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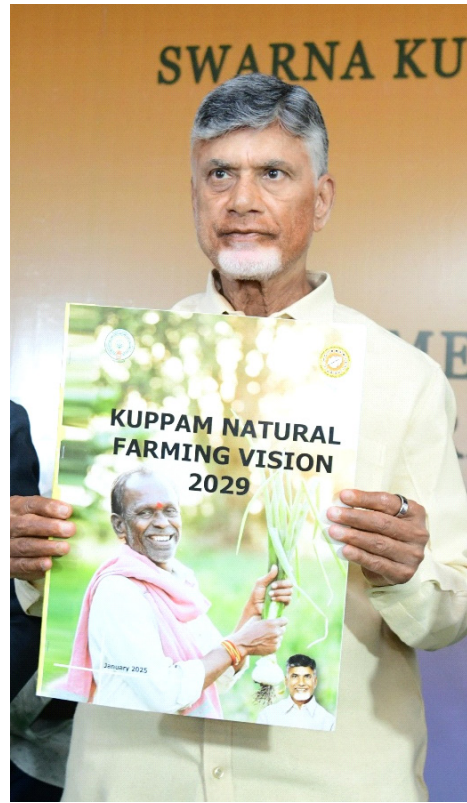
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Mr. Naidu Creating Healthy Ecosystem at Kuppam

CM Launches "Swarna Kuppam Vision-2029" Documentary



TPN Correspondent Kuppam, Jan 07

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu officially launched the Swarna Kuppam Vision-2029 documentary at an event held at the Dravida University Auditorium in Kuppam. The event was attended by TDP workers, leaders, and ministers in large numbers, marking a significant moment in the state's developmental vision. At the event, CM Chandrababu highlighted the importance of having a clear direction to succeed in life. He stressed that without a defined



path, progress is unattainable, but with systematic work, anyone can achieve their goals. Reflecting on past leadership, he praised leaders like PV Narasimha Rao for his economic reforms as Prime Minister, which changed the direction of India. He also acknowledged the economic reforms introduced by Manmohan Singh. CM Chandrababu also emphasized that the establishment of Dravida University was the result of Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao's vision and leadership. Speaking about India's future, he expressed confidence that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India would become the world's number one by 2030. He noted that in America, Indians and Telugus have a higher per capita in-

come than Americans, illustrating the success of Indian communities globally. Reflecting on his tenure, CM Naidu mentioned that when his government came to power in 2014, it set clear plans and executed developments in Andhra Pradesh that were unprecedented. However, he criticized the subsequent YSRCP government for reducing progress by four percent. He concluded by asserting that the Swarna Kuppam Vision-2029 is a bold step towards achieving specific development targets for the state. He reaffirmed his commitment to achieving these goals and improving the lives of the state's communities, particularly the poor, who have not seen the progress they deserve.

Dy CM Pawan Kalyan Expresses Grief Over Tragic Accident

Announces Financial Aid for Victims' Families

TPN Correspondent Andhra Pradesh, Jan 07

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan expressed deep sorrow following the tragic death of two youths in a road accident while returning from the pre-release event of the movie Game Changer in Rajahmundry. The accident occurred on the ADB road between Kakinada and Rajahmundry, resulting in the deaths of Arava Manikantha (23) and Tokada Charan (22), both from Gaigolupadu, Kakinada district.

In his emotional response, Pawan Kalyan condemned the poor condition of the ADB road, which he blamed for contributing to the fatal accident. "The road has been in a deteriorated state for the last seven years, and despite its importance as a key route between Kakinada and Rajahmundry, the Jagan government has failed to maintain or improve it," he said. He further expressed anger over the lack of proper street lighting and road expansion, which he claimed had not been addressed under the current administration.

Pawan Kalyan shared his condolences with the families of the victims and promised financial assistance of Rs. 5 lakh each from the Jana Sena Party. He also assured that the government would extend its support to the families.

The accident took place at 9:30 PM when a van, coming from the opposite direction, collided with the bike the victims were riding. They were rushed to Peddapuram Government Hospital, where Manikantha was declared dead on arrival. Charan, who was seriously injured, succumbed to his injuries at a private hospital in Kakinada later that night. Pawan Kalyan, who had earlier urged the public at the pre-release event to travel safely, announced that he would personally travel on the ADB road for his upcoming trips to the Pithapuram constituency, as a gesture to highlight the poor road conditions. A police investigation is ongoing, with a case registered based on the complaint of the victims' friend, Shashisri.

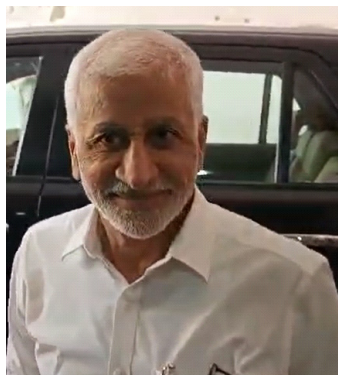


"If I Lie, Lord Venkateswara Will Punish Me" - Vijaya Sai Reddy

MP Appears for ED Hearing in Kakinada Port SEZ Case

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad, Jan 07

YSRCP Rajya Sabha MP Vijaya Sai Reddy attended an Enforcement Directorate (ED) hearing in Hyderabad on Monday regarding allegations of illegal share transfers related to Kakinada Sea Port and SEZ. The case, originally filed by the Andhra Pradesh CID based on a complaint by Karnati Venkateswara Rao (KV Rao), has also drawn ED's attention for possible money laundering. After a six-hour interrogation, during which he was reportedly asked 25 questions, Vijaya Sai Reddy addressed the media to deny the allegations. He stated that he was questioned about KV Rao's complaint but firmly refuted any wrongdoing.



"I never contacted KV Rao regarding the Kakinada Sea Port nor instructed Vikrant Reddy to do so. If I had called him, the call records will prove it. I have requested the ED to verify the data. If evidence emerges against me, I will admit my mistake," he said. In a dramatic assertion of his innocence, Vijaya Sai Reddy invoked Lord Venkateswara of Tirumala. "KV Rao and I can meet at Tirumala in the presence of the deity. If the allegations in his complaint are true, I will accept divine punishment. Similarly, if he has lied, let the truth prevail," he declared. Vijaya Sai Reddy emphasized his transparency, offering to cross-examine KV Rao in front of investigators. He reiterated his belief that the complaint lacked substance, urging the ED to focus on factual evidence rather than baseless claims. The case continues to garner attention due to its political and financial implications, with both sides holding firm to their narratives as the investigation unfolds.



"Govt Brings Sankranti Joy to Farmers with Timely Payments"

TPN Correspondent Andhra Pradesh, Jan 07

In a recent statement, Minister Nadendla Manohar praised the coalition government's efforts in supporting farmers during the grain collection season, emphasizing the rapid payments being made to farmers. He noted that money is being deposited into farmers' accounts within 24 hours of collecting their grain, marking a significant improvement over previous regimes.

By Sunday, 27 lakh metric tons of grain had been collected, benefiting 4,15,066 farmers during the Kharif season. This is a stark contrast to the previous YSRCP government, which only collected grain from 2 lakh farmers.

Minister Nadendla further shared that the government has already deposited a total of Rs. 6,083.69 crore into farmers' accounts. He highlighted the efficiency of the current administration, pointing out that during the previous government's tenure, even payments for grain were often delayed.

The minister concluded by emphasizing that the coalition government has brought renewed energy and optimism to farmers' families, creating a "Sankranti buzz" with its prompt and effective actions in support of the agricultural community.

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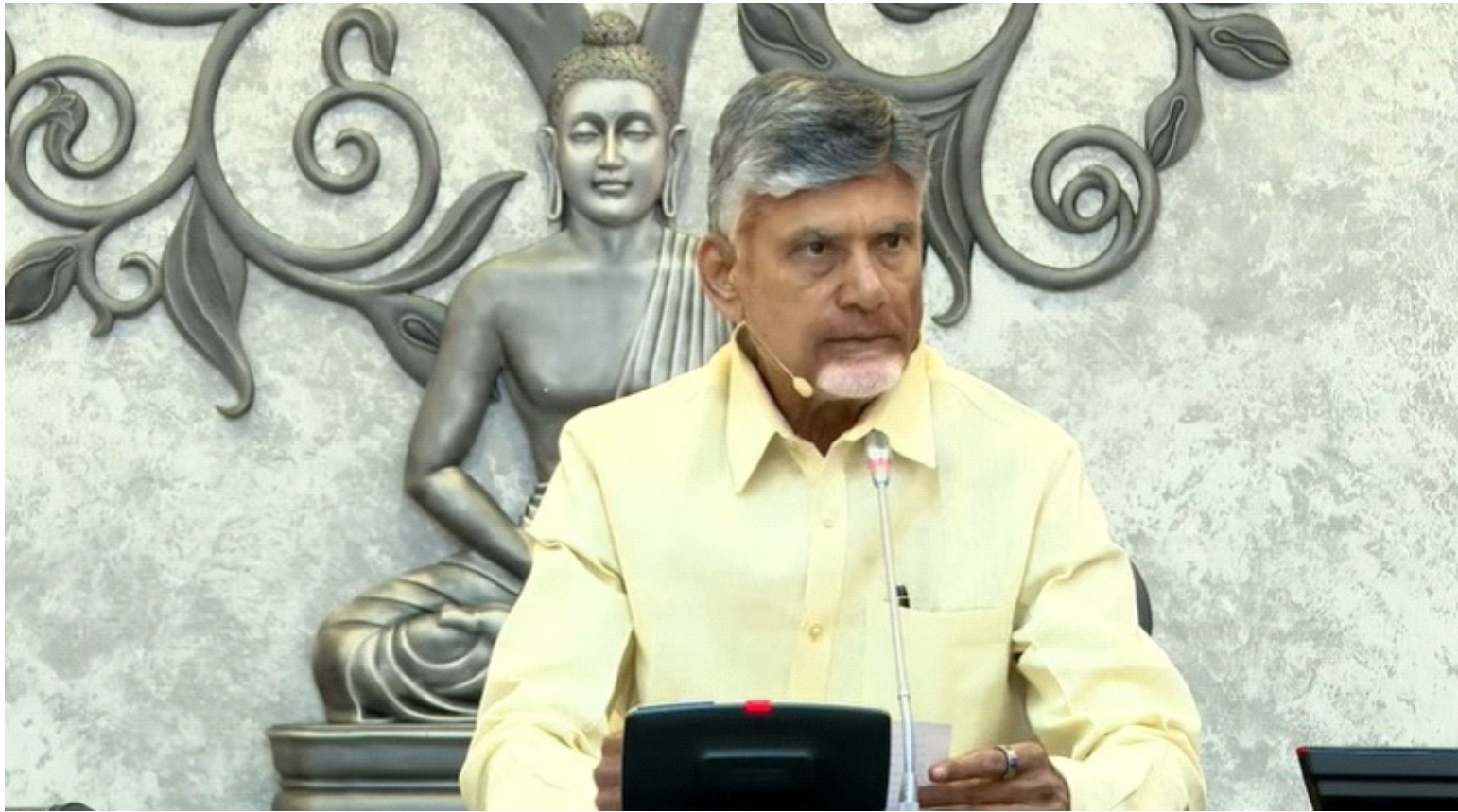
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CM Chandrababu Naidu Holds Emergency Meeting Over HMP Virus Preparedness



TPN Correspondent
Amaravati, Jan 07

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu convened an emergency teleconference on Monday with Health Minister Satyakumar Yadav and senior health officials to discuss the preparedness against the HMP (Human Metapneumovirus) virus, which has been spreading concerns across the country. Chandrababu Naidu directed the formation of a task force or expert committee, comprising microbiologists, pediatricians, respiratory disease experts, and professors of preventive medicine, to

provide technical guidance to the government. The committee will assess the situation and suggest measures to tackle any potential spread of the virus. The Chief Minister's concern arose after reports surfaced of the HMP virus being detected in states like Karnataka and Gujarat. While the virus, which has been around since 2001, has typically shown low intensity, the state government is taking proactive steps. He reassured the public that there was no immediate threat, as no cases of HMPV have been reported in Andhra Pradesh so far. "The virus does not cause serious respiratory problems, and its spread is

currently very low," he stated. To ensure readiness, CM Naidu instructed the procurement of diagnostic kits, including Uniflex kits and 3,000 testing kits from Germany. He also confirmed that the state is well-equipped with sufficient personal protective equipment, including 4.5 lakh N-95 masks, 13.71 lakh triple-layered masks, and 3.52 lakh PPE kits. The state will also secure enough sanitizers for the next three months. Despite the growing concerns, the Chief Minister emphasized that the HMP virus is a seasonal disease with minimal impact, and there is no immediate cause for alarm in the state.

Kuppam Constituency to Lead the Way in Solar Power: Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar

TPN Correspondent
Amaravati, Jan 07

Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar has announced that Kuppam constituency will be a model for the Prime Minister's Suryagarh scheme, with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu initiating the full-scale solarization of the area. Minister Ravi Kumar shared the news on Twitter, revealing that 53,314 electricity connections in Kuppam will be switched to solar power, with solar panels set to be installed over an area of 2,66,15,521 square feet.

This project, the first of its kind in India, will power numerous households in a single constituency with solar energy. Minister Ravi Kumar explained that Kuppam was selected as a pilot project to showcase CM Chandrababu Naidu's vision for renewable energy. He emphasized that the initiative would help reduce electricity bills for consumers. Additionally, solar power will be extended to agricultural pump sets under the PM Kusum scheme, and households will be able to sell excess electricity back to DISCOMS, turning homes into mini power stations. "This is a step towards making every home a power generation center," he added.

The project is a joint effort, with the Central Government contributing 60% of the funding, while the Andhra Pradesh Government covers the remaining 40%. Minister Ravi Kumar criticized the previous government for neglecting the PM Suryagarh scheme and for failing to support renewable energy, in contrast to the current administration, which he called the "golden era" for renewable energy. Furthermore, the Minister outlined plans to support SC and ST communities through this scheme, including solarizing villages and reserved areas, with a focus on Thurpunaidu Palam in the Kondapi SC constituency. Over the next five years, solar units will be installed in all SC and ST households across the state, reducing electricity costs and creating additional income opportunities for families. The PM Suryagarh scheme in Kuppam will serve as a model for other regions, promoting sustainability and enhancing quality of life.



Arrangements for Prime Minister Modi's Visit Reviewed by Ministers and Officials

TPN Correspondent
Anakapalle, Jan 07

Food and Civil Supplies Minister Nandla Manohar and Home and Disaster Management Minister Vangalapati Anitha conducted a review meeting on the preparations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Visakhapatnam. The meeting, held at the District Collector's Office Conference Hall, focused on ensuring smooth arrangements for the event, with special emphasis on the comfort and safety of attendees.

Minister Manohar stressed the importance of ensuring that all people attending the public meeting are safely transported back to their villages. He instructed RTC officials to set up a control room to monitor bus services and coordinated efforts to prevent parking issues. "The visit should be successful with the cooperation of officials, public representatives, and everyone involved," he said.

Minister Anitha highlighted the need for a well-planned traffic control system to manage vehicles from various mandals. She emphasized the preparation of a route map and the importance of ensuring that the public faces no inconvenience during the event. Member of Parliament C.M. Ramesh also emphasized that comprehensive arrangements should be made to welcome Prime Minister Modi, urging the responsible staff to ensure the safe



and orderly gathering of people. District Collector Vijaya Krishnan outlined the logistics for the visit, stating that 840 buses would be arranged to transport 42,000 attendees from the district. Two staff members would be assigned to each bus to oversee the process. Buses will depart from the villages at 9 am, with a scheduled arrival at 1 pm. Snack packets will be provided during the journey,

and meals will be served at the venue. After the event, attendees will be returned to their villages, with buses departing at 8 pm and reaching their destinations by 10 pm. The meeting was attended by MLAs, various government officials, and representatives from several departments, all working together to ensure the successful execution of the Prime Minister's visit.

Minister Narayana Outlines Steps to Simplify Real Estate Regulations and Address Pending Applications

TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Jan 07



Minister Narayana announced key initiatives to streamline real estate regulations in Andhra Pradesh, aiming to boost growth in the sector. Speaking to the media after a grievance special drive at the AP RERA (Real Estate Regulatory Authority) office, the minister assured that the government is simplifying rules to encourage real estate development in the state.

"Builders and developers should cooperate with the government by strictly following the rules," said Minister Narayana. He emphasized that the government's goal is to eliminate delays and ensure the growth of the real estate sector, aligned with the Chief Minister's vision. The Minister also shared plans to issue new building construction rules within the next two days and address all pending RERA and TDR applications by the end of January 2025.

During the special drive, the Minister met with representatives from CREDAI, NAREDCO, builders, and developers, addressing their concerns regarding pending applications. As of now, 167 applications under RERA are awaiting resolution, primarily due to various administrative issues. Narayana stated that a special drive was initiated to expedite these pending cases and clear all applications by the end of the month. He revealed that RERA regulations would soon be simplified, with plans to make permissions for real estate projects available online. In response to challenges faced by builders and the public under the previous government, the Minister assured that building and layout permissions would be streamlined. Regarding the TDR (Transferable Development Rights) bonds, Minister Narayana announced that all pending TDR bonds would be issued by the end of the month. He also noted that the verification process for 822 TDRs is near completion.

Stella Ship Finally Sets Sail for West Africa After 55 Days at Kakinada Port

TPN Correspondent
Kakinada, Jan 07

The Stella ship, which had been stuck at Kakinada Port for nearly 55 days, has finally set sail for Cotonou Port in Benin, West Africa. Kakinada Collector Shan Mohan granted the necessary permission for the ship to depart early on Monday morning.

The 'Stella L' had arrived at Kakinada on November 11, 2024, to load rice. However, during its stay, it was discovered that the ship was carrying 32,415 tons of ration rice, which was a violation of regulations. This issue

came to light when Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan visited the port in November, prompting an immediate order to seize the vessel and conduct an investigation into the illegal loading of ration rice.

Upon further inquiry, it was revealed that approximately 1,320 metric tons of ration rice had been loaded onto the ship. The rice was subsequently moved to warehouses, and the ship was permitted to unload the ration rice. After the cyclone's impact subsided in December, which had delayed the unloading process due to strong winds and rough seas, the ship was

finally cleared to load 12,000 metric tons of regular rice.

With the weather conditions improving and the obstacles cleared, the Kakinada District Collector gave the go-ahead for the Stella ship to resume its journey. The ship is now headed for West Africa, and it is expected to reach its destination in about 26 days.

The Stella ship's departure marks the end of its extended stay at Kakinada Port, which had caused significant delays. The ship, which had been anchored for a total of 55 days, is now on its way to deliver the rice to the port of Cotonou.



“There Will Be No Misfires, Crossfires, or Divorces in this Alliance” - Nara Lokesh

TPN Correspondent
West Godavari Dist, Jan 07

Andhra Pradesh IT and Industries Minister Nara Lokesh firmly declared that the NDA alliance remains strong and intact, dismissing any speculation about its dissolution. Addressing the party cadre during his tour of the West Godavari district, Minister Lokesh emphasized unity and vigilance to counter attempts to disrupt the alliance.

“There will be no misfires, crossfires, or divorces in this alliance,” Lokesh affirmed, accusing Former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy of attempting to destabilize the partnership. He called on party workers to stay vigilant from the booth level to the national level to ensure the alliance’s success in the upcoming elections.

Minister Lokesh also criticized the YSRCP government, claiming that Andhra Pradesh has regressed by a century under Jagan’s rule. He highlighted the state’s current financial deficit of ₹4,000 crore per month and pledged that the alliance would work towards the state’s comprehensive development.

During his visit, Lokesh met Union Minister Srinivas Verma to express condolences over the loss of Verma’s father. Later, while addressing alliance leaders, Lokesh urged coordination and assured support for resolving issues.

He reminded the cadre of the NDA alliance’s 94% success



rate in the 2024 elections, underscoring the importance of collaborative efforts to rebuild Andhra Pradesh. “The Telugu Desam Party stands unconditionally committed to the alliance,” Lokesh said, adding that the central government is prepared to address state concerns on a priority basis.

Minister Lokesh also spoke about the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for India to emerge as a developed nation by 2047. Calling for collective effort, he concluded, “We are here to work for the state and the country, and we will not falter in this mission.”

THE DIALOUGE WAR BETWEEN MLA YARRLAGADDA & MINISTER KOLUSU FOLLOWERS OVER ILLEGAL MINING

TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Jan 07

Tensions escalated between the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders of Gannavaram constituency and those from Nujiveedu constituency following recent allegations made by Nujiveedu TDP leaders against Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao. The Gannavaram TDP leaders expressed their anger, claiming that the accusations were baseless and misunderstood the truth.



The Gannavaram TDP leaders questioned the involvement of former Gannavaram YCP MLA Vamsi’s followers in illegal activities related to quarries in the Nujiveedu area. They pointed out that the quarrying operations in Kanasalapalli and Agiripalli mandals were being carried out illegally under the names of Vamsi’s associates, Kadiyala Satish and Lingamaneni Kishore. They accused these individuals of engaging in illegal mining and diverting quarry lorries from Agiripalli and Musunuru mandals through fake bills.

Minister Parthasarathy’s involvement in releasing quarry lorries seized by revenue officials was also highlighted, with Gannavaram leaders questioning the fairness of these actions. They condemned the political alliance with those they accused of exploiting and filing illegal cases against them in the past.

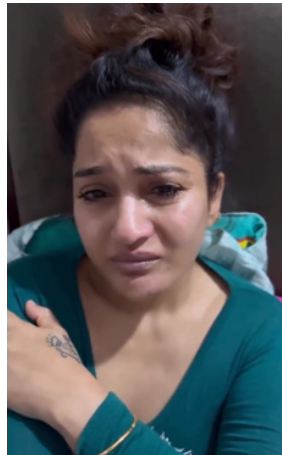
In response, Nujiveedu TDP leaders, including Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy’s supporters, dismissed the allegations. They accused Gannavaram leaders of spreading false news about illegal mining in their constituency. Minister Parthasarathy’s followers insisted that the claims were fabricated and warned that any false news regarding his administration would not be tolerated. They also advised MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao to refrain from making allegations about other constituencies without proof, asserting that the Nujiveedu TDP cadre would remain vigilant against corruption and irregularities in the region.

The disagreement has highlighted ongoing political tensions between the leaders and constituencies, with both sides expressing dissatisfaction with the opposing party’s actions.

Actress Madhaviatha Breaks Down: “My Self-Respect Was Attacked”

TPN Correspondent
Andhra Pradesh, Jan 07

Actress Madhaviatha expressed deep anguish, saying that her self-respect had been gravely attacked. In an emotional statement, she revealed that she has been tirelessly fighting for her party, for women, and for Hinduism, all without any selfish motives or monetary gains.



“I have not taken a single rupee. Yet, I am being subjected to harsh words by certain factions,” Madhaviatha said, her voice choked with emotion. She lamented the baseless criticism directed at her, despite her genuine efforts.

Speaking about her followers and supporters, she said, “There are many well-wishers who follow me on social media. I am deeply sorry for sharing my pain with you, but I needed to speak out.”

The actress’s tearful remarks have drawn widespread attention, with many expressing solidarity and condemning the verbal attacks she has endured. Her statement highlights the challenges faced by public figures, especially women, in navigating political and social activism.

MLA Julakanti Warns of Stern Action: “No Wrongdoer Will Be Spared”

TPN Correspondent
Macherla, Jan 07

MLA Julakanti issued a strong warning against those involved in creating chaos in the Macherla constituency, emphasizing that no individual, regardless of their influence, would escape accountability for their wrongdoings. Addressing the media, Julakanti directly targeted the Pinnelli brothers, accusing them of fostering lawlessness in the constituency through their so-called “leafy rowdies.” He pledged to expose the alleged anarchy they orchestrated and ensure justice for the people of Macherla.



“There is no question of leaving anyone untouched who has created havoc and made a mockery of democracy, whether it was before, during, or after the elections,” he said. Julakanti asserted that strict action would be taken against those who disrupted peace and misused their power to

amass assets. The MLA’s statements underscore his commitment to restoring order and transparency in the constituency. “We will expose the anarchy and take decisive action against all those responsible for destabilizing democracy in Macherla,” he added. Julakanti’s remarks have garnered attention, with many seeing them as a decisive step toward addressing concerns about law and order in the region. The people of Macherla now look to his leadership to uphold his promise of justice and accountability.

Dhulipalla Narendra Slams Ambati Murali Over Illegal Construction Allegations

TPN Correspondent
Ponnur, Jan 07

Ponnur MLA Dhulipalla Narendra once again criticized YSRCP leader Ambati Murali, accusing him of misleading the public regarding permissions for Green Grace Apartments. Speaking to the media on Monday, Dhulipalla revealed that he had written a letter on behalf of Bajrang Urban Infra in July 2023 seeking railway permission for the project. However, the Railway Department denied the NOC, stating that the construction violated regulations.

Dhulipalla highlighted that the Railways had initially granted a NOC for only four floors. Despite this, 15 floors were constructed in violation of the rules, leading to the cancellation of the NOC on May 20, 2023. He alleged that the YSRCP government ignored his letter to municipal authorities regarding these violations. Furthermore, he accused the ruling party of abusing its power to remove the NOC cancellation letter from municipal records.

The MLA alleged that Ambati Murali, who had previously exposed illegal constructions, is now attempting to mislead consumers by falsely claiming that the project has all necessary



permissions. Dhulipalla also accused Murali of using his marketing staff to manipulate the narrative.

Dhulipalla claimed that Ambati Murali obtained a power of attorney for the Eluru Jute Mill on November 2, 2023, after the Railways’ NOC was canceled. He further alleged that construction activities continued illegally, with Murali filing a case against the Railways and including relevant documents in the petition.

Expressing anger, Dhulipalla questioned why the TDP government is being blamed for the NOC cancellation when it occurred during YSRCP’s tenure. He called on authorities to investigate the misuse of power and ensure justice for affected consumers.

Ambati Rambabu Criticizes ‘Game Changer’ Compensation Announcement

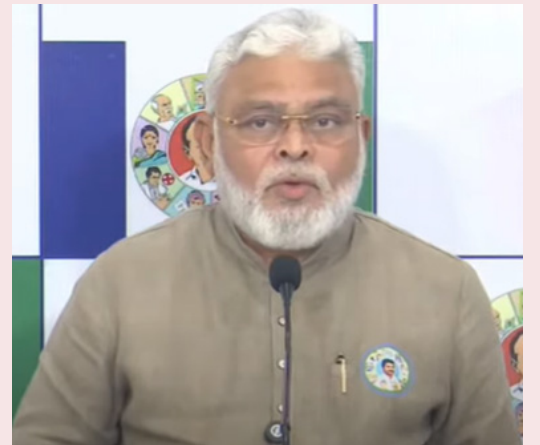
Pushpa Has Morals... Don’t Follow Game Changer!

TPN Correspondent
Andhra Pradesh, Jan 07

YCP senior leader and former minister Ambati Rambabu has taken a dig at AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan and actor Ram Charan over their announcement of financial compensation for the families of two fans who died in a road accident while returning from the pre-release event of Game Changer.

In a tweet, Rambabu indirectly criticized the move, stating, “Pushpa has morals... Don’t follow Game Changer!,” hinting at what he believes to be opportunistic gestures lacking substance.

The tragedy occurred on Saturday when Arava Manikantha (23) and Tokada Charan (22), fans from Gaigolupadu in Kakinada district, lost their lives in a road accident while returning from the event held in Rajahmundry. Expressing their condolences, both Pawan Kalyan and Ram Charan announced financial assistance of ₹10 lakhs each for the victims’ families. Ambati Rambabu’s remarks have stirred political and public debate,



with some supporting the generous gesture by Pawan and Ram Charan, while others question the intent behind such announcements. Rambabu’s tweet reflects the broader political rivalry and underlines the scrutiny faced by public figures when addressing such incidents.

As the issue gains traction, it remains to be seen how fans and political leaders respond to Rambabu’s pointed comments and whether the discussion shifts focus from compensation to fan safety at public events.

Don't You See the Development Happend Under our Governance?

TPN Correspondent
Visakhapatnam, Jan 07

Former minister and YSRCP Visakhapatnam district president Gudivada Amarnath strongly criticized TDP leader Nara Lokesh during a media conference, questioning his claims about developmental projects in Andhra Pradesh.

Amarnath pointed to significant initiatives undertaken by the YSRCP government, including the establishment of a Kidney Research Center in Srikakulam district and the construction of the Moolapet Port. “Don’t you see the development happening under our governance, Nara Lokesh?” he questioned.

He further challenged Lokesh to acknowledge whose administration was responsible for the construction of medical colleges and the progress on the Bhogapuram Airport project. “These projects were undertaken during the YSRCP government, yet you are trying to take credit,” he said. Highlighting the IT sector’s growth, Amarnath noted that it was during the YSRCP’s rule that Infosys set up



operations in the state. He also accused Nara Lokesh of falsely claiming credit for bringing TCS, a project initiated and completed by the YSRCP.

Amarnath’s statements reflect the ongoing political rivalry between the YSRCP and TDP, as both parties seek to assert their contributions to the state’s development ahead of upcoming elections. The media conference served as a platform for the YSRCP leader to reiterate the party’s commitment to infrastructure, healthcare, and technological advancements in Andhra Pradesh.

Minister Durgesh Emphasizes Importance of Book Reading for Personality Development at Vijayawada Book Festival

TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Jan 07
State Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh participated in the 35th Vijayawada Book Festival, held at the Indira Gandhi Stadium from January 2 to 12. Durgesh highlighted the importance of book reading for complete knowledge and personality development during his visit to the book stalls and participation in the Book Lovers' Walk from Siddhartha College to the stadium.



Minister Durgesh stated that books are unparalleled tools for providing a comprehensive understanding of any subject and emphasized their importance in personal growth. "Those who read books thoroughly gain complete knowledge. In every field, individuals who read books excel by better understanding problems and finding solutions," he said. Durgesh acknowledged the decline in book reading habits and called for the organization of Book Festivals in every district of the state to revive interest in reading. He also stressed that under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, the government would focus on language, art, culture, and book de-

velopment. The Minister expressed gratitude for the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, who inaugurated the festival, and recalled the importance of literary tourism. He also urged students to cultivate a passion for reading, suggesting it would enhance their leadership skills and contribute to becoming better citizens. Durgesh also underscored the significance of protecting the Telugu language, saying, "English is for salary, but Telugu is for life." He encouraged everyone to be proud of their mother tongue and protect it. The event was attended by CPI State Secretary Ramakrishna, CPM State Secretary Srinivas, Sahitya Akademi Awardee Penugonda Lakshminarayana, poet K. Srinivas, and others.

Transparency in Ration Dealer Recruitment Under Scrutiny in Vijayawada

TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Jan 07

The recent recruitment process for ration depot dealers in Vijayawada division has raised concerns regarding transparency despite assurances from the coalition government. Minister Nadendra Manohar had assured the public that the selection of ration dealers would be carried out with full transparency, without political interference. However, rumors are circulating that political leaders have influenced the selection of some candidates.



Chappidi Venkata Ramana, Deepthi, Cheruku Nagaraju, G. Hemanth, and others, have been linked to these allegations. Some have questioned why such candidates were included in the selection list

when the recruitment process was supposed to be merit-based. Many of the nearly 1,100 applicants who were not selected are expressing frustration, feeling that they were misled by the lengthy process, which included written exams, certificate verification, and interviews. They argue that the delay and the apparent influence of political figures in the selection process have undermined the hope for a fair and transparent recruitment system under the new coalition government. As the final list of selected candidates is expected to be released tomorrow, all eyes will be on the outcome to determine whether the process truly reflects the coalition government's commitment to transparency. The names of several candidates, including

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BIS Celebrates 78th Foundation Day in Vijayawada



TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Jan 07

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) marked its 78th Foundation Day on Monday, celebrating the theme of "Inspiring Quality." The event took place at Hotel Hyatt Place, Vijayawada, and was graced by Shri G. Veerapandian, IAS, Commissioner of the Civil Supplies Department and Ex-officio Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, as the Chief Guest. In his inaugural address, Shri Veerapandian congratulated BIS for its 77 years of dedicated service to the nation and its continued efforts to promote quality standards across various sectors. He emphasized the importance of quality in driving industrial growth and highlighted BIS's role in quality-sensitization programs for schools, village panchayats, and at the state and district levels. Shri M.A.J. Vinod, Senior Director & Head, BIS, spoke about the organization's commitment to quality. He explained that quality is not just a measure but a way of life that builds trust, fosters progress, and encourag-

es innovation. He further highlighted BIS's partnership with the Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the areas of Standardization and Conformity Assessment, aimed at enhancing research and development in the sector. Shri Vinod stressed the importance of involving academia, start-ups, and incubation centers in formulating new standards and ensuring the development of technology-enabled products and services. This collaboration is expected to support the growth of the technology sector in India. The event also featured an award ceremony for the students of AP IIIT-Nuzvid, who excelled in the BIS-Quest on Indian Standards Competition. The day concluded with a cultural presentation by BIS Standard Club students and a vote of thanks by Shri K. Sai Kaushik, Scientist-D & Joint Director, BIS. The occasion served as a reminder of the enduring importance of quality and standards in the development of industry and the economy.

Strict Action Against Cockfighting Betting: District Collector Warns

TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Jan 07

NTR District Collector, Dr. G. Lakshmi Sha, has issued a stern warning regarding the illegal practice of cockfighting betting, emphasizing that strict action will be taken against those violating the law.



During a meeting held at the Collectorate's Sri Pingali Venkayya Conference Hall on Monday, the Collector discussed measures to prevent cockfighting during the upcoming Sankranti festival. The meeting was attended by officers from various coordination departments. Dr. Lakshmi Sha unveiled posters prepared by the State Animal Husbandry Department to raise awareness about the ban on cockfighting. The Collector highlighted that cockfighting is prohibited under Section-10 of the Andhra Pradesh Gaming Act-1974 and Section-34 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act-1960. She made it clear that organizing or participating in cockfighting or betting is a punishable crime under the law. As per the High Court guidelines, joint inspection teams have been formed at the village, mandal, and district levels to prevent such illegal activities. The village-level team will consist of a Village Revenue Officer (VRO), a police constable, and animal husbandry staff. The mandal-level team will include the Tahsildar, SHO, and the mandal animal husbandry officer. At the district level, the team will comprise the RDO/Sub Collector, DSP/ACP, and

the Deputy Director of the Animal Husbandry Department. These teams will conduct awareness programs with the participation of local public representatives to educate the community on the legal provisions and prevent betting. Collector Lakshmi Sha further instructed officials to remain vigilant at the field level to ensure no betting bars are set up, emphasizing the need for effective coordination and strict surveillance. Additionally, the Collector announced that animal welfare festivals would be organized from January 14 to 31. These festivals will include discussions, competitions, and other events to raise awareness about animal welfare laws. Officers and staff are urged to make the festival a success, with active participation from local schools and communities. The meeting was attended by several officials, including DRO M. Lakshminarasimham, District Animal Husbandry Officer M. Hanumantha Rao, ZP CEO K. Kannamanayudu, DRDA PD K. Srinivasa Rao, DPO P. Lavanya Kumari, and Special Officer of Village and Ward Secretariats P. Jyothi.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Reviews Economic Development through Savings Associations

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Vijayawada, Jan 07

A review meeting was held on Monday by the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation to discuss the economic development of women through savings associations. The meeting, organized by the Victory Town Level Federation, took place at the Ramalingeswara Nagar Community Hall in the 16th Division.



The meeting, chaired by Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyanchandra, was attended by Project Officer Venkatanarayana, RPs, and members of various savings associations. The primary focus of the discussion was how women could be empowered economically and gain employment by utilizing the loans they have taken. Victory Samayya members shared their experiences regarding the loans, savings, and the government's welfare schemes designed to support women in their economic endeavors. The members also discussed strategies for improving financial manage-

ment and maximizing the benefits of the loans provided to them. The meeting saw active participation from key leaders, including Victory Town Level Federation President Gayatri, District Samayya President Meenakshi, and various COs and RPs of savings associations. The group emphasized the importance of empowering women and fostering their financial independence through such initiatives. The meeting concluded with a commitment to strengthen the savings associations and implement further measures to enhance the economic development of women in the region.

Tractor Seized for Illegal Soil Transportation in Mangalagiri

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Tadepalli Municipal Corporation, Navuluru, in a crackdown on illegal activities, Mangalagiri Rural Police seized a tractor on Monday that was transporting soil without authorization. The tractor was found operating under the CRDA limits, an area known for ongoing illegal soil excavation and transportation.



Mangalagiri Rural Sub-Inspector Chirumamilla Venkat revealed that this incident is part of a larger issue in the region, where illegal excavation and transportation of soil have gal operations.

been taking place for some time. In recent weeks, authorities have already seized five tractors and a JCB involved in similar activities. While the tractor was impounded, the driver of the vehicle is currently absconding. The investigation is still ongoing, with authorities working to identify the owner of the JCB used for soil excavation in the area. Authorities have assured that they will continue to monitor the situation and take necessary actions against those involved in such ille-

Cow Beauty and Milk Competitions Impress at Malikipuram, Deva Varaprasad Applauds Efforts

TPN Correspondent, Razole, Jan 07 : The beauty and milk competitions held in Keshanapalli village of Malikipuram mandal received overwhelming appreciation, showcasing cows from the Ongole, Punganur, and Gir breeds from both Telugu states. The event, organized with the support of Adabala Lakshminarayana (Nani), took place at the premises of ZP High School and was

a three-day affair that impressed attendees and participants alike.

MLA Deva Varaprasad, who attended the event, congratulated Nani for his significant contribution to the protection and development of livestock. He praised the decision to hold state-level competitions in a remote village like Keshanapalli, which he said reflected

a commitment to advancing livestock development not only in the state but across the country.

Over 130 cows and goats from various districts, including Prakasam, Bapatla, Guntur, the combined Godavari districts, and even from Telangana, participated in the event. The competition highlighted the importance of livestock and its role

in agriculture and rural development.

At the conclusion of the exhibition, MLA Deva Varaprasad presented cash prizes totaling ₹6.5 lakh and mementos to the winners in various categories. Gopikant acted as the judge for the event, and other notable attendees included AP Mark Fed Director Gundubogula Pedakapu, Delta Water Project Chairman Gubbala Srinivas, and DC



Chairman Pinisetty Bujji. The success of the event marked a significant step towards promoting livestock care and breeding, with leaders advocating for greater support and attention to this vital sector.

Paper Mill Lockout Sparks Protests at Rajahmundry



TPN Correspondent, Rajahmundry, Jan 07 : Andhra Paper Limited in Rajahmundry has been at the center of labor unrest, with workers protesting after the mill management announced a lockout early this morning. The workers, who have been on strike for the past five days, are demanding a revision of their wages, as talks between district officials, ministers, and MLAs have failed to yield a resolution.

The strike, which began on January 2, has seen workers protest against the management's refusal to respond to their wage agreements. Despite discussions over the past few days aimed at resolving the issue, the management has not engaged with the workers' demands, leading to the announcement of the lockout on Monday.

Workers gathered in large numbers at the gates of the paper mill, continuing their protest and calling for the reopening of the facility. The situation has escalated tensions, with unions expressing their dissatisfaction over the management's lack of response.

Local leaders, including district officials and politicians, have been actively involved in attempting to mediate and bring the two parties to the negotiating table, but the ongoing strike and lockout remain unresolved.

Turaka Kishore and Brother Remanded to Jail in Macherla Case

TPN Correspondent, Palnadu, Jan 07 : Former Municipal Chairman Turaka Kishore and his brother Srikanth have been remanded to 14 days in jail after being produced in Macherla court. The police sent them to Guntur district jail under tight security. The case involves their alleged role in burning down the TDP office in Macherla in 2022, among other accusations.

Turaka Kishore, a close ally of former Macherla MLA Pinnelli Ramakrishna Reddy, has faced several charges over the years, including creating chaos in Macherla during the previous YSRCP government's tenure. Despite multiple complaints filed against him and his brother, no action was taken at that time due to their influence. However, following the election results, the investigation was revived.

In December 2022, Turaka Kishore and his supporters reportedly attacked a program organized by TDP in-charge Julakanti Brahma Reddy. This incident escalated into an attack on TDP leaders, looting of homes, and damage to vehicles. The TDP office in Macherla was also set on fire that night. Furthermore, Turaka Kishore was involved in violent activities during the election period, including the attack on TDP agents at polling booths and the assault on senior TDP leaders Buddha Venkanna and Bonda Umalu's vehicle.

Despite evading arrest for several months, Turaka Kishore was eventually located in Hyderabad and arrested by AP police on Sunday. He and his brother Srikanth were brought to Macherla, where they were remanded to judicial custody. Over 10 cases have been registered against the Turaka brothers in connection with these violent incidents.



Tragic Road Accident Near Tirupati: Two Dead, Three Injured

TPN Correspondent, Tirupati, Jan 07 : A tragic road accident occurred at Rangampet, Chandragiri Mandal, when a 108 ambulance vehicle collided with a group of devotees walking to Tirumala for darshan of Lord Srivari. The accident resulted in two deaths and left three others seriously injured.



The victims were part of a group of devotees walking from Ramasamudram Mandal to Tirumala. The deceased have been identified as Pedda Reddamma from

Champanapalli and Lakshamma from Segamvari Palli. According to reports, the accident happened when the vehicle rammed

into the devotees, unable to see the road clearly due to smoke and ice that had accumulated in the area.

The 108 ambulance, which was transporting devotees from Nimmanapalli to Tirupati Ruya Hospital, collided with the group, leading to the unfortunate tragedy. The police promptly arrived at the scene and transported the injured to Tirupati Ruya Hospital for medical treatment. Authorities are investigating the cause of the accident, while local officials expressed condolences and assured assistance to the families of the victims.

Public Issues Resolution Forum Held in Singanamala

TPN Correspondent, Singanamala, Jan 07 : District Collector Vinod Kumar, along with district-level officials, participated in the "Public Issues Resolution Forum" program organized in Singanamala mandal. A large number of local residents attended the forum, presenting their petitions related to various issues, with confidence in the coalition government's ability to address their concerns. The District Collector assured the public that immediate action would be taken to resolve the issues where possible. For other petitions, investigations would be conducted, and efforts would be made to resolve them as swiftly as possible. The Collector emphasized that all petitions would be handled with care and resolved in a timely manner.



In her address, MLA Bandaru Sravani Sri remarked on the previous YSRCP government's reputation, particularly regarding land irregularities. She stated that the YSRCP was notorious for illegally occupying lands belonging to SC and ST communities and even taking over cremation grounds. She also highlighted

that many development programs initiated by the previous Telugu Desam Party leaders were halted during the YSRCP regime.

The forum served as an important platform for the community to raise their issues, with a focus on addressing grievances and ensuring the timely resolution of problems.

Tension at Ongole Collectorate Over SC Classification Opinion Poll



TPN Correspondent, Ongole, Jan 07 : Tension gripped the Collector's Office in Ongole on Monday as the one-member committee headed by Rajiv Ramzan Mishra continued its opinion poll on the issue of SC classification. The committee, set up by the central and state governments following the recent Supreme Court verdict favoring SC classification, has been gathering public opinions across the district since yesterday.

At the Ongole Collectorate, where the opinion poll was being conducted, both the Malas and Madigas, two communities directly affected by the SC classification issue, were present in large numbers to express their views.

The Malas, who are opposed to the clas-

sification, held protests and demonstrated their stance against the move. Meanwhile, the Madigas, who support the division, also arrived in large numbers to voice their opinion in favor of the SC classification.

To ensure peace and prevent any untoward incidents, a significant police force has been deployed at the venue. The opinion poll, which aims to gauge public sentiment on the SC law, has become a focal point of tension as both communities prepare to make their voices heard. Collector Tamim Ansarya and Mishra are overseeing the process, and the outcome of the opinion poll will play a crucial role in shaping future discussions on SC classification in the region.

Bodapati Sivadutt Defends Home Minister Anitha Over Allegations

TPN Correspondent, Payakaraopet, Jan 07 : Bodapati Sivadutt, the State General Secretary of the party and Director of the Civil Supply Corporation, held a media conference at the Nakkapalle Jana Sena Party office where he addressed recent accusations against State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha P.A. Jagadish. Sivadutt strongly defended Anitha, stating that she should not be blamed for the mistakes made by others.

Sivadutt highlighted Anitha's commitment to the development of the Payakaraopet constituency and described her as an honest leader who has worked tirelessly for the region. He emphasized that Anitha was treated with trust and given responsibilities, and he expressed disappointment that she was being blamed for issues she was not responsible for. He mentioned that as soon as it became known that Jagadish had made mistakes, Anitha was swiftly suspended.

Regarding her work, Sivadutt praised Anitha for her role in the development of Payakaraopet and the surrounding region, noting the progress seen in Visakhapatnam. He specifically mentioned the industries, job opportunities, and economic growth that are now reaching Payakaraopet as part of the development initiatives led by Anitha. He also took pride in seeing Prime Minister Narendra Modi lay the foundation stone for the Nakkapalli Bulk Drugs Industry on January 8, calling it a major achievement for the region.

Sivadutt further acknowledged that Anitha played a key role in coordinating with leaders like Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan to secure the establishment of these industries.

Farmers from Chilakaluripet Seek Justice for Rs. 7 Crore Fraud

TPN Correspondent, Palnadu Dist, Jan 07 : A group of farmers from Chilakaluripet, Yaddanapudi, Martur, and Pedanandipadu met with the District Superintendent of Police (SP) Srinivasa Rao in Narasaraopet to seek justice over a case involving a significant financial loss.

The farmers have complained that Gogula Nagaraju, a clerk who worked at the Chilakaluripet cold storage, bought peanuts and sorghum worth Rs. 7 crore from them but subsequently absconded. Despite filing complaints, the farmers claimed that neither the local police nor the ruling party leaders took action to address their grievances.

In response to the complaint, the Chilakaluripet police had registered a case against Nagaraju, but the farmers felt that proper attention was not being given to their case. During their meeting with SP Srinivasa Rao, they urged him to conduct a thorough investigation into the matter and ensure that justice is served. The farmers are hopeful that the Palnadu district police will now give the case the attention it deserves and take appropriate action to bring Nagaraju to justice.

Grameen Bharat Mahotsav: A Vision for Empowering Rural India

Rural India, which is home to approximately 65% of the country's population, is undergoing significant transformations. A recent study by the State Bank of India highlighted a remarkable decline in rural poverty, from 25.7% to 4.86% over the past 12 years. This progress is a testament to the effectiveness of targeted policies, economic empowerment initiatives, and community-driven development. However, challenges remain, and there is still a need for renewed efforts to unlock the full economic potential of rural India through sustainable and inclusive strategies.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inauguration of the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav is a powerful affirmation of the government's commitment to empowering rural India. This event serves as a crucial platform to celebrate grassroots innovations, spotlight women-led entrepreneurship, and promote rural artisanship at a national level. The Mahotsav goes beyond being a mere celebration—it is a strategic initiative designed to catalyze economic growth and foster self-reliance in rural communities. By connecting rural producers to urban markets, these initiatives aim to bridge the rural-urban divide and enhance economic opportunities for rural populations.

One of the key goals of the Mahotsav is to showcase the immense potential of rural India's human capital and local resources. By highlighting the contributions of rural artisans, farmers, and entrepreneurs, the event demonstrates how cultural



pride can be a driving force behind economic growth. It also reinforces the idea that rural development is not just about addressing poverty, but also about tapping into the creativity, skills, and ingenuity of the people in these regions.

Moreover, the Mahotsav encourages community participation, which is essential for achieving sustainable development in rural areas. By involving local communities in the process of change, the initiative ensures that the solutions are grounded in the realities of rural life. This

approach fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility among rural populations, empowering them to take charge of their own development.

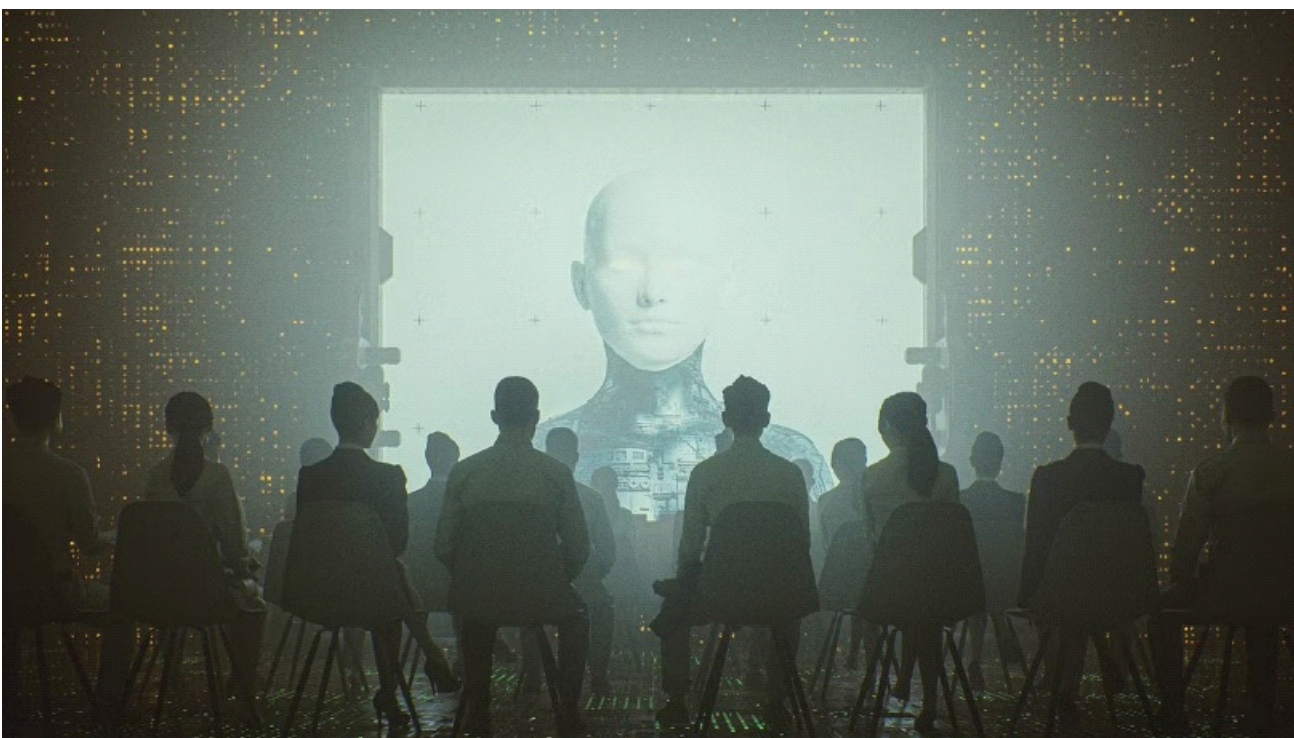
In conclusion, the Grameen Bharat Mahotsav is more than just a celebration of rural India—it is a roadmap for economic empowerment. Through initiatives that connect rural producers with urban markets and foster self-reliance, it aims to unlock the potential of rural India, paving the way for a more inclusive and prosperous future.



Unsafe Food : A Call for Stronger Quality Control

Haryana's food safety system is in dire need of reform, as recent inspections reveal alarming violations of regulations, especially in the dairy sector. Between January and October 2024, the state's Food and Drugs Administration collected 104 milk samples, and over 46 percent failed to meet quality standards. Similarly, 30 percent of milk products such as butter, ghee, paneer, khoya, and ice cream were found to be unsafe, substandard, or misbranded. Additionally, food items like sweets, cereals, pulses, spices, and edible oils have raised serious concerns over their quality and safety. This paints a worrying picture for consumers who, whether shopping at local kirana stores or ordering from apps, unknowingly risk their health by consuming adulterated food. The lack of focus on food safety during elections is a significant issue. While food safety concerns typically rise only after widespread illness or casualties, political leaders seldom make it a priority. Although food safety inspections, raids, fines, and cases are part of the process, these measures often lack lasting impact. Once the immediate attention fades, unscrupulous vendors return to their practices, unchecked. Even during the festive season when food safety concerns are temporarily heightened, such vigilance is rarely maintained throughout the year.

Despite the central government's efforts through the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), which provides financial and technical support to improve the food testing ecosystem, state authorities' commitment to the cause remains questionable. The issue of food safety demands urgent attention. While ensuring that no one goes hungry is crucial, it is equally important to guarantee that no one's health is compromised by consuming unsafe food products. A proactive approach towards food safety is needed, with continuous monitoring and strict enforcement of regulations. Haryana's authorities must prioritize the implementation of quality control measures and make food safety a year-round concern, rather than an occasional one. Consumers deserve to trust the food they buy, and the government must hold businesses accountable to ensure safe, high-quality food for all.



Can God speak To Us Through AI?

At Congregation Emanu El in Houston, members were surprised when the voice delivering the sermon over the speakers sounded just like their Rabbi, Josh Fixler. The familiar cadence and rhythm they were accustomed to soon revealed an unexpected twist: the sermon had been delivered by "Rabbi Bot," an AI chatbot trained on Fixler's past sermons. This innovative experiment in merging technology with spirituality marks a growing trend among religious leaders integrating artificial intelligence into their religious practices.

Fixler, with the help of a data scientist, had designed an AI system capable of writing sermons based on his previous messages and delivering them in a voice that closely mimicked his own. The sermon, which was about the concept of "neighborliness" in the era of AI, was followed by a live interaction, where Fixler asked the bot questions during the service, and it promptly responded with thoughtful answers. While some may find the idea of AI-generated sermons unusual, Fixler views it as an opportunity to blend tradition with technological advancement, exploring how AI can serve a new role within religious communities.

This experiment with AI in religious spaces is not unique to Fixler. More religious leaders are turning to AI tools to assist in their spiritual duties. These

tools range from assistants that aid in theological research to AI-powered chatbots that help craft sermon content. Such developments are paving the way for a new wave of faith-based technology companies.

Historically, technological advancements have revolutionized religious practices, starting with the introduction of the radio in the 1920s, television in the 1950s, and the internet in the 1990s. Today, proponents of AI in religious contexts draw parallels between the rise of AI and the invention of the printing press in the 15th century, which dramatically reshaped religious communication and accessibility. They argue that AI has the potential to similarly transform religious experiences, whether it's by providing on-demand access to spiritual teachings or supporting leaders in their efforts to engage with their communities more effectively.

Despite the exciting potential, the use of AI in religion also raises ethical questions. Some religious leaders question whether a machine-generated sermon can truly convey the depth and spiritual essence of human faith. Yet, as AI continues to evolve, its place in religious practice is becoming increasingly prominent, inviting reflection on how technology can enhance, rather than replace, the deeply human experience of worship.

Ensuring Digital Safety for Minors: A Step Towards Parental Control and Protection



The digital era has dramatically transformed childhood experiences, with social media playing a central role in how young people interact. However, alongside these advantages come significant risks, including cyberbullying, privacy breaches, and online exploitation, which require urgent attention. India's draft rules under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act (2023) mandating parental or guardian consent for minors to use social media platforms represent a crucial step towards protecting children in the digital realm. These regulations align with global efforts to safeguard the privacy and security of young users.

In many parts of the world, similar regulations are already in effect. The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requires parental consent for users under 16, while the United States has the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) that imposes strict rules for users under 13. These laws aim to shield minors from online dangers, including exploitation, cyberbullying, and the invasion of privacy. India's draft regulations reflect these concerns and aim to provide a safer space for children online.

The importance of these protective measures is evident, given the growing risks associated with unchecked social media use. A report reveals that 58% of teenagers worldwide are active daily users of platforms like TikTok, where exposure to harmful content is a significant concern. One example from 2023 highlights how a man used Snapchat to blackmail over 700 women, underscoring the dangers of unregulated platforms. Additionally, the tragic suicide of a UK teenager, prompted by Instagram-fueled bullying, highlights the severe psychological effects of social media on vulnerable users.

India's proposed rules hold social media companies accountable by requiring them to verify parental consent before minors can access their platforms. This ensures that parents and guardians can guide their children's online interactions. To strengthen these regulations further, India could implement AI-powered age verification, organize digital literacy programs, and establish transparent complaint mechanisms. Regular audits, feedback from stakeholders, and ensuring alignment with global standards would improve these safeguards.

By implementing these rules, India joins a global initiative aimed at creating a safer online space for children. In a world where digital engagement is unavoidable, prioritizing the safety and well-being of young users is not only a responsibility but an ethical imperative. Collaboration among parents, educators, and social media platforms is essential for fostering a lasting, positive change in the online landscape.

Time Not Far For First Bullet To Run In India, Says PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday stated that the introduction of India's first bullet train is approaching, highlighting the increasing demand for high-speed trains across the country and the significant transformation the railway sector has undergone under his government. During the launch of several railway projects, including the inauguration of the Jammu division, Modi emphasized the historical changes made to the Indian Railways over the past decade.

In a video address, Modi pointed out that these developments have not only improved India's infrastructure but have also uplifted the nation's image and boosted the confidence of the people. Chief ministers from Telangana, Odisha, and Jammu and Kashmir, along with other dignitaries, participated in the virtual event from their respective states.

The Prime Minister noted that as people strive to reduce travel time for long distances, the demand for high-speed trains has surged. Modi highlighted the ongoing success of the Vande Bharat trains, which have now expanded to more than 50 routes across the country. He also referenced a recent trial run of the Vande Bharat train, which reached a speed of 180 kilometers per hour, underscoring the progress made in the rail sector.



"The time when the first bullet train will run in India is not far," Modi said, signaling a major leap forward for the country's transportation infrastructure. The introduction of bullet trains is expected to further revolutionize travel, offering faster and more efficient connectivity between cities.

The railway sector's development is seen as a key part of Modi's broader vision for modernizing India's infrastructure, with future advancements expected to improve both the efficiency and accessibility of rail services across the country. With over 136 Vande Bharat trains already in operation, India's railway future looks poised for continued growth and innovation.

2 HMPV Cases Confirmed In Karnataka's Bengaluru, No Travel History: Govt

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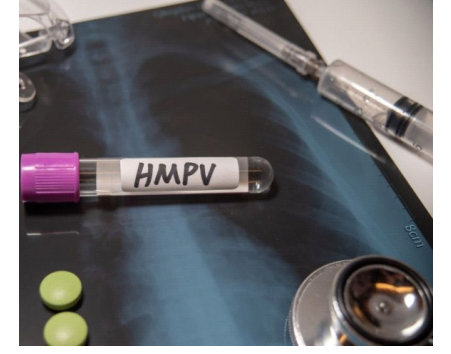
Two infants in Bengaluru, Karnataka, have tested positive for Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV), marking the latest development in routine surveillance for respiratory viral infections in India, according to the Union Health Ministry on Monday. Both cases were detected at Baptist Hospital in the city.

A three-month-old female infant, who had a history of bronchopneumonia, was admitted to the hospital and diagnosed with HMPV. After receiving treatment, she was discharged. Similarly, an eight-month-old male infant, also with a history of bronchopneumonia, tested positive for HMPV on January 3. The infant is currently recovering, the ministry added.

It is significant to note that neither of the two infants had any international travel history, which is relevant as HMPV is already circulating globally, including in India. The Health Ministry emphasized that cases of respiratory illnesses related to the virus have been observed in various countries, including India, and it is actively monitoring the situation through its surveillance channels.

According to data from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), there has not been any unusual surge in influenza-like illness (ILI) or Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) cases in the country. This reassures authorities that, for now, there is no need for heightened concern.

The Ministry assured that it is keeping a close watch on HMPV trends, with ICMR continuing to track its circulation throughout the year. It also stated that the World Health Organization (WHO) is providing updates on the situation in China to inform India's response efforts. In addition, a recent preparedness drill across the country has confirmed that India is well-equipped to handle any potential increase in respiratory illnesses. Public health interventions can be deployed promptly if necessary, further strengthening the country's ability to manage health threats, the ministry stated.



CM Atishi Alleges Voter Scam In New Delhi constituency



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Delhi Chief Minister Atishi on Monday accused the Election Commission of not investigating a "voter scam" in the New Delhi constituency, where AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal is set to contest the upcoming assembly elections. At a press conference, Atishi raised concerns about significant discrepancies in the voter list, alleging that 10 percent of new voters had been added to the electoral roll, while 5.5 percent of voters had been deleted in the past few days.

Atishi questioned the role of the Election Commission, calling their actions "suspicious" due to their failure to investigate the issue. She revealed that she had written a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner, seeking clarification and requesting time to address the matter.

During the press conference, senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders, including Rajya Sabha MPs Raghav Chadha and Sanjay Singh, voiced similar concerns, backing Atishi's claims. Sanjay Singh highlighted that an application was filed to remove the name of his wife, Anita Singh, from the electoral roll, further amplifying the allegations of voter deletions.

The controversy over voter deletions has intensified as the Delhi Assembly elections approach, with voting scheduled for February. AAP, aiming for a third consecutive term, won 62 out of 70 seats in the previous election, and the party is keen to ensure transparency and fairness in the upcoming polls.

This issue prompted AAP leaders, including Arvind Kejriwal, to meet with the Election Commission on December 11 to discuss concerns regarding mass voter deletions.

Indian Fishermen Released From Bangladesh Beaten Up In Jail: Mamata Banerjee



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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday raised serious concerns after some of the 95 Indian fishermen recently released by Bangladesh were reportedly beaten while in jail. Banerjee alleged that the fishermen, who were detained for inadvertently crossing into Bangladeshi waters, had been assaulted while their hands were tied, resulting in injuries to their lower bodies and legs.

The fishermen, who had been arrested in October and November last year, were released earlier this week. Mamata Banerjee met them in Sagar Island and described them as "victims of circumstances," emphasizing that their incursion into Bangladesh's maritime boundary was unintentional. "I found some of them were limping, and when I asked, they told me they were assaulted in jail. They were crying while telling me their ordeal," she said.

During the meeting, Banerjee directed district authorities to provide medical care to the fishermen and handed out Rs 10,000 each to them as financial aid to help them restart their lives. Additionally, she presented a cheque for Rs 2 lakh to the family of a fisherman who died after jumping into the water to avoid arrest.



Tamil Nadu Governor Walks Out Of Assembly, Says National Anthem Insulted

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Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi created a stir on Monday by refusing to deliver his customary address to the Assembly and walking out in protest over the omission of the National Anthem at the beginning of the address. Traditionally, the state anthem Tamil Thai Valthu is sung at the beginning of the Assembly session, followed by the National Anthem at the end. However, the Governor insisted that the National Anthem be sung both at the start and the end of the address.

In a statement released by the Raj Bhavan, the Governor expressed his discontent, stating that the Constitution and the National Anthem were insulted in the Assembly. It highlighted that respecting the National Anthem is a fundamental duty under the Constitution of India, which should be followed in all state legislatures. The Raj Bhavan further stated that the Governor had respectfully reminded the House about the constitutional duty but was met with refusal from the Chief Minister and Speaker to sing the National Anthem.

The Governor, in deep frustration, left the House, deeming it inappropriate to be part of what he described as disrespect towards the Constitution. Chief Minister MK Stalin quickly responded, criticizing the Governor's actions as "childish" and accusing him of continually violating the Assembly's tradition. Stalin pointed out that it is customary for the Governor to deliver the government's address at the beginning of each year, and that Ravi had previously made changes to the speech, skipping important passages.

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



TPN Correspondent
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Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin strongly criticized State Governor R.N. Ravi on Monday for walking out of the Assembly without delivering his customary address. Stalin condemned the Governor's actions as "childish" and accused him of continuously insulting the people of the state.

Addressing the media, Stalin questioned why Ravi remained in the gubernatorial position if he was unwilling to perform his constitutional duties. He pointed out that the Governor had previously skipped parts of his address and added others, which deviated from the tradition of delivering the government's official speech. This year, Governor Ravi's decision to leave the House without reading the address was described by Stalin as "childish" in a post on social media platform 'X'.

Stalin emphasized that it is a long-standing democratic tradition for the Governor to read out the government's address at the beginning of the Assembly session. However, Ravi had made a habit of deviating from this norm, Stalin noted. The Chief Minister further expressed concern over Ravi's approach, alleging that it undermined the dignity of the Assembly and the democratic process.

This ongoing tension between the Tamil Nadu government and Governor Ravi has become a point of contention, with Ravi facing accusations of overstepping his role and acting in a partisan manner. The dispute has also sparked debate over the role of Governors in state governance and the adherence to constitutional norms.

The Tamil Nadu CM's remarks come amid a backdrop of strained relations between the Governor's office and the state government, with several instances of friction over policy matters and speeches. As the state gears up for future legislative sessions, the conflict between the two sides continues to dominate political discourse in Tamil Nadu.

Pakistan Court Postpones Verdict in 190 Million Pounds Al-Qadir Case Against Imran Khan

A Pakistan court has postponed the verdict in the 190 million pounds Al-Qadir Trust corruption case involving former Prime Minister Imran Khan and his wife, Bushra Bibi, until January 13. Judge Nasir Javed Rana of the anti-corruption court had initially completed the hearings on December 18 but reserved the judgment until December 23. The court staff confirmed that the decision would now be announced on January 13 due to Judge Rana's leave on Monday.



The case, filed by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in December 2023, accuses Khan, his wife, and six others of causing a financial loss of approximately 190 million pounds (about 50 billion Pakistani rupees) to the national treasury. However, Khan and Bibi have been prosecuted while others implicated in the case, including a property tycoon, are reportedly outside Pakistan.

The charges center on allegations that the funds, returned to Pakistan by the UK's National Crime Agency as part of a settlement with a property tycoon, were misused. The funds, which were intended for the national treasury, are believed to have been diverted for the personal benefit of the businessman who assisted Bibi and Khan in establishing a university. Bibi, as a trustee of the Al-Qadir Trust, is accused of using this settlement to acquire 458 kanals of land for the Al-Qadir University in Jhelum.

This case comes amidst ongoing political negotiations between the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, led by Khan, and the government to address the political instability resulting from the former prime minister's imprisonment, along with the detention of other PTI leaders. Two rounds of talks have already taken place, with another scheduled for this week.

The postponement of the verdict comes at a crucial time as political and legal tensions continue to rise in Pakistan. The final decision in this high-profile case will likely have significant implications for both the legal landscape and the political climate in the country.



180 Million People Denied Voting Right: Bangladesh CEC

Bangladesh's Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin revealed on Sunday that nearly 180 million people in the country have been denied their right to vote. He emphasized that the Election Commission (EC) is committed to ending this deprivation and ensuring that these individuals can participate in the democratic process.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of a training program for election officers, the CEC stated that the EC's goal is to remove the longstanding issue of voting rights denial. "We want to remove the pain of their deprivation. We are

steadfast in our commitment," he declared.

The EC has taken steps to address this issue by launching a nationwide door-to-door data collection exercise to update the voter list. This process will begin on January 20, and it is designed to ensure that all eligible citizens are included in the updated voter registry. The initiative is part of a larger effort to make the electoral system more inclusive and to give voice to the millions who have been unable to vote in the past.

The CEC's statement underlines

the urgency of the task, highlighting that a significant portion of the population has suffered from the lack of access to their voting rights. The EC is hopeful that by improving the voter list and engaging with communities directly, it will be able to address this issue and restore the rights of those who have been marginalized in the electoral process.

The upcoming voter list update is seen as a crucial step toward ensuring free, fair, and inclusive elections in Bangladesh, and the EC is determined to rectify the deprivation of voting rights for millions of citizens.

Bangladesh Court Issues Second Arrest Warrant for Former PM Sheikh Hasina

A court in Bangladesh has issued a second arrest warrant for former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, accusing her of enforced disappearances during her rule. The new arrest warrant was issued alongside charges of crimes against humanity, which had already been filed against Hasina earlier. The warrant, announced by Tajul Islam, the chief prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT), also includes charges against 11 other individuals, including Hasina's military adviser, military personnel, and law enforcement officials.

Islam emphasized the court's intention to proceed with the trial without compromising due process. "We want to ensure the trial concludes as soon as possible, but that doesn't mean we will break the law or impose a verdict without due process," he stated.

The allegations against Hasina stem from accusations that more than 500 people were abducted by security forces during her time in office. Many of these individuals were allegedly held in secret detention for years, with their stories of mistreatment emerging after her ouster. Since Hasina's removal from power, several victims have come forward, sharing their harrow-

ing accounts of enforced disappearances.

Hasina, who fled to India in August 2024 following a student-led revolution that forced her out of office, has faced increasing legal pressure. In December of the same year, Bangladesh requested India to extradite her to face trial, but the Indian government has not responded to the request.

The unrest that led to Hasina's ouster also involved a brutal crackdown by security forces, resulting in the deaths of more than 700 people during protests over government job quotas. Dozens of Hasina's allies have been arrested, facing accusations of involvement in the crackdown.

In October 2024, a special court had already issued arrest warrants for Hasina and 45 others, holding them responsible for crimes during the student-led uprising. Prosecutors have indicated that they may seek international help, including assistance from Interpol, to bring Hasina back to Bangladesh to face trial.

The Yunus-led interim government has pledged to investigate the alleged crimes committed by Hasina's administration during the uprising and has invited the United Nations to assist in the inquiry.

Canadian PM Trudeau Poised to Step Down as Leader of Canada's Liberal Party

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is increasingly likely to announce his resignation as leader of the Liberal Party, according to a source familiar with his thinking. The source, speaking to Reuters on Sunday, indicated that while Trudeau has not yet made a final decision, he is expected to confirm his departure soon. This follows reports from the Globe and Mail, which suggested that Trudeau might announce his resignation as early as Monday after nearly nine years in office.

The source, who requested anonymity, said they were not authorized to speak publicly, but confirmed the growing likelihood of Trudeau stepping down. His resignation would create a leadership vacuum within the Liberal Party at a critical time, as opinion polls indicate the party is poised to suffer a significant defeat at the hands of the opposition Conservatives in the next federal election, which must be held by late October.

While it remains unclear exact-



ly when Trudeau will make his formal announcement, sources close to the matter said they expect him to do so before an emergency meeting of Liberal legislators scheduled for Wednesday. Trudeau's potential resignation marks the end of an era for the party, which has been under his leadership since 2015.

Trudeau's tenure has been marked by both significant achievements and controversies, including the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and various ethical challenges. The decision to step down, should it be confirmed, could reshape the political landscape in Canada, leaving the Liberal Party with the challenge of finding a new leader ahead of the upcoming election.

Biden Calls for Memory of Capitol Attack, Promises No Repeat

President Joe Biden is stressing the importance of remembering the January 6 Capitol attack, calling it an "unrelenting effort" to downplay the events of that day. Writing in an opinion piece for The Washington Post, Biden recalled how a mob of Donald Trump supporters stormed the Capitol in an attempt to overturn the 2020 election results. He highlighted the resilience of democracy, noting that the U.S. "withstood this assault" and vowed that such an attack would not happen again.

Biden emphasized the significance of the peaceful transition of power, with Congress set to convene on Monday for the certification of Trump's 2024 election loss. This marks a return to a

tradition of certifying elections without incident, a stark contrast to the violence and chaos of January 6. Despite Trump's continued denial of his 2020 defeat and his musings about extending his presidential tenure, Biden remains confident in the stability of the upcoming transition.

Biden's opinion piece did not name Trump directly but referenced the ongoing attempts to "rewrite — even erase — the history" of the Capitol siege. He stressed that the events of January 6, 2021, must not be forgotten. He called on Americans to remember the day as a moment when democracy was tested and prevailed, adding that democracy, even in America, is never guaranteed.

In his earlier remarks at the White House, Biden also reaffirmed that the history of January 6 "should not be rewritten." He vowed to continue to ensure that the attack is remembered for its significance in the fight to preserve democratic values.

Throughout 2024, Biden has made it a point to warn voters about the threats posed by Trump to the nation's democratic fabric. Recently, Biden honored Liz Cheney and Bennie Thompson, leaders of the congressional investigation into the Capitol riot, with the Presidential Citizens Medal for their efforts to uncover the truth behind the attack.



Domestic stock markets were bloodied on Monday.

Investors' eyes were filled with blood. Along with negative signals from global markets, the Chinese virus HMPV led to negative sentiment. On the other hand, the figures coming out on the profitability of banks did not meet expectations. Due to this, investors sold every stock they could find. As a result, the Sensex fell by 1200 points and the Nifty by 400 points and finally recovered a little. All sectoral indices fell. There is a chance of some recovery only if the uncertainty is removed. The BSE Sensex, which closed at 79,223 in the previous session, started at 79,281 today. It touched an intraday low at 77,781. It reached an intraday high at 79,532. Finally, it closed at 77,964 with a loss of 1258 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,045 on Monday, touched a low of 23,551 and a high of 24,089. It closed at 23,616, down 388 points. The Bank Nifty fell 1,066 points to settle at 49,922. In the Nifty50, 7 companies gained while 43 lost. Apollo Hospitals, Tata Consumer, Titan, HCH Health Tech, and ICICI Bank were the top gainers. Tata Steel, Trent, BPCL, NTPC, and Adani Enterprises were the biggest losers. All sectoral indices were mixed today. Metal, PSU Bank, Private Bank, Auto, Media, Realty, and Oil and Gas indices rose the most. Market breadth in the NSE turned completely in favor of sellers. Out of a total of 2951 stocks traded, only 413 gained. 2473 lost. Fear Index India Vicks rose 15.8% to 15.58 today. Investors can buy shares of Ajanta Pharma, Godrej Consumer Products, Apollo Hospitals, Jubilant Foods and KIMS in the short term. The rupee weakened by 4 paise to settle at 85.82 against the dollar. Utkarsh Small Finance Bank's total deposits rose 33.5% to Rs 20,172 crore. Goldman Sachs has given a buy rating to Godrej Consumer Products with a target price of Rs 1370. Bandhan Bank, IRCTC and Yes Bank also touched 52-week lows in the losing market. Nuama has given a buy rating to SBI Cards, raising its target price from Rs.620



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to Rs.850. Kotak Mahindra Bank has been given a buy rating with a target price of Rs.2170. Jefferies has given a buy rating to Bandhan Bank with a target price of Rs.210. Rama Phosphates has received shareholder approval for share split. Andhra Papers workers have given a strike notice at their Rajahmundry unit.

1. Ajanta Pharma

Ajanta Pharma is a leading specialty pharmaceutical company with a strong presence in India and emerging markets. The company focuses on branded generics and has a diverse portfolio across therapeutic areas like cardiology, dermatology, ophthalmology, and pain management. Strong R&D focus (6-7% of revenue spent on R&D). Growing presence in the US and Africa markets. Launching complex generics and specialty products. Suitable for long-term investors looking for exposure to the pharmaceutical sector.



2. Godrej Consumer Products (Godrej CP)

Godrej Consumer Products is a leading player in the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector, with a strong presence in home care, personal care, and hair care segments across India, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Expanding portfolio in premium products. Strong brand recognition and distribution network. Focus on sustainability and innovation. Suitable for defensive investors seeking stability and steady returns in the FMCG space.



3. Apollo Hospitals (ApolloHosp)

Apollo Hospitals is India's largest healthcare service provider with a strong presence in hospitals, pharmacies, and diagnostics. The

company operates over 70 hospitals and has a vast network of pharmacies across the country. Increasing healthcare awareness and demand for quality services. Expansion of digital healthcare services (Apollo 24/7). Rising demand for pharmacy and diagnostic services Suitable for long-term investors looking for exposure to the growing healthcare sector.



4. Jubilant FoodWorks (JublFood)

Jubilant FoodWorks is the master franchisee for Domino's Pizza and Dunkin' Donuts in India. It has a dominant market share in the QSR space, with an extensive store network across the country. Rapid store expansion in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. Increasing focus on digital orders and home delivery. Diversifying portfolio with new brands like Popeyes. Suitable for investors seeking growth in the QSR sector with a focus on digital transformation.

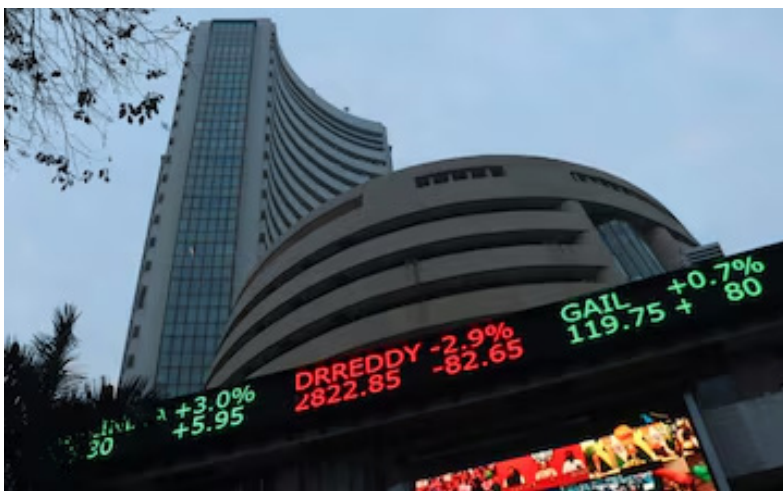


5. Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS)

KIMS is one of the largest healthcare providers in South India, with a strong presence in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. It operates multi-specialty hospitals with a focus on affordable healthcare services. Expansion into tier-2 and tier-3 cities. Increasing demand for affordable healthcare services. Focus on cardiology, oncology, and nephrology specialties. Suitable for long-term investors betting on the growth of healthcare services in India.



Sensex Drops 1,258 Points, Nifty Falls Below 24,000 Amid Widespread Selling



Indian benchmark indices, BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty50, ended the first trading session of the week on a negative note, slipping over 1% due to broad-based selling across sectors. The 30-share Sensex saw a significant decline of 1,258.12 points, or 1.59%, closing at 77,964.99. The index ranged between 79,532.67 and 77,781.62 throughout the day. The NSE Nifty50 also fell by 388.70 points, or 1.62%, to close at 23,616.05, hitting a low of 23,551.90 and a high of 24,089.95.

Most Nifty50 stocks ended in the red, with 43 out of 50 showing losses. Tata Steel, BPCL, NTPC, and Adani Enterprises were among the major decliners, with losses of up to 4.60%. In contrast, a few stocks managed to remain in the green, including Apollo Hospitals, Tata Consumer Products, Titan Company, HCL Tech, and ICICI Bank, which posted gains of up to 1.94%.

The broader market indices also faced heavy losses, with Nifty Smallcap100 and Nifty Midcap100 falling by 2.70% and 3.20%, respectively. The

Nifty PSU Bank index was hit the hardest, plunging 4%, primarily driven by declines in Union Bank of India and Bank of Baroda.

Market analysts, including Santosh Meena, Head of Research at Swastika Investment, attributed the sharp sell-off to rising Foreign Institutional Investor (FII) selling and apprehensions surrounding the upcoming Q3 earnings season. Concerns over the new HMPV virus also contributed to the bearish sentiment, leading to renewed selling pressure after a recent rally. Despite this, Meena pointed out that the Nifty and Bank Nifty are approaching crucial support levels, which could provide some respite to the bulls.

Global cues were also mixed, with Asian markets showing cautious movement. Investors are bracing for a week of significant economic data, including the December payrolls report in the U.S., which could further influence market sentiment and expectations for future interest rate decisions by the Federal Reserve.

FM Nirmala Sitharaman Engages Trade Unions for Union Budget 2025

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, led the eighth Pre-Budget Consultation meeting on Monday with key stakeholders, including representatives from trade unions, as part of preparations for the Union Budget 2025-26. The session, which is part of the government's annual consultation process, aimed to gather inputs from various sectors to inform the shaping of policies and the effective allocation of resources for the upcoming fiscal year.



The discussions during the meeting primarily focused on understanding the viewpoints and concerns of trade unions regarding the forthcoming budget. These consultations provide an important platform for the government to hear the perspectives of various groups, ensuring that the budget addresses their needs and concerns while promoting inclusive economic

growth. The Ministry of Finance took to social media to announce the meeting, emphasizing the importance of including trade unions in the dialogue. The engagement with trade unions is essential to understanding the challenges faced by workers and to ensure that the budget can help im-

prove their working conditions and social welfare.

This meeting is part of a broader series of consultations that will continue to involve other stakeholders such as industry experts, business leaders, and economists. These consultations help the Ministry of Finance gain a well-rounded view of the economic landscape, enabling policymakers to formulate strategies that cater to diverse sectors.

Through these interactions, the government seeks to create a budget that not only reflects the aspirations of all sections of society but also drives sustainable growth. The final Union Budget 2025-26 will be a comprehensive plan that addresses the needs of both the industry and the workforce, aiming for an equitable and prosperous future for the country.



Oil prices saw a decline on Monday, influenced by a robust U.S. dollar ahead of significant economic data from the U.S. Federal Reserve and upcoming payroll reports later this week.

By 0800 GMT, Brent crude futures had dropped by 28 cents, or 0.4%, to \$76.23 a barrel, after reaching its highest settlement since October 14 last Friday. Similarly, U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude fell 27 cents, or 0.4%, to \$73.69 a barrel, after closing at its highest level since October 11.

This decline comes after oil had posted gains over the previous five sessions, driven by optimism surrounding increas-

Oil Prices Dip Amid Strong Dollar and Awaited U.S. Economic Data

ing demand due to colder weather in the Northern Hemisphere and hopes of fiscal stimulus from China aimed at reviving its struggling economy.

However, market attention has shifted towards the strength of the U.S. dollar. Priyanka Sachdeva, a senior market analyst at Phillip Nova, pointed out that a stronger dollar is making oil more expensive for buyers holding other currencies. The dollar hovered near a two-year high on Monday, which impacted the commodity markets. A stronger dollar typically makes dollar-priced assets, including oil, more costly for holders of other currencies, thus influencing global demand.

Investors are also closely monitoring upcoming economic data for insights into the U.S. Federal Reserve's stance on interest rates and potential impacts on energy consumption. The minutes from the Fed's last meeting, scheduled for release on Wednesday, and the highly anticipated U.S. payrolls report, due on Friday, are expected to provide crucial information on the future direction of U.S. economic pol-

icy. In related news, Saudi Aramco, the world's leading oil exporter, raised crude prices for its Asian buyers in February. This marks the first price hike in three months, indicating the kingdom's confidence in sustained demand.

Looking ahead, there are growing concerns over potential disruptions to oil shipments from Iran and Russia. The possibility of stronger sanctions against these two major oil producers has become a key focus. The Biden administration is reportedly planning to impose new sanctions on Russia in response to its ongoing war in Ukraine. These measures may target Russian oil revenues, including actions against tankers transporting Russian crude, potentially affecting global supply dynamics.

As the market continues to navigate these uncertainties, oil prices are expected to remain volatile, influenced by a combination of geopolitical factors and economic data.

Can God Speak to Us Through AI: Experiment with Chatbots and Technology in Worship

Rabbi Josh Fixler's congregation at Congregation Emanu El in Houston experienced something unique during a recent service. A voice over the speakers, which sounded eerily like the rabbi's own, delivered a sermon about being a neighbor in the age of artificial intelligence. This voice, however, was not Rabbi Fixler's, but rather a creation of AI – an advanced chatbot trained on his previous sermons. The chatbot, dubbed "Rabbi Bot," even responded to questions posed by Fixler during the service.



Rabbi Fixler is part of a growing trend of religious leaders experimenting with AI to assist in their work. This wave has sparked an entire industry of faith-based tech companies, offering AI-driven tools for religious tasks. These include assistants for theological research, sermon-writing chatbots, and real-time translation of sermons for global audiences.

For centuries, technology has transformed the way people worship – from the radio in the 1920s to television broadcasts in the 1950s and the internet in the 1990s. Some religious leaders see AI as a similarly transformative tool, drawing comparisons to the printing press of the 15th century, which revolutionized the distribution of religious texts.

AI tools are being used for practical purposes, such as live-streaming translations of ser-

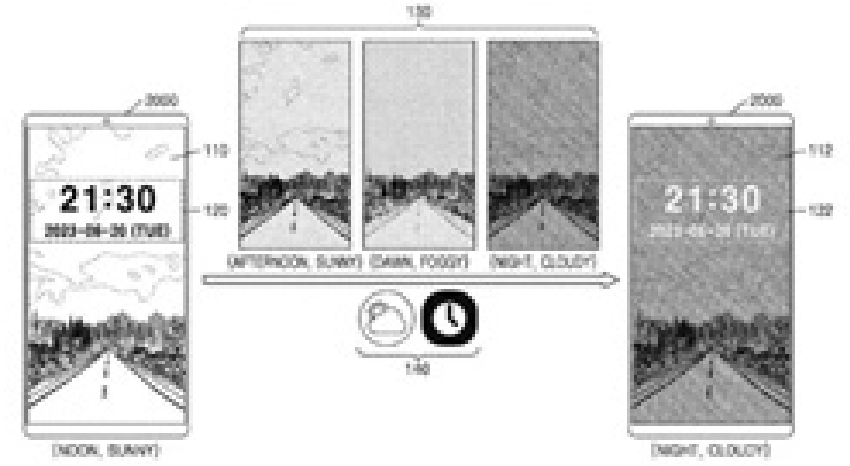
mons and offering instant access to Scripture excerpts. However, the ethical implications of using AI for religious duties like sermon writing have sparked debates. While AI's role in research and marketing is widely accepted, some argue that delegating sermon writing to a chatbot is going too far.

Jay Cooper, a pastor in Austin, Texas, conducted an experiment in 2023 by using OpenAI's ChatGPT to generate an entire church service. The AI-created service, which included a sermon, a children's program, and even a song, drew curious attendees. One of the most popular creations was a four-verse song written by ChatGPT, which explored the theme of truth in a world where AI can blur the lines of reality.

As AI continues to evolve, religious leaders are grappling with how to best incorporate it into their ministries, balancing its benefits with the ethical concerns it raises.

Samsung Wins Patent for AI-Powered Wallpaper Feature Based on Time of Day, Weather

Samsung may soon introduce an innovative feature for its devices that dynamically alters the wallpaper according to real-time weather information, a new patent reveals. The patent, granted by the US Patent and Trademark Office on January 2, suggests the feature will use generative artificial intelligence (AI) to customize wallpapers based on various weather conditions and the time of day.



The feature is designed to modify an existing wallpaper by incorporating weather-related elements such as fog, rain, snow, or sunshine. The wallpaper will change to reflect the current weather conditions and time of day, providing a more immersive and relevant user experience. For example, if it's a sunny day, the wallpaper might show clear skies, while a rainy day could trigger visuals of rainfall in the background.

In addition to altering the wallpaper, the AI-powered system may overlay weather-related information on the user interface (UI), offering notifications like "carry an umbrella" in the event of weather changes. This could be particularly useful for users who want to stay informed about the weather without having to check an external source.

The patent outlines a process in which the sys-

tem uses several elements: an original image (the wallpaper), a pre-defined prompt based on the time of day and weather data, and UI context information. The system then inputs these elements into the generative AI model, which produces a modified image suited to the current weather conditions. The result is a unique and context-aware wallpaper that updates dynamically as the weather changes throughout the day.

This technology could lead to more personalized and adaptive devices, providing users with a truly interactive and engaging experience. By utilizing AI to make these updates in real-time, Samsung could revolutionize the way we interact with our smartphones, making them more responsive to our environment. Whether you're navigating a snowstorm or basking in the sun, your device's wallpaper will reflect your surroundings, creating a seamless blend of technology and nature.

Why Eating Vegan Is Healthier And More Delicious Than You Think



In recent years, the popularity of plant-based eating has surged in India, with veganism evolving from a global trend into a homegrown movement. Driven by health, environmental, and ethical concerns, many Indians are embracing vegan diets that incorporate traditional foods and recipes, proving that eating plant-based can be both healthier and tastier than expected.

India's rich culinary diversity is a treasure trove of vegan-friendly dishes. From comforting staples like dal-chawal, upma, and chole to regional specialties such as kadala curry and pithla, many beloved Indian dishes are already naturally vegan or easy to adapt. The rise of plant-based eating has simply highlighted these familiar, comforting meals, which are not only affordable but also nourishing for the body and planet. These dishes are also a hit with families, offering a delicious and accessible way to incorporate more plant-based meals into everyday life.

What sets the Indian vegan movement apart is its emphasis on locally sourced, seasonal ingredients. With growing

awareness about sustainability, many people are turning to farmer-friendly and low-carbon foods. Millets and lentils, which have long been staples in Indian cuisine, are experiencing a resurgence as protein-rich, plant-based alternatives. Other ingredients, such as oats and quinoa, are being seamlessly incorporated into traditional recipes like masala oats and quinoa khichdi, making plant-based eating both exciting and diverse.

The increased access to modern, health-conscious ingredients means that those on a vegan diet are spoiled for choice when it comes to protein-packed options. Additionally, the emphasis on whole foods ensures that vegan meals are nutrient-dense, providing essential vitamins, minerals, and fiber.

Eating vegan the Indian way is more than just a trend—it's a return to tradition, a celebration of flavors, and a way to improve health while caring for the environment. Whether through regional variations or family recipes, India's plant-based cuisine is proving to be a tasty, sustainable, and nutritious choice for all.

Rare Bluefin Tuna Fish Sold for 11 Crores in Tokyo

In a stunning display of rarity and value, a Bluefin Tuna fish was recently sold for a whopping 11 crores in Tokyo, Japan. The rare fish, weighing 276 kg, made headlines worldwide as its sale price captivated the attention of both fish enthusiasts and the general public alike.



The prized Bluefin Tuna was purchased by a sushi restaurant owned by the Onera company, adding to the ongoing fascination with high-value seafood in Japan. The belief surrounding this fish goes beyond its size and quality, as many in Japan consider it to be a symbol of prosperity. The Japanese culture holds that acquiring such a rare tuna at the beginning of the New Year brings good fortune and financial gain, which is why it is regarded as a lucky charm by

many.

This particular transaction has sparked considerable curiosity, with many questioning whether such a large sum of money is worth spending on a fish. However, the tradition and cultural significance associated with Bluefin Tuna have led to its reputation as a valuable asset in Japan's culinary

world.

Interestingly, this isn't the first time a Bluefin Tuna has fetched such a high price. Back in 2019, a similar fish was sold for an even higher amount—18 crores. Despite fluctuations in the market, the Bluefin Tuna remains a highly sought-after commodity due to its rarity, quality, and cultural importance.

As the world watches in awe at the sale of this exceptional fish, it serves as a reminder of how tradition, culture, and luxury can intersect in unexpected ways. Whether it's for the sake of good luck or simply for the pursuit of gastronomic excellence, the Bluefin Tuna continues to be one of the most coveted and expensive fish in the world.

X User Slams "Bad Behaviour" Of North Indian Tourists In Vietnam, Triggers Debate

Podcaster Ravi Handa has ignited a heated conversation after revealing his decision to celebrate the New Year in Vietnam instead of Goa. In a candid post on X, Handa expressed his frustration with the behavior of certain North Indian tourists, which he found disruptive and inconsiderate, both in Goa and abroad.

Handa shared multiple personal experiences that led to his choice, including an incident on a train in Vietnam. He recounted how a group of Indian passengers loudly chanted "Bharat Mata ki Jai" after noticing other Indian travelers, making the atmosphere uncomfortable for everyone around. He also mentioned instances of rude behavior, such as tourists cutting in line at various locations. One notable incident took place at a cable car station, where a tourist ignored the queue and claimed, "Hum logon ke pass special pass hai" (We have a special pass). Handa chose not to escalate the situation to avoid unnecessary conflict.

The podcaster explained in his post that his decision to avoid Goa was not driven by the usual tourist buzz but rather his discomfort with the behavior of some North Indian visitors. "Goa has too many North Indian tourists and they ruin the experience," he wrote, emphasizing that his experiences in both Goa and abroad led him to choose a quieter, more respectful environment like Vietnam for his New Year break.



In his post, Handa also highlighted the prevalence of queue-jumping and disrespectful behavior he witnessed, noting that, in his observations, it was exclusively North Indian tourists involved in such actions. While he acknowledged that Vietnam was not entirely free of such behavior, he pointed out that the issue was notably more pervasive among the Indian tourists he encountered.

His comments have sparked a mix of responses, with many agreeing with his observations and others defending the behavior of Indian tourists. Regardless of the debate, Handa's reflections have opened up a wider conversation about the impact of certain behaviors on the travel experience and the importance of cultural respect when traveling abroad.

West Indies Cricket Team Arrives in Pakistan for First Test Series in 18 Years

The West Indies cricket team has arrived in Islamabad for their much-anticipated Test series against Pakistan, marking their first visit to the country for a Test series in 18 years. The team landed on Monday and will prepare for the upcoming matches, which will be a significant milestone in both teams' cricket calendars.

The last time the West Indies played a Test series in Pakistan was back in 2006. Since then, the two sides have faced each other in limited-overs formats on a few occasions, but this will be their first encounter in the longest format in nearly two decades.

The West Indies team will kick off their tour with a three-day tour game against Pakistan

Shaheens in Islamabad, beginning January 10. This will serve as a warm-up before the first Test match, which will be held in Multan from January 17. The second Test match is scheduled to take place at the same venue, starting January 25.

This series marks the final set of fixtures for both teams in the current cycle of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC), with both sides positioned in the lower half of the points table. Despite their rankings, the series offers a crucial opportunity for both teams to make a push for a strong finish.

The West Indies squad includes captain Kraigg Brathwaite, along with players such as Alick Athanaze, Keacy Carty, Joshua Da Silva, and



Kemar Roach, among others. The team will be looking to build on their recent form and make an impact on their first Test series in Pakistan since 2006.

Fans from both countries are eagerly awaiting the series, which will add to the rich cricketing history between the two teams and mark a significant moment in international cricket.

Coco Gauff Leads Team USA to United Cup Victory, Defeating Iga Swiatek Again

Coco Gauff helped the United States claim their second United Cup title in three years, defeating Poland's top player Iga Swiatek 6-4, 6-4 in the opening singles match of the final. The US clinched a 2-0 victory over Poland on Sunday, with Gauff's stellar performance setting the tone for the match at the Ken Rosewall Arena in Sydney, Australia.



The 20-year-old American star, ranked third in the world, was in impressive form throughout the tournament, winning all five of her singles matches in straight sets. Her victory over Swiatek marked her second consecutive win against the Polish player, having previously defeated her at the WTA Finals in Riyadh in November. Gauff's strong performance was an ideal lead-up to the Australian Open, which kicks off on January 12.

In the second match of the final, Taylor Fritz triumphed over Poland's Hubert Hurkacz 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (4), securing the final point and ensuring the US team's victory. The win marked the United States' second United Cup triumph in three years, further cementing their status as a dominant force in the competition.

Gauff expressed her excitement after the victory, saying, "It's great to win a team event, the only team event I've ever won, so I'm super excited." The United Cup victory was especially meaningful for Gauff as it was her first-ever team title, adding

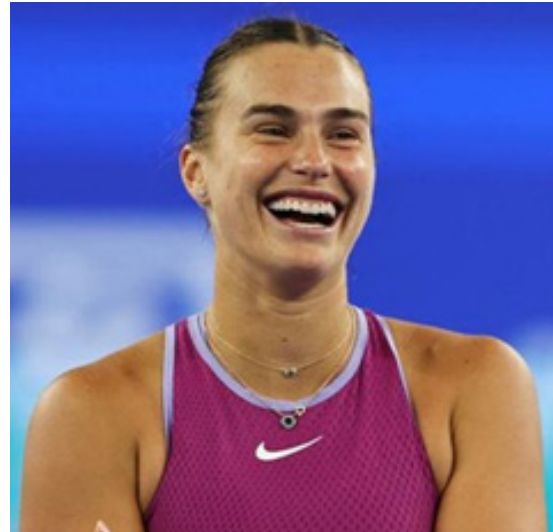
another accomplishment to her already impressive career.

Meanwhile, Poland, which had finished as runners-up for the second consecutive year, was unable to overcome the American team. Despite the loss, Iga Swiatek's performance remains a bright spot for Poland, having led her team to the final once again.

With the United Cup now behind them, Gauff and the US team are looking ahead to the Australian Open, where they will hope to carry their momentum from this victory into the Grand Slam season.

Sabalenka Overcomes Kudermetova to Win First Brisbane International Title

Aryna Sabalenka continued her strong start to the 2025 tennis season by claiming her first Brisbane International title on Sunday. The Australian Open champion battled through a tough final to defeat Russian qualifier Polina Kudermetova 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, setting herself up perfectly for her title defense at Melbourne Park.



Kudermetova, ranked 107th in the world, put up a strong fight, even breaking Sabalenka's serve twice in the first set to take a 6-4 lead. The Russian's aggressive play troubled the top seed early on, but Sabalenka's experience and composure eventually proved decisive. The Belarusian began to dominate the second set and, despite a spirited effort from Kudermetova, Sabalenka claimed

the final two sets with relative ease. Sabalenka, who is aiming to become the first woman since Martina Hingis in 1999 to win three consecutive Australian Open titles, showed resilience and determination in her comeback victory. Despite losing the first set, the world No.1 Belarusian found her rhythm in the second and third sets, showcasing her powerful baseline game.

Sabalenka's victory in Brisbane follows her runner-up finish at last year's tournament, where she was defeated by Elena Rybakina. With this win, the Australian Open champion heads into the first Grand Slam of the year with a renewed sense of confidence and momentum.

"It's a really important tournament before heading into the Australian Open," Sabalenka said after her victory. "The final match was a bit tricky, both of us were over-hitting. I'm really curious about the average speed of our shots. It was a crazy match, and I'm really glad I got this win."

"It's really great tennis from her," Sabalenka said, acknowledging Kudermetova's strong performance throughout the match. As the Australian Open draws near, Sabalenka's strong finish to the Brisbane International signals that she will be a formidable contender as she defends her title in Melbourne.

Australia Ends 10-Year Wait, Clinches Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Thrilling Series

Australia has ended a decade-long wait for a series win over India, claiming the Border-Gavaskar Trophy with a thrilling 3-1 victory in the five-Test series. The final Test was a gripping contest, with momentum shifting back and forth throughout the match. However, Australia held their nerve in the final hour to seal a six-wicket victory and take the series.



The match was finely poised, and with India's ace bowler Jasprit Bumrah sidelined due to a back injury, Australia capitalized on the opportunity. The chase for a modest target of 162 runs remained challenging until the final moments, but an unbroken 58-run partnership between Travis Head and debutant Beau Webster guided Australia to the target, ensuring a memorable victory.

This triumph marks Australia's first Border-Gavaskar Trophy win in 10 years, breaking India's dominance in the series. With the win, Australia not only claimed the prestigious trophy but also secured a spot in the ICC World Test Championship final against South Africa.

The series was filled with high drama

and fluctuating fortunes, with both teams showing resilience and skill. Despite the absence of Bumrah, India fought valiantly throughout the series, but Australia's balanced approach in key moments proved crucial. Travis Head's composure, alongside debutant Beau Webster's calm performance, ultimately made the difference.

Australia's victory in this high-stakes series adds another chapter to their cricketing legacy, especially considering the backdrop of fierce competition and high expectations. As the team now shifts its focus to the World Test Championship final, the win over India will serve as a massive confidence booster for the Aussies.

29th All India Federation Cup Carrom Tournament: Day 2 Highlights

The 29th All India Federation Cup Carrom Tournament officially kicked off in grand style at Nellore Club, Nellore, on January 5, 2025. The prestigious event, organized by the Andhra Carrom Association and supported by the All India Carrom Federation (AICF), promises to be an exciting four-day spectacle of top-tier carrom action. The second day of the tournament on January 6, 2025, witnessed some thrilling performances and pivotal matches, with several players advancing to the quarter-finals in both men's and women's doubles categories.

(RBI) beat Yogesh Pardeshi & Sandeep Derokar (PSPB) with scores of 25-12, 07-25, 20-18.
6. Jugal Kishore Dutta & Dhrubajothi (Assam) defeated M Vinod & Divakare (Karnataka) with scores of 25-12, 18-19, 25-09.
7. Raheem Kareem Khan & Abhijith Tripankar (Jain Irrigation) triumphed over Abdul Asif & Kubendrababu (TN) with scores of 25-00, 25-11.
8. K Srinivas & Md Gufran (PSPB) defeated Rahul Solanki & Praful Kishore (MP) with scores of 24-22, 25-13.

umphed over Debojani Bhatt & Vasha Borah (DASCB) with scores of 24-08, 25-00.
6. S Shiny & Barkath Nisha (AAI) beat Khushbu Rani & Sandhya Sinha (Bihar) with scores of 24-25, 25-04, 25-14.
7. Kajal Kumari & Akanksha Kadam (PSPB) defeated Papia Biswal & Kajal Singh (WB) with scores of 21-09, 25-10.
8. K Nagajoythi & Neelam Ghatke (CCSCSB) triumphed over Kavitha Somanchi & Ambika (RBI) with scores of 16-15, 25-05.

The competition has intensified as the top players from various regions of India prepare for the quarter-finals, where they will vie for a place in the finals. This prestigious event continues to showcase the immense talent in the carrom community, and the enthusiasm among the players and spectators alike remains high.

We encourage you to publish these updates and continue supporting the sport of carrom.

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Men's Doubles Pre-Quarter Finals

1. Md Arif & Arshadulla Khan (UP) defeated Shanwar PK & S Azmal (Kerala) with scores of 0-25, 24-3, 23-15.
2. Vikas Harish & Pankaj Pawar (Mah) triumphed over Md. Sayeed & Md. Zahed (Delhi) with scores of 25-03, 25-11.
3. Prrikar Singh & Mujibur Rahman (Assam) defeated Raju Bhaisare & A Mukhesh (CAG) with scores of 25-01, 22-13.
4. Sandeep Dive & Ahmed Farooqui (Jain Irrigation) beat Suresh Reddy & Ananth Reddy (Andhra) with scores of 20-05, 22-00.
5. Zaheer Pasha & Prakashan More

Women's Doubles Pre-Quarter Finals

1. Rashmi Kumari & Ilavazhathi (PSPB) triumphed over Manthasha Iqbal & Nidhi Gupta (AAI) with scores of 23-10, 25-04.
2. Samrudhi & Shruthi (Jain Irrigation) defeated MSK Harika & Haripriya (Andhra) with scores of 25-00, 17-20, 19-18.
3. Kesar Rajesh Nirgan & Madhur Mahesh Delve (Mah) beat S Apoorva & Anjali (LIC) with scores of 13-18, 15-14, 25-15.
4. B Shobhika & S Preeti Princes (TN) defeated Urmila Shinde & Poornima Parate (RBI) with scores of 20-06, 18-17.
5. M Kazamia & Mitra V (PSPB) tri-



Emergency: Kangana Ranaut Brings Indira Gandhi's Era to the Big Screen – Trailer Released

Bollywood's versatile actress, Kangana Ranaut, is all set to make her directorial debut with *Emergency*, a film that portrays the tumultuous period of India's Emergency era, during 1975-77. In this movie, Kangana takes on the challenging role of the late Indian Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, a character that has been the subject of much discussion due to her controversial decision to impose the Emergency.



The film has been long-awaited, initially slated for a 2024 release but delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. However, after completing its censor certification, the makers of *Emergency* have now confirmed the release date—January 17, 2025. The trailer for the film, released alongside the announcement, gives a glimpse into the intense political drama and the societal challenges during that period.

The movie is based on the real-life events that unfolded during the 21-month period when Indira Gandhi declared the Emergency. This era, marked by political unrest, suppression of media freedom, and the curtailing of civil liberties, forms the crux of the film. Kangana's *Emergency* explores the impact of these decisions on the people of India, highlighting the struggles they faced as well

as the role of the media in a period of unprecedented censorship.

Apart from Kangana, the film features an impressive ensemble cast, including veteran actor Anupam Kher, Mahima Chaudhary, Milind Soman, and Shreyas Talpade, who play pivotal roles. The movie is produced under the banners of Zee Studios and Manikarnika Films, promising to deliver a compelling historical narrative with a focus on realism and emotional depth.

Kangana's portrayal of Indira Gandhi is expected to generate significant buzz, given the complexity and controversy surrounding the character. As the country prepares to witness this dramatic retelling of a significant chapter in Indian history, *Emergency* is set to spark conversations and reflection on the political landscape of the 1970s. With the trailer now out, audiences eagerly await its release later this month.

Kajal Aggarwal Unveils First Look as Goddess Parvati in Kannappa

Kajal Aggarwal is set to portray the divine Goddess Parvati in the upcoming historical and mythological drama *Kannappa*. The much-awaited film, which is produced by the renowned Manchu Mohan Babu, is touted to be a significant project with a budget of around Rs. 100 crore. *Kannappa* is one of the most prestigious ventures coming from the Manchu family and stars Manchu Vishnu in the lead role, with Preeti Mukundan playing the female lead opposite him.

The film is directed by Mukesh Kumar Singh, known for his work on the *Mahabharata* serial, and will feature an ensemble cast including industry heavyweights from Bollywood, Tollywood, and Kollywood.

The makers recently released the first look of Kajal Aggarwal as Goddess Parvati, the consort of Lord Shiva, creating quite a stir among fans. In the teaser image, Kajal is seen in a divine and regal avatar, exuding grace and strength. Along with the visual, the makers shared a special line: "Mullocala ele mother! Trishakti to support the devotees! Shree Gnana Prasunambika shines in the hand of Shree Kala!" The release of Kajal's look is bound to increase anticipation for the film's release.

In the film, Kajal's Parvati will complement Akshay Kumar, who plays the role of Lord Paramashiv. This casting has generated a lot of excitement, as Kajal and Akshay will join forces to portray one of the most revered divine couples in Hindu mythology. With its blend of mythology, historical drama, and larger-than-life characters, *Kannappa* promises to be a visual spectacle.



The movie is already creating buzz due to its star-studded cast, impressive budget, and the intriguing narrative that brings together mythology and history. As the first look of Kajal as Goddess Parvati hits the screens, fans eagerly await more updates and the film's eventual release.

A-Rated 'Marco' Joins the Rs. 100 Crore Club, Redefining Mollywood Success

Unni Mukundan's latest film *Marco* has made waves at the box office, setting a historic milestone for Malayalam cinema. Directed by Haneef Adeni, the film has achieved the remarkable feat of becoming the first A-rated Malayalam movie to cross the Rs. 100 crore mark worldwide. Known for its intense violence and gripping storyline, *Marco* has redefined the boundaries of success in Mollywood.

Released across multiple languages, including Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi, *Marco* has stirred up mixed reactions among audiences. While some praised its raw and intense approach, others found it too heavy on violence. Despite this, the film's universal appeal and action-packed sequences have made it a massive box office hit.

The film boasts a talented ensemble



cast, including Ishaan Shoulath, Abhimanyu S. Thilakan, Yukti Thareja, Kabir Duhan Singh, and Siddique. Their performances, coupled with a captivating score by Ravi Basrur, have further elevated the viewing experience. Produced by Shareef Muhammed, *Marco*'s success speaks volumes about the growing global recognition of Mollywood films.

As *Marco* continues to make history, it has set a new benchmark for Malayalam cinema, proving that films with unique storytelling and bold narratives can achieve massive commercial success, even with an A-rating. The movie's success story will undoubtedly inspire filmmakers and actors in the industry, signaling the potential of Mollywood cinema on the global stage.

Pushpa 2: The Rule Breaks Records with Rs 1831 Crore Worldwide Collection in 32 Days

Pushpa 2: The Rule, the highly anticipated sequel directed by Sukumar and starring Allu Arjun, continues to dominate the global box office. Released on December 5 across multiple languages, including Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, and Kannada, the film has surpassed expectations and is shattering records worldwide.

In just 32 days, *Pushpa 2: The Rule* has grossed an impressive Rs 1831 crore, marking a significant achievement in Indian cinema. With this remarkable collection, it has become the highest-grossing film in India, solidifying its place as a massive success in the film industry. Experts predict that if the film maintains its current momentum, it is set to join the prestigious 2000 crore club soon.

The film has already outperformed major blockbusters like *Jawan* and *RRR* on opening day, and it is currently leading the Bollywood box of-



office with a collection of Rs 806 crore as of day 31. This feat has made *Pushpa 2: The Rule* the talk of the town, with audiences across the globe eagerly discussing its success.

The film features an ensemble cast including Rashmika Mandanna, Fahadh Faasil, Jagapathi Babu, Prakash Raj, Sunil, Anasuya Bharadwaj, Rao Ramesh, Dhananjaya, and others in pivotal roles. Released under the Mythri Movie Makers banner, *Pushpa 2: The Rule* has captivated audiences with its gripping storyline and powerful performances.

The success of *Pushpa 2: The Rule* showcases the global appeal of Indian cinema and highlights the rising stardom of Allu Arjun. With the film's continued dominance at the box office, it seems poised to break even more records in the coming weeks, further solidifying its place as a major hit in Indian cinema.



Toxic New Poster: Yash "Unleashes" An Era Of Darkness

Yash fans, get ready for some exciting news! On Monday, the actor dropped a new poster for his highly anticipated film *Toxic: A Fairy Tale For Grown-Ups*, leaving fans buzzing with excitement. The poster hints at a major announcement set for January 8 at 10:25 AM, and it's safe to say that fans are already marking their calendars!

The striking new poster features a vintage car with Yash standing beside it, his back to the camera. Dressed in a sharp suit, sporting a full beard, a hat, and holding a cigarette, the actor's look oozes style and mystery. The poster's text, "His untamed presence is your existential crisis," adds an air of intrigue, leaving fans eager to know more about his character and the film's storyline.

Yash shared the poster on social

media with the caption, "Unleashing him..." further adding to the curiosity surrounding the project. His words and the striking imagery in the poster indicate that his character in *Toxic* will be intense, enigmatic, and larger than life.

Toxic: A Fairy Tale For Grown-Ups has already created a lot of buzz due to its unique title and the mystery surrounding its premise. With Yash's fanbase growing stronger with each project, this film is expected to bring something fresh and bold to the screen. The announcement on January 8 is sure to provide more insights into the film, so fans are eagerly waiting to see what's in store.

Stay tuned for what promises to be an unforgettable reveal as Yash gears up to "unleash" his new role in *Toxic* on January 8!