose unbeaten 58-run partnership sealed the win. India's bowling struggled in the absence of Jasprit Bumrah, who was sidelined with a back spasm. Prasidh Krishna's three-wicket burst before lunch briefly raised India's hopes, but the visitors could not maintain the pressure. Morning Session: Boland and Cummins Dominate

Australia began the day by dismantling India's lower order within 7.5 overs. Pat Cummins claimed Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar with subtle seam movement, while Scott Boland continued his stellar performance, picking up six wickets, including Mohammed Siraj and Bumrah. India were bowled out for 157, leaving Australia a target of 162.

India's Fightback Falters

Despite early breakthroughs from Krishna, who dismissed Sam Konstas, Marnus Labuschagne, and Steve Smith, India lacked a

third pacer to sustain the momentum. Siraj and Krishna's initial spells generated uneven bounce, but their effectiveness waned as the match progressed.

Usman Khawaja's dismissal after lunch briefly kept India in the game, but the Australian middle order, led by Head and Webster, navigated the chase with ease. Webster's boundary off Sundar shortly after the drinks break brought an emphatic end to the match.

Brief Scores

- **India:** 185 (Rishabh Pant 40; Scott Boland 4-31) & 157 (Rishabh Pant 61; Scott Boland 6-45, Pat Cummins 3-44)
- **Australia:** 181 (Beau Webster 57; Prasidh Krishna 3-42) & 162/4 (Beau Webster 39*, Travis Head 34*; Prasidh Krishna 3-65)

Australia's clinical performance at SCG not only earned them the Border-Gavaskar Trophy but also highlighted their readiness for the upcoming WTC final.

29th All India Federation Cup Tournament 2024-2025 Kicks Off in Nellore

350 Participants Compete in Four-Day Mega Event Hosted by Andhra Carrom Association

TPN Correspondent

Nellore, Jan 6: The 29th All India Federation Cup Tournament 2024-2025 officially commenced in a grand ceremony at the Nellore Club, Nellore. This four-day event, organized by the Andhra Carrom Association with support from the Nellore Club and the All India Carrom Federation (AICF), has attracted 350 participants, including top-tier men and women players.

The tournament was inaugurated by Shri Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy, MLA, in the presence of several distinguished dignitaries, including Shri Rajbul Hussain, MP and President of AICF, Shri P. Chandrashekar Reddy (MLC), Dr. Neeraj Kumar Sampathy (Senior VP, AICF and President of Andhra Carrom Association), Smt. Bharati Narayan (Secretary General, AICF), Shri Joseph Mayer (President, ICF), Shri VD Narayan (Secretary General, AICF), Sri SK Abdul Jaleel (General Secretary, Andhra State Carrom Association), Shri Srimannarayana (President, Nellore District Carrom Association), and Shri Ponnnavolu Sudhakar Reddy (Secretary, Nellore Club).

In his address, Chief Guest Shri Sridhar Reddy expressed his delight in hosting such a prestigious event in Nellore and congratulated the Andhra and Nellore Carrom Associations for their efforts in organizing the championship. He also pledged continued support for promoting the game and ensuring the success of future carrom events in the state.

The tournament features prominent players, including World Cup medalists such as Mr. K. Srinivas (Men's World Cup winner from Telangana) and Ms. Kaziwa (Women's Singles World Cup winner from Tamil Nadu), adding further excitement and prestige to the competition.

Outstanding Performances on Day One

The first day of the tournament showcased impressive performances from both the women and men players. In the Women's Doubles category,



the duo of S. Apoorva (LIC) and S. Stalina (KAR) triumphed with a close victory over Anjali (LIC) and Shalzeni (KAR), with scores of 21-22, 22-05, and 25-03. The second place went to MSK Harika (AND) and Hari Priya (AND), who secured their win with scores of 14-10 and 24-01. SK Husna Sameera (AND) and A. Bhavani (AND) claimed the third spot.

In the Men's Doubles, A. PK Shankar (KER) and S. Ajmal (KER) defeated their opponents in a thrilling match, winning 25-15, 16-18, and 22-19. The second-place finishers, G. Bhol (ORIS) and Jaya Prakash (ORIS), had an excellent outing, winning 25-0 and 25-10.

The tournament organizers have made excellent arrangements for players and officials, providing free lodging and boarding facilities during the event. The hospitality has been highly appreciated by all participants and officials of the All India Carrom Federation.

With an exciting four days ahead, the 29th All India Federation Cup promises to be a thrilling spectacle for carrom enthusiasts and players alike.

"Temperament Is Key": Gambhir on India's Batting Woes

The importance of domestic cricket and grinding through tough moments cannot be overstated, says Gambhir.

Former Indian cricketer Gautam Gambhir has attributed India's recent Test struggles to a lack of temperament and inadequate participation in domestic cricket. Speaking at a press conference after India's 1-3 series defeat to Australia in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, Gambhir emphasized the need for players to prioritize red-ball domestic tournaments like the Ranji Trophy to hone their skills and strengthen the Test side.



"I would always like everyone

to play domestic cricket. That is how much importance domestic cricket needs to be given," Gambhir stated. He pointed to India's repeated batting failures, with sub-200 scores in six of nine innings during the series, as a sign of deeper issues that cannot be resolved without commitment to the domestic circuit. India's batting woes have persisted both at home and overseas, a trend Gambhir attributed to temperament. "Test cricket is all about playing the session, seeing off tough spells, and converting starts into big hundreds," he said. Gambhir called for a collective focus on grinding through challenging moments, especially in a format that demands resilience. He further highlighted the low participation of India's top players in domestic cricket. Stars like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma have not featured in the Ranji Trophy for years,

which Gambhir believes has impacted their ability to fine-tune their red-ball game.

India's senior players, including Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, struggled throughout the series. While Rohit missed the final Test due to poor form, Kohli's vulnerability outside the off-stump led to eight dismissals in the series. Gambhir refrained from commenting on their future in Test cricket, instead stressing that it is up to the players to assess their hunger and contribution to the

team's success.

"It's about whether the team is moving forward with your contribution or not. The Indian team is bigger than any individual," he remarked.

Despite the series loss, Gambhir noted several positives for India, particularly from the younger players like Yashasvi Jaiswal, Nitish Reddy, and Washington Sundar. He also praised Mohammed Siraj's commitment, calling it "outstanding" for his relentless efforts despite not always being fully fit. Gambhir emphasized a holistic approach to improvement across all departments, stating, "If we want to improve and do better, we need to address issues in batting, bowling, and fielding. Blaming one department alone won't help."

Sunil Gavaskar Snubbed from Border-Gavaskar Trophy Presentation

Gavaskar expresses disappointment over being sidelined during the BGT 2024-25 ceremony.

Sunil Gavaskar, the legendary cricketer after whom the Border-Gavaskar Trophy (BGT) is named, was left out of the presentation ceremony on Sunday at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Despite the prestigious series being named in honor of both Gavaskar and Allan Border, the Indian cricket icon was not called onto the dais as Border presented the trophy to Australian captain Pat Cummins.

Gavaskar, who had been present at the ground, expressed his disappointment, stating, "I certainly would have loved to have been there for the presentation. After all, it is the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, and it is about Australia and India." He emphasized that despite Australia winning, the tradition of both namesakes being part of the ceremony should have been upheld. He added, "I would have been happy to present the trophy with my good friend Allan Border," highlighting the special bond shared between the two greats.

According to Cricket Australia's plan, Gavaskar



would have been invited to present the trophy if India had won or retained it. With Australia's 3-1 victory in the 2024-25 series, it was Border who presented the trophy.

This year's BGT was notable not just for the thrilling competition but also for breaking attendance records, including an 87-year-old record at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Australia's win marked their first in the series since the 2014-15 season.

Bowlers, Young Dominate as New Zealand Clinch Series Opener

Henry's 4-for and Young's unbeaten 90 dismantle Sri Lanka in Wellington.

New Zealand showcased an all-round masterclass to secure a commanding nine-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in the first ODI of the series at the Basin Reserve. Matt Henry's brilliant spell of 4 for 19 laid the foundation as the visitors were bundled out for 178. Will Young then made short work of the chase with a blistering unbeaten 90 off 86 balls, ensuring New Zealand reached the target in just 26.2 overs.

Winning a crucial toss on a pitch offering early movement, New Zealand put Sri Lanka under immediate pressure. Henry dismissed Pathum Nissanka in the fifth over, followed quickly by Jacob Duffy's removal of Kusal Mendis. Sharp fielding from Mitchell Santner added to Sri Lanka's woes, as Kamindu Mendis was run out by a direct hit. Charith Asalanka fell after edging behind, leaving the visitors reeling at 23/4 inside 10 overs.

Avishka Fernando (56) and Janith Liyanage (36) steadied the ship with an 87-run stand. Fernando took on the bowlers with a flurry of boundaries, while Liyanage added valu-



able support. However, Santner broke the partnership with a clever change of length, and Fernando followed suit in the next over,

guiding a Nathan Smith delivery to point.

Lower-order contributions from Wanindu Hasaranga (35) and Chamindu Wickramasinghe (22) added a semblance of respectability to the total, but Henry's return to the attack ensured the innings ended in the 44th over.

In response, New Zealand's openers made a statement, racing to 93 in just over 12 overs. Rachin Ravindra played an aggressive knock of 45 off 36 balls before falling, but Young remained unbeaten, smashing 12 boundaries. His authoritative innings ensured the chase was completed with ease, leaving more than 23 overs to spare.

Brief Scores

Sri Lanka: 178 in 43.4 overs (Avishka Fernando 56, Janith Liyanage 36; Matt Henry 4-19)

New Zealand: 180/2 in 26.2 overs (Will Young 90*, Rachin Ravindra 45)

New Zealand leads the three-match series 1-0.



Ticket Hikes & Special Shows Approved For Game Changer In AP

The much-anticipated film *Game Changer*, starring Ram Charan and directed by Shankar, is set for a grand release on January 10. With Kiara Advani in the female lead and Dil Raju producing the film, excitement is building for its debut. Meanwhile, the Andhra Pradesh government has approved benefit shows and a hike in ticket prices for the film.

In a move that will boost box office earnings, the government has allowed a 1 AM benefit show ticket price of ₹600. Additionally, special shows at 4 AM have also been approved. The ticket price hike includes an additional ₹175 (including GST) for multiplexes and ₹135 (including GST) for single-screen theaters.

From January 11 to January 23, five shows will be permitted daily at these increased prices. All eyes are now on the Telangana government to see if it will follow Andhra Pradesh's lead. The Telangana authorities recently decided not to allow benefit shows or ticket price hikes for upcoming films. This decision could have significant implications for *Game Changer's* performance at the regional box office, especially given the competitive nature of the Sankranti season. As Dil Raju is also the TFDC Chairman, it remains to be seen whether he can convince the Telangana government to reconsider its stance.

Maharaja Moves Chinese Audiences to Tears

Vijay Sethupathi's *Maharaja*, an action-packed emotional thriller, has touched the hearts of audiences in China, leaving many in tears with its poignant storytelling. Directed by Nithilan Saminathan, the film was released in China in November and has since garnered widespread appreciation, especially for its portrayal of the father-daughter bond. A video circulating on social media platform X (formerly Twitter) shows Chinese fans deeply moved by the film's narrative, wiping away tears during key moments. A post accompanying the video noted, "Somehow Father-daughter Indian movies do really well in China. Dhangal, Singing Superstar, and now *Maharaja*."

The film's cross-border success reflects the universal appeal of its themes and marks a significant milestone in Indo-China cultural relations. *Maharaja* became the first Indian film screened in China following a historic agreement between the two nations. This agreement, addressing patrolling and troop disengagement along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, resolved a border standoff that had persisted for over four years.

Released in India on June 14 and now streaming on Netflix, *Maharaja* features an ensemble cast including Anurag Kashyap, Mamta Mohandas,



and Natty Natraj. While the film received praise for its gripping narrative, it also faced criticism for its depiction of violence. Anurag Kashyap, who plays Selvam in the film, defended the realistic portrayal of violence in an interview with *The Hindu*. "Violence should look so real and extreme that it actually stops you from doing it," he remarked, drawing parallels with another controversial film, *Kill*.

The film follows the journey of Maharaja (Vijay Sethupathi), a barber from Chennai, who visits a police station to retrieve his stolen dustbin. However, as events unfold, the police discover that his motives are far more complex, leading to a gripping and emotional climax. With *Maharaja*, Vijay Sethupathi and the team have not only delivered a cinematic masterpiece but also fostered cultural connections that transcend borders.

Daaku Maharaaj Trailer: Story of the King of Jungle!

The much-awaited trailer for Nandamuri Balakrishna's Sankranti release, *Daaku Maharaaj*, was unveiled today, and it promises to deliver a high-octane action thriller. Produced by Naga Vamshi, the film is set to showcase Balakrishna in a fresh avatar, aiming for a Jailer-like visual experience that fans have eagerly anticipated. The trailer certainly lives up to the hype.

The trailer begins with a brief narrative from a child about Daaku Maharaaj, the so-called King of the Jungle, who is a protector of innocent people. Balakrishna is introduced in a stylish action sequence wearing a turban, a look that has already been teased. The storyline quickly transitions to the present day, revealing Balakrishna in a dual role. His character, Nanaji, adds to the intrigue, while Pragya Jaiswal also plays a dual role, increasing the suspense. *Daaku Maharaaj* seems to be a pukka commercial action thriller, with Balakrishna in full form, delivering the promised high-energy performance. The visuals are more polished and stylish compared to his previous films, with a notable contribution from Thaman in setting the emotional tone through his music. Bobby Deol plays the antagonist, with his stylish entry featured prominently in the trailer. One of the standout shots shows Balakrishna in the



foreground, with a body without a head ominously placed in the background, adding a unique stylistic touch. While the trailer offers glimpses of the characters and showcases dramatic elevations, it cleverly keeps the core plot under wraps. However, it's clear that the film will offer a significant amount of action, and Balakrishna's performance is expected to deliver on the promise. Fans of action-packed thrillers are in for an exciting ride!

NTR Fans vs NBK: Will It Impact Daaku Maharaaj?

The recent *Unstoppable* episode featuring the *Daaku Maharaaj* team sparked unexpected controversy. During the show, Balakrishna engaged with director Bobby about his previous films and the stars he had worked with. However, NTR's *Jai Lava Kusa* was notably left out of the conversation, which led to an uproar among NTR fans. They accused Balakrishna and the organizers of the show, Aha Video, of deliberately sidelining their favorite star.

This ignited a call for a boycott of the show, with fans lashing out at Balakrishna, BVS Ravi, and even Tejaswini, the creative producer of the show. Naga Vamsi, the producer of *Daaku Maharaaj*, expressed his concern and posted a message on X asking for support. Vamsi, who had a close relationship with NTR fans after his work on *Devara* in AP and Telangana, was surprised by their call for a boycott of his film, *Daaku Maharaaj*.



While the controversy stirred tensions between NTR and Balakrishna fans, it is important to note that such fan wars are often short-lived and rarely affect the box office performance of films. Historical precedents show that, despite periodic fan conflicts, both Balakrishna's and NTR's films have continued to perform well. Thus, despite the noise surrounding *Daaku Maharaaj*, it is likely that this dispute will not have a significant impact on the film's success.



Krithi Shetty's Sunlit Rose Affair!

South Indian sensation Krithi Shetty is captivating hearts once again with her impeccable style. The actress turned heads recently with her stunning appearance in a white floral dress adorned with vibrant red roses. Her elegant look, paired with her radiant smile, quickly became the talk of social media, showcasing her as a true fashion icon. Known for her charm and versatile performances, Krithi is now gearing up for her next big release in Telugu. The actress is set to star in "Love Symphony," a romantic drama directed by Sai Kiran and produced by Mythri Movie Makers. The film promises to be a musical treat with Devi Sri Prasad composing the

soundtrack. Krithi will be seen opposite rising star Siddu Jonnalagadda, with the duo portraying a heartwarming love story set against picturesque backdrops. Fans eagerly await Krithi's portrayal of a modern, independent woman navigating life and love, a role that's rumored to be one of her most emotionally intense yet. The film is scheduled for a grand theatrical release this summer, aiming to capture the hearts of Telugu audiences.

With her fashion sense and acting prowess, Krithi Shetty continues to shine as one of the most beloved stars of South Indian cinema.