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PM Narendra Modi to Launch Projects Worth Rs. 2 Lakh Crores in AP

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On behalf of the people of Andhra Pradesh, we extend a warm welcome to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, who is set to lay the foundation stone, inaugurate, and dedicate projects worth over Rs. 2 lakh crores across the state. These projects will span various sectors, including energy, railways, roads, pharmaceuticals, and industry. Prime Minister Modi will visit Visakhapatnam on Wednesday, where, following a roadshow, he will attend a public meeting at the AU Engineering College grounds. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Shri Pawan Kalyan will also be present for the event.

State Civil Supplies Minister Shri Nandla Manohar has been overseeing the arrangements for both the roadshow and the public meeting. In preparation for the event, BJP State President Smt. Purandeshwari, along



with MLAs Shri Vamsi Krishna Srinivas Yadav, Shri Sundarapu Vijay Kumar, and Jana Sena Party leaders, met

to discuss the success of the roadshow and the upcoming public meeting. The projects set to be inaugurated or



launched by Prime Minister Modi include significant developments in the energy sector, expansion of railway infrastructure, road improvements, and initiatives aimed at boosting the pharmaceutical and industrial sectors in Andhra Pradesh. This visit marks a milestone in the state's infrastructure

development and is expected to bring substantial economic benefits. The people of Andhra Pradesh are eager to witness the commencement of these transformational projects, which will play a pivotal role in the state's economic growth and development.

"CM Strengthening TDP, Launching Vision-2029 and Jana Nayakram Program"



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On the second day of his visit to Kuppam, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu addressed the Swarna Kuppam program, reflecting on his responsibilities as the state's leader and local representative. Emphasizing his commitment to restoring and strengthening systems that had been weakened in the past five years, Naidu spoke about the initiatives underway to benefit the people of Kuppam and the entire state.

Naidu shared his pride in his long-standing connection with the Kuppam constituency, stating that he had been elected as an MLA eight times and that the people there had remained loyal to him and his party, the TDP, showing unwavering support for the bicycle symbol. He also stated that no other party's flag had been hoisted in the constituency, underscoring the deep-rooted trust between him and the people of Kuppam. In his speech, the Chief Minister outlined the Swarna Kuppam Vision-2029, a strategic plan aimed at transforming Kuppam over the next five years by addressing key issues and developing the region across various sectors. He also introduced the Jana Nayakram program, which

allows residents to directly submit petitions related to their concerns, providing them with a more efficient way to access government services and resolutions.

Naidu went on to highlight his three-fold responsibility: as the party president, the MLA for Kuppam, and the Chief Minister of the state. He explained that his goal is to fulfill the promises made to the people of Kuppam and to work towards improving their welfare. He added that, through the Jana Nayakram portal, citizens can easily report issues, which his team is dedicated to resolving promptly. Further, Naidu expressed his determination to empower TDP workers by offering them opportunities for entrepreneurship, financial assistance, and support for their families. He also reaffirmed his government's commitment to restoring the state's infrastructure, tackling land issues, and creating jobs through industrial development and irrigation projects. "We are taking steps to bring Godavari waters to Rayalaseema, and Kuppam will receive water from Krishna as part of our efforts to address water security in the region," he promised, detailing his government's plans to enhance the state's agricultural and industrial capacities.

Police Arrest YSRCP MP Avinash Reddy's PA Raghav Reddy Over Obscene Social Media Posts

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Police have arrested Raghav Reddy, the personal assistant (PA) of YSRCP MP Avinash Reddy, in connection with obscene social media posts targeting prominent political figures including Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, Nara Lokesh, and Anitha. Raghav Reddy was arrested at his residence in Pulivendula after the Andhra Pradesh High Court rejected his anticipatory bail petition.

The allegations against Raghav Reddy stem from his involvement in posting offensive content online, in collaboration with YSRCP social media activist Varra Ravindra Reddy. The posts have sparked controversy and public outrage. Furthermore, Raghav Reddy is reportedly an accused in a case under the SC/ST atrocity laws, which adds to the gravity of the charges against him.

Following the news of his arrest, a large group of YSRCP activists gathered at the Pulivendula police station in solidarity, underscoring the political tensions surrounding the case. The police took Raghav Reddy into custody after his bail plea was denied, and he is now being detained for further investigation.

Conditional Bail Granted to Accused in Actress Jethwani Case

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In a significant development in the harassment case involving Mumbai actress Kadambari Jethwani, the High Court has granted conditional bail to the accused. This decision came after a hearing in which Advocate Narra Srinivas, representing the prosecution, opposed the bail, arguing that it should not be granted due to the severity of the allegations. Despite this, the court ruled in favor of the accused, granting them bail. Advocate Narra Srinivas, while speaking to the media, expressed concern over the bail decision, particularly pointing out that the case involved the harassment of actress Jethwani, and that several police officers, including IPS officers, were implicated. He emphasized that these officers had traveled to Mumbai before the case was even registered, making the bail decision puzzling. Srinivas confirmed that the bail granted would be challenged in the Supreme Court and noted that the case filed against Jethwani also required to be quashed. The CID, which is investigating the case, had earlier requested the High Court to dismiss the anticipatory bail petitions filed by the accused, including IPS officers Kantirana

Tatha and Vishal Gunni, along with police officers Hanumantha Rao, Satyanarayana, and lawyer Inkollu Venkateswara Rao. According to the CID, these individuals had allegedly conspired to frame Jethwani in the case, under the instructions of PSR Anjaneyulu, who is accused of being involved in the conspiracy. The CID argued that granting anticipatory



bail at this stage could hinder the investigation, especially since custodial interrogation was deemed necessary to uncover the full details of the crime.

While the court has granted bail to the accused, the case remains under scrutiny, and further legal challenges are expected as the investigation continues.

ACB Raids: Formula E Car Race Case Leads to Searches in Andhra Pradesh

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The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) intensified its investigation into the Formula E Car Race case, which has already created a stir in Telangana. Following a recent verdict by the Telangana High Court, ACB officials launched extensive searches across the Telugu states, including Andhra Pradesh.

On Tuesday, ACB teams conducted raids in Machilipatnam, AP, as part of the probe, seizing several key documents. The officials also inspected the office of

Ace Urban Developers, where they reportedly took printers and made copies of critical documents. A team of 12 senior ACB officials carried out the operation, focusing on tracing the source of funds related to the car race. According to sources, the ACB is questioning employees and collecting detailed financial records to uncover the money trail. It was revealed that Greenco, a company linked to Chalamasetty Sunil, is under scrutiny. Sunil, whose birthplace is Machilipatnam in Krishna district, has ties to the case. His mother, Venkatalakshmi,

previously served as the chairman of the Bandar Municipal Corporation. The raids come amid allegations that funds from questionable sources may have been used in the Formula E Car Race. Telangana ACB officials, under direct orders from higher authorities, have been conducting simultaneous raids in Hyderabad and other locations. The ACB's investigation is expected to uncover more details about the financial and operational irregularities surrounding the race, as officials continue their aggressive pursuit of evidence.

Suzlon and AP Launch India's Largest Green Skill Development Program in Honor of Shri Tulsi Tanti

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Suzlon Group, in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC), has launched India's largest Green Skill Development Program. This initiative, which aims to empower 12,000 youth, including 3,000 women, is focused on addressing the employability gap in the renewable energy sector, particularly in wind power manufacturing. The program will offer specialized training in areas such as Electrical, Mechanical, Blade Technology, Material Management, Operations & Maintenance, and Land & Liasoning. It is set to run over the next four years and will create a future-ready workforce for the renewable energy sector in India. Suzlon will also establish a curriculum for ITIs, polytechnics, and engineering colleges, collaborating with universities to integrate globally recognized content. The MoU was signed as a tribute to the late Shri Tulsi Tanti, the visionary founder of Suzlon, who was committed to enhancing Andhra Pradesh's role in the renewable energy sector. "This pro-



gram will help bridge the skill gap and create green jobs, contributing to the development of Andhra Pradesh and strengthening India's position in the renewable energy industry," said Nara Lokesh, Minister for IT & Human Resources Development. JP Chalasani, CEO of Suzlon Group, shared that the initiative reflects Shri Tanti's dream of establishing a renewable energy university in India. "With

this program, we aim to make Andhra Pradesh a talent hub for the renewable energy sector," he added. The program will feature 'Learning Labs' at five strategic locations in Andhra Pradesh, offering a mix of classroom learning and hands-on training. The centers will also focus on job placement, further amplifying the program's impact in developing a sustainable workforce for India's future.

Minister Kandula Durgesh Assures East Godavari Farmers of Sufficient Urea Supply

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State Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh has taken proactive measures to ensure there is no urea shortage for farmers in East Godavari district. Minister Durgesh instructed the Agriculture Department officials to take all necessary steps to avoid any disruptions in the supply of urea to the region, particularly in the 18 mandals facing potential shortages. The Agriculture Department has clarified that there is no shortage of urea in the district. They confirmed that 2,500 metric tons of urea are ready for supply by January 10, with a total of 69,000 tons of various fertilizers already distributed for the Rabi season. Of this, 30,000 metric tons of urea have been supplied. In addition to urea, 300 tons of DAP and 150



tons of urea were distributed on the day of the announcement. Despite misinformation being spread about fertilizer shortages, officials assured the public that the district has ample stock. However, some societies that have not cleared payments are temporarily on hold. The department emphasized the importance of using urea in combination with complex fertilizers. While urea is essential, excessive use can cause soil erosion and salinity, which negatively affects future yields. Combining urea with complex fertilizers, on the other hand, will improve crop health and yield, benefiting farmers in the long term. Minister Durgesh's assurances have provided much-needed relief to farmers in the region, as they continue to work toward a successful harvest in the Rabi season.

APSRTC Announces Special Buses for Sankranti Festival with No Extra Charges



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In a festive announcement, the Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) has made arrangements for 7,200 additional buses to help passengers travel home for the Sankranti festival. This move is aimed at accommodating people from Andhra Pradesh living in different states, including Telangana and Karnataka, who wish to return to their hometowns for the celebrations. The special bus services will run from January 8 to 13, with a special focus on major cities like Hyderabad, Bengaluru,

and Vijayawada. APSRTC has revealed that 3,900 buses will be dedicated to this service, including 300 buses from Vijayawada, 2,153 from Hyderabad, and 375 from Bengaluru. The corporation has also made a sweet announcement: no additional charges will be levied for these special buses, making travel more affordable during this busy festival period. Furthermore, APSRTC is offering a 10 percent discount for passengers booking round-trip tickets simultaneously, encouraging early reservations. In addition, the corporation will run 3,200 buses from January 16 to 20 to facilitate the return journey after the festival. Sankranti is one of the most signifi-

cant festivals in the Telugu states, and as thousands of people travel to their hometowns, there is usually a shortage of buses. Despite arrangements made by both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana governments each year, the rush often results in difficulties for passengers. This time, however, the increased number of buses is expected to ease the travel burden and ensure smoother journeys for those celebrating the festival. The Telangana state government has also announced that 6,432 special buses will be operated to various areas, further supporting the transportation needs of the people during this peak travel period.

Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu Assures Irrigation Department Officials of Promotion Relief



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Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu has promised to address the concerns of irrigation department officials regarding the long-standing issue of promotions. During a meeting with members of the Irrigation Engineers Association at his camp office in Vijayawada on Tuesday, Ramanaidu assured that he would take the matter to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu for resolution. The irrigation department officials expressed their frustration over the lack of promotions during the previous government, which had caused significant distress among employees. In response, Minister Ramanaidu acknowledged that public service workers across various departments had faced hardships due to the previous government's policies. He assured the officials that he would bring their concerns to the attention of the Chief Minister to facilitate the resolution of these issues. Minister Ramanaidu also expressed his dissatisfaction with the previous government's approach, pointing out that while welfare programs were prioritized, the state's development had been neglected. He emphasized that infrastructure, industries, and employment opportunities had been left behind under the previous administration. He also noted that industries, including the Lulu company, had moved to neighboring states due to the lack of support in Andhra Pradesh. With the alliance government now in power, Ramanaidu outlined the steps being taken to revive the state's development, including the rapid progress of the Polavaram project and the work towards the completion of the capital city of Amaravati. He assured that under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, the alliance government would prioritize development and resolve the challenges faced by state employees, including irrigation officials.

Former Minister Perni Nani Gets Minor Relief in Rice Theft Case High Court Orders Adjournment



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Former Minister and YSRCP leader Perni Nani received some relief in the anticipatory bail petition filed in connection with the high-profile rice theft case in Andhra Pradesh. The Andhra Pradesh High Court adjourned the hearing on his petition until January 20, issuing a crucial directive to the police not to take any hasty action until the next hearing. Perni Nani, who is named as A6 in the case, was allegedly involved in the sale of ration rice in Machilipatnam, Krishna district. His wife, Jayasudha, is identified as A1, with the godown in her name. While Jayasudha has been linked to the incident from the start, Perni Nani was included as A6 later. Upon learning of this, he filed an anticipatory bail petition seeking protection. The court heard arguments from both parties and decided to defer the case, instructing the police to hold off on any immediate decisions until the adjourned hearing on January 20. In related developments, the Machilipatnam District Court ordered the one-day police custody of key accused in the case, including A2 Manas Tej, and lorry drivers A4 Mangarao and A5 Anjaneyulu. These individuals are being interrogated regarding the rice theft operation, with police hoping to uncover more details about the conspiracy. The investigation suggests that the accused acted on instructions from Perni Nani. Authorities are probing further into the network involved, including the transport and sale of the stolen rice, with the possibility of adding more charges against Perni Nani depending on the findings. The case continues to be under investigation, with police working to uncover the full extent of the scam.

PM Modi's Visit to Visakhapatnam: Key Insights from MP Daggubati Purandeswari

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Visakhapatnam on Wednesday, January 8, marking his first visit to Andhra Pradesh after the coalition government assumed office. During this visit, he will lay the foundation stone for several landmark development projects aimed at boosting the state's progress.

State BJP President and MP Daggubati Purandeswari, while inspecting arrangements at the Andhra University Engineering College grounds along with Minister Nadendla Manohar, described the visit as a transformative step for Andhra Pradesh. She highlighted that Prime Minister Modi would initiate projects focused on green energy, infrastructure, and industrial growth.

Among the key initiatives, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for India's first Green Hydrogen Hub at Pudimadaka near Visakhapatnam under the National Green Hydrogen Mission. This project, along with the NTPC Green Energy Limited initiative, represents a



significant investment of ₹1.85 lakh crore. Additionally, Modi will inaugurate and launch various railway and road projects worth ₹19,500 crore, including the foundation stone for the Visakhapatnam South Coast Railway Zone headquarters.

Purandeswari also shared that the central government plans to establish a new steel plant in Visakhapatnam, with Union Steel Minister HD Kumaraswamy working on a supportive package and resolving salary issues.

Responding to the recent attack on the Telangana BJP office in Hyderabad, Purandeswari condemned the incident, urging the Telangana government to identify the culprits and take action. She called such attacks regrettable in a democratic setup.

With security tightened and traffic diversions in place, Visakhapatnam is ready to host the Prime Minister's visit, which promises to bring significant advancements in infrastructure and energy sectors for Andhra Pradesh.

The Government is Trying to get Rid of Arogyasri - YS Sharmila

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AP Congress Chief YS Sharmila has criticized the coalition government for allegedly weakening the Arogyasri healthcare scheme, now rebranded as Aarogyasri. She claimed that the scheme, originally introduced by former Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy as a lifeline for the poor, is being undermined by the current administration.

Sharmila described Arogyasri as a "Sanjeevani" (life-saving scheme) for individuals battling life-threatening diseases and accused the government of negligence by failing to pay pending dues amounting to ₹3,000 crores. She alleged that the government's inaction has led to interruptions in medical services, which she believes is part of a deliberate attempt to dismantle the scheme.

"The coalition government is playing with the health of the people by weakening Arogyasri and turning it into a business opportunity," Sharmila said, expressing her outrage. She further criticized Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for not taking responsibility for the



pending dues, emphasizing that ensuring uninterrupted healthcare services is the duty of the current government.

On behalf of the Congress Party, Sharmila demanded that the Chief Minister urgently convene discussions with hospital managements to address the issue. She called for the immediate release of the pending ₹3,000 crores and a complete restoration of Arogyasri services without any disruption.

YS Sharmila's remarks have intensified political tensions, with the opposition questioning the government's commitment to public health and accusing it of abandoning a critical welfare scheme.

Vidadala Rajini Slams Government Over Neglect of Arogyasri Services

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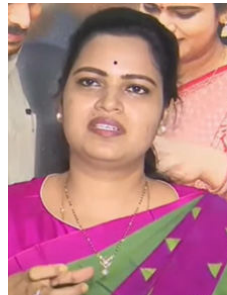
Former minister and YSRCP leader Vidadala Rajini has criticized the coalition government for its alleged negligence towards the healthcare of the poor. She expressed concern that the delay in paying dues under the Arogyasri scheme has led to a suspension of services in network hospitals, causing significant distress among the public.

Rajini emphasized that the Arogyasri scheme, introduced by former Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy, has been a lifeline for the underprivileged. She praised Former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy for further strengthening the program after assuming office in 2019. "Under Jagan's leadership, old Arogyasri dues amounting to ₹637 crores were cleared," she noted.

However, Rajini accused the current coalition government of neglecting the Arogyasri Trust and failing to pay ₹3,000 crores owed to hospitals under the scheme. She claimed that hospitals have been forced to stop offering Arogyasri services due to the non-payment of dues, leaving the poor to suffer without access to essential medical care.

"The government is acting as if it is not responsible for the health of the people," she said, urging immediate action. Rajini demanded that the pending dues be cleared promptly to ensure the restoration of Arogyasri services and alleviate the burden on those relying on the scheme for healthcare.

Her statements come amid mounting criticism of the government's handling of healthcare initiatives, with opposition leaders accusing it of failing to prioritize the welfare of the poor.



'Jaggi Reddy Did His PhD in Corruption' - MLA Bandaru Satyananda Rao

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TDP MLA Bandaru Satyananda Rao strongly criticized former MLA Chirla Jaggi Reddy, accusing him of engaging in widespread corruption, irregularities, and extortion during the previous YSRCP regime in the Kothapet constituency. Speaking at a press conference held at the Ravulapalem TDP camp office, Satyananda Rao claimed that Jaggi Reddy had "done his PhD in corruption."

The MLA dismissed Jaggi Reddy's recent criticism of the coalition government and its governance. Satyananda Rao condemned allegations that his family members were involved in extortion under the guise of free sand distribution, labeling them baseless.

He further stated that Jaggi Reddy had no standing to criticize Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, who,



according to Satyananda Rao, has been working tirelessly for the development of the state. He urged Jaggi Reddy to refrain from making false allegations and focus on constructive contributions.

Several coalition leaders, including Chiluvuri Satish Raju, Guthula Pattabhirama Rao, Karuturi Narasimha Rao, Kanthamsetty Srinivas, Dharnala Ramakrishna, Jakkampudi Venkataswamy, Mutyala Bab-

ji, Ketha Srinu, and Siddi Reddy Srinu, attended the press conference in support of Satyananda Rao's remarks.

The event highlighted the ongoing political tensions between the coalition government and opposition leaders in the Kothapet constituency, with both sides trading accusations over governance and corruption.

Case Registered Against YSRCP Leader Kakani Govardhan Reddy

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A case has been registered against former minister and YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader Kakani Govardhan Reddy at the Vedayapalem police station in Nellore district. The complaint was filed on the 27th of last month, but details of the case have surfaced only recently.

The case pertains to allegations that Kakani, who is also the Nellore district YSRCP president, attempted to intimidate police officials to obstruct an investigation. The allegations claim he pressured officials to weaken the case filed against his associate, Mandala Venkata Seshiah, a former ZPTC member from Venkatchalam.

Seshiah has been accused of sexually harassing a woman from Venkatchalam mandal. Following the complaint, the court remanded Seshiah into custody. Reacting to the developments, Kakani Govardhan Reddy issued a stern warning, stating that if the YSRCP regains power, Venkatchalam CI Subbarao would be made to "take off his khaki uniform and wear a green shirt." He



also issued threats directed at TDP leaders N. Chandrababu Naidu and Nara Lokesh, claiming they would face consequences.

Meanwhile, a separate complaint has been lodged against Kakani, accusing him of threatening police officers and officials in an attempt to influence the investigation into the case.

These incidents have sparked significant controversy, with political opponents accusing the YSRCP of misuse of power and attempts to shield their members from accountability. The investigation into both cases is ongoing.

Bail Denied to Former MP Nandigam Suresh in Mariamma Murder Case

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The Supreme Court has denied bail to former MP and YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader Nandigam Suresh in the Mariamma murder case, a high-profile incident that shook the Telugu states. The bench, headed by Justice Dipankar Dutta, dismissed Suresh's petition on Tuesday, stating it would not interfere with the orders of the trial court.

Nandigam Suresh was arrested and jailed for his alleged involvement in the 2020 murder of Mariamma, a Scheduled Caste woman from Velagapudi in Thullur Mandal. The trial court had earlier rejected his bail plea, citing that Suresh had concealed details of the criminal cases registered against him. The Supreme Court upheld this decision, stressing that it would not compromise the trial court's findings. Mariamma, who had publicly accused YS Jagan Mohan Reddy of reneging on promises to provide her with a house and pension, was murdered in 2020. She had alleged that her pension was stopped and that the promises made to her were not fulfilled.

Following her accusations, her house was attacked by alleged followers of



Nandigam Suresh. She was reportedly beaten severely, resulting in her death. Mariamma's son claimed that the police ignored the case at the time, failing to act on her complaint.

After the coalition government assumed power, Mariamma's son sought justice by appealing to Minister Nara Lokesh. Acting on Lokesh's directive, the police expedited the investigation, leading to the arrest of Nandigam Suresh.

The Supreme Court's dismissal of the bail petition has further cemented the seriousness of the case, with the trial set to proceed under close scrutiny.

Roja Questions Pawan Kalyan Over Tragic Accident After Game Changer Event

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Former minister and YSRCP leader Roja has launched a sharp attack on AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan following a tragic road accident that claimed the lives of two youths returning from the Game Changer pre-release event in Rajahmundry.

Roja, in a post on X (formerly Twitter), shared a video of the grieving mother of one of the deceased youths. She questioned Pawan Kalyan's silence, asking, "Does Pawan Kalyan have the courage to respond directly to everything that the mother, who lost her child, is asking in her grief?" Roja criticized him further, urging him to reflect, "Do some soul-searching... Speak with humanity, not with authority!" The accident and subsequent backlash have placed Pawan Kalyan under scrutiny, with YSRCP leaders express-



ing their anger. They accuse him of being indirectly responsible for the deaths due to the crowd-pulling nature of the event he attended.

The incident has sparked political tension, with YCP leaders intensifying their criticism of Pawan Kalyan while urging him to address the concerns raised by the grieving families.

Major Ganja Transporting Operation in NTR Dist

Police Seize Drugs, Hunt for Fugitives

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In a significant operation that has left the police and public alike stunned, Nandigama police, under the leadership of ACP Tilak, thwarted an attempt to transport a large batch of ganja, sending shockwaves through the region. This crackdown is part of the coalition government's continued efforts to rid Andhra Pradesh of illegal drug trade, particularly ganja, which flourished during the previous YSRCP rule.

The NTR district police were tipped off on Tuesday morning that a batch of ganja was being transported through Nandigama. Acting swiftly, ACP Tilak alerted all police personnel and initiated a series of intense search operations across the constituency. Information surfaced that the ganja was being transported in a car traveling from Vijayawada. With the vehicle's whereabouts traced to the Keesara toll plaza, the police mounted a focused search along the route.

When the car was spotted near the Nandigama bypass, the suspects abandoned the vehicle and fled upon seeing the police. In a dramatic turn of events, the police seized the abandoned car, which was found to be laden with ganja. Further investigation revealed that the car had been part of a larger trafficking operation. In another incident, on the same day, the police intercepted a separate vehicle carrying ganja near Gauravaram in Jaggayapet mandal. While the police successfully seized the drugs, the accused managed to escape. To track down the fugitives, authorities deployed drones for extensive surveillance and



search operations, focusing on the missing individuals. The crackdown comes after Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's clear directive to the police to eradicate drug trafficking in the state. The operation is seen as a significant step in the ongoing war against ganja suppliers and illegal drug trade in Andhra Pradesh.

Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sha Calls for Collective Efforts to Eradicate Child Marriage in India

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District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sha has called for everyone to work together towards a child marriage-free India, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in stopping the practice of child marriage.

In a district-level coordination meeting with the Child Marriage Prohibition Officers (CMPOs) held at the Sri Pingali Venkaiah Samavesh Mandir of the Collectorate on Tuesday, the Collector discussed the urgent need to eliminate child marriage as part of the Balya Vivaha Mukta Bharat campaign. Dr. Lakshmi Sha highlighted that child marriage is a severe social evil that impedes the education, health, and overall development of girls, depriving them of opportunities to realize their dreams.

"Everyone in society must take a stand against child marriage. A large-scale awareness campaign should be organized to educate people about the health risks and the harmful consequences of child marriage. Parents must be made aware, and the involvement of NGOs should be encouraged," said Dr. Lakshmi Sha. The Collector stressed the importance of coordination between various departments, including Women Development,



Education, Medical Health, and the Police, to implement laws, policies, and programs aimed at preventing child marriage. She specifically called for special focus on the education and economic empowerment of girls, as education is crucial in preventing child marriages and lifting families out of poverty.

Dr. Lakshmi Sha also took a pledge, emphasizing that child marriage is a violation of human rights. She committed to taking all possible actions to prevent child marriages, ensuring that they do not occur in her family, village, or community. She encouraged the CMPOs to remain vigilant and take immediate action to prevent any instances of child marriage.

The meeting was attended by Nodal Officer CH Saigeetha, Vasavya Mahila Mandali President Dr. Kirti Bollineni, Vijayawada Rural CDPO G. Mangamma, Child Protection Officer M. Rajarajeshwar Rao, CMPOs, Tahsildars, MPDOs, MEOS, CDPOs, ASIs, Supervisors, and others.

Mangalagiri Rural SI CH Venkat Promotes Helmet Usage at Kaja Toll Gate

Pledges for Road Safety Taken by Motorists

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In an effort to promote road safety, Mangalagiri Rural SI Chirumamilla Venkat urged two-wheeler riders to wear helmets for their safety. Speaking at the Kaja village toll gate in Mangalagiri Mandal on Tuesday night, SI Venkat highlighted the importance of wearing helmets in preventing serious injuries during vehicle accidents.

During the awareness drive, SI Venkat stopped several motorists and encouraged them to take a pledge to always wear helmets while riding their two-wheelers. He spoke to the riders about the critical role helmets play in safeguarding the head and reducing the severity of injuries in case of accidents. "Helmets are not just a requirement; they are a life-saving tool," said SI Venkat. "By wearing helmets, you are protecting yourself and setting a responsible example for others on the road. Following traffic rules, including wearing a helmet, can significantly reduce accidents."

The awareness campaign aimed at reinforcing the importance of helmet use



and promoting adherence to traffic laws was well received by the local community. SI Venkat emphasized that road safety is a shared responsibility and urged everyone to contribute to creating safer roads. The initiative also focused on educating motorists about the benefits of helmets and reducing road accidents through simple, effective measures like wearing protective gear.

MLA Bonda Uma Distributes CM Relief Fund Cheques to Victims

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In a gesture of compassion and solidarity, Government Whip and Central Constituency MLA, Bonda Uma Maheswara Rao, distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques to several disease victims on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at the Telugu Desam Party office. The distribution, aimed at helping individuals who are struggling with medical expenses, was a key initiative to provide timely support for those in urgent need of medical treatment. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Bonda Uma expressed his commitment to ensuring that those in difficult situations due to illness can receive necessary medical care. "The Chief Minister's Relief Fund has been designed to assist people in emergency situations who are unable to afford medical treatment. It aims to alleviate the financial burden that many families face due to high medical expenses," said Bonda Uma.

He further added, "Since the coalition government assumed power, significant efforts have been made to ensure the welfare of the poor and marginalized. Through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, many people who lack financial means will now have access to medical treatment and assistance in times of crisis." MLA Bonda Uma urged the beneficiaries to recognize



the help provided by the government and remain grateful for the support extended during difficult times. He emphasized that the Chief Minister's Relief Fund is a lifeline for victims suffering from illness and seeking medical aid.

The recipients of the relief fund expressed their gratitude to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and MLA Bonda Uma for their timely support. In attendance at the event were Former Corporator Erubothu Ramana Rao, Paruchuri Prasad, Ghanta Krishnamohan, Bangaru Naidu, Maraka Srinivas, Sk John Vali, Maccha Emmanuel, and others.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Holds Ward-Level Review Meeting to Address Issues

Focus on Resolving Minor Issues in Every Ward

TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Jan 08

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) Commissioner Dhyanaachandra has directed officials to conduct ward-level review meetings to address and resolve every minor issue within the city's jurisdiction. As part of this initiative, a ward-level review meeting was held on Tuesday morning at the First Ward Secretariat, Gunadala. During the meeting, Secretariat staff from Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 238, along with ward-level officials, discussed key issues impacting the community. The meeting focused on ensuring that all concerns from various departments are promptly addressed in coordination with the relevant teams.

Zonal Commissioner Prabhudas, Assistant Medical Health Officer Dr. Rama Koteswara Rao, Assistant Commissioner in Charge Srinivasa Rao, Assistant City Planner Rambabu, and other Secretariat



staff were present to evaluate ongoing matters and take necessary action. Commissioner Dhyanaachandra emphasized the importance of continuous collaboration between departments to ensure that the needs of the citizens are met efficiently. The goal is to ensure that even the smallest issues within the wards are resolved in a timely and organized manner, improving the quality of life for Vijayawada residents. This initiative reflects VMC's ongoing commitment to maintaining effective governance and delivering prompt services to citizens at the grassroots level.

Graduates' Alliance Joint MLC Candidate Alapati Rajendra Prasad Pledges to Strengthen Leadership for State Development

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Alapati Rajendra Prasad, the joint MLC candidate of the Graduates' Alliance parties from Krishna and Guntur districts, emphasized the importance of supporting a leadership committed to the development of Andhra Pradesh. He made the appeal during an intimate meeting with graduates of Gudivada constituency at the G.V. Poorna Chandra Rao Community Hall in Rajendranagar, Gudivada town.

The meeting, which took place on Tuesday evening, saw the participation of Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu, AP Ver Housing Corporation Chairman Ravi Venkateswara Rao, former minister Pinnamaneni Venkateswara Rao, and other coalition leaders. Alapati Rajendra Prasad expressed his gratitude for the unprecedented victory given by the people

to the coalition government under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, supported by Prime Minister Modi. He highlighted that the previous government left the state in a troubled state, but the coalition government, with unwavering courage, will work towards the prosperity of the people. Rajendra Prasad assured the gathering that the alliance leadership would fulfill the promises made in the manifesto and pursue inclusive development for the benefit of the state.

He urged all graduates to unite in support of the coalition leadership, as the state moves towards its development goals. He called upon them to responsibly contribute to the growth of Andhra Pradesh. Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu expressed confidence that Alapati Ra-

jenra Prasad would secure a record majority in the MLC elections, just as Gudivada had shown overwhelming support for the coalition government. He pledged to work closely with Rajendra Prasad to ensure a large victory in the joint district. Chairman Ravi Venkateswara Rao praised Alapati Rajendra Prasad for his dedication to the people and his consistent fight for justice, whether in power or out of it. Former Minister Pinnamaneni Venkateswara Rao and other leaders also echoed their support for Rajendra Prasad, stating that his experience and commitment would greatly benefit the Legislative Council.

In attendance were key leaders from TDP, Jana Sena, BJP, and affiliated departments, along with a large number of graduates, who expressed their confidence in Rajendra Prasad's victory.

State Whip Bolisetty Srinivas Inspects Road Works in Tadepalligudem Rural Mandal: A Leader Committed to Progress



TPN Correspondent, Tadepalligudem, Jan 08 : Tadepalligudem MLA and State Whip, Sri Bolisetty Srinivas, continues to win the hearts of people with his relentless efforts toward the development of both urban and rural areas. In his latest initiative, he inspected the ongoing road works at Metta Upparagudem and Dandagarra, ensuring that the projects are progressing as planned and meeting the expected quality standards.

Transformative Development Under Dynamic Leadership

Sri Bolisetty Srinivas has been a pillar of progress for Tadepalligudem, introducing numerous infrastructure projects that have brought significant improvements to the region. His leadership is marked by ground-level involvement and a commitment to addressing public issues directly.

Under his leadership, several key development works have been initiated across Tadepalligudem Town and Rural Mandals, including:

Road Infrastructure Projects: Multiple roads have been reconstructed and modernized, connecting rural villages with town centers and improving access to essential services.

Drainage and Water Supply Projects: Efforts to improve drainage systems and ensure a clean drinking water supply have benefited thousands of residents.

Educational Initiatives: Schools in the area have seen infrastructure upgrades, improving the learning environment for students.

Healthcare Improvements: Medical facilities have been upgraded, and health camps have been organized to improve public health.

Public Welfare and Social Empowerment

Apart from infrastructure development, Sri Bolisetty Srinivas has been instrumental in social welfare programs aimed at empowering marginalized communities. His proactive approach in addressing public grievances has earned him a reputation as a people's leader who is accessible and empathetic to the needs of the common man.

Residents of Metta Upparagudem and Dandagarra have expressed their gratitude for his efforts to improve road connectivity. Better roads mean improved transportation, enhanced trade, and greater access to healthcare and education.

Sri Bolisetty Srinivas continues to work toward making Tadepalligudem a model constituency in Andhra Pradesh, with ongoing infrastructure projects and social welfare initiatives benefiting all.



Gobbemma Utsava Celebrated at Sri Kalahasti Swamy Temple on Dhanurmasam

TPN Correspondent, Sri Kalahasti, Jan 08 : The Sri Kalahasti Swamy temple, also known as Dakshina Kashi, witnessed a grand celebration on the occasion of Dhanurmasam. The idol of Gobbemma Utsava was beautifully adorned with a variety of flowers, adding to the temple's festive charm.

Special pujas were conducted as part of the rituals, and offerings of lamps and incense were made, enhancing the spiritual atmosphere of the temple. Following the pujas, the Gobbemma Amma idol was taken out in a grand procession through the four Madaveedhu streets of the temple town. The procession was accompanied by the sounds of auspicious instruments and mela talas, creating an uplifting and sacred ambiance.

Temple Inspector Hari Yadav, along with temple officials, staff, and a large number of devotees, participated



in the event, contributing to the success of the celebration. The Gobbemma Utsava is a significant annual event for the temple and the devotees, marking a day of devotion, community, and celebration.

This celebration highlighted the rich

cultural traditions of Sri Kalahasti, drawing devotees from all around to witness and take part in the spiritual festivities. The event was a testament to the temple's longstanding significance and its role in fostering devotion and unity among the local community.

Coalition Leaders Hold Review Meeting with Officials on Illegal Sand Transportation



TPN C. SEKHAR, Tirupati, Jan 08 : In Buchinaidu Kandriga mandal of Tirupati district, various department officials held a review meeting on sand transportation at the MPDO office on Tuesday. Earlier, Mandal Tehsildar Subramaniam spoke, stating that sand had been considered more valuable than gold during the previous government. Many people faced difficulties in finding sand to build houses. Such a situation should not exist in this government.

After the coalition government came to power, it provided good news to the people regarding sand transportation. However, the authorities convened this review meeting after receiving information that some leaders were transporting sand to the neighboring state of Tamil Nadu without valid reasons, claiming it was for house construction.

During the meeting, the coalition leaders stated that illegal sand transportation to Tamil Nadu was happening and instructed Mandal SI Naidu to take strict action to prevent this. Officials also mentioned that sand was being transported to Sri City near Satyavedu and assured that every department would immediately step in to ensure sand is delivered only to those who genuinely need it. They emphasized that strict action would be taken against those transporting sand to neighboring states.

Speaking at the event, the coalition leaders reminded officials that their leader, recognizing the hardships of the people, had introduced free sand transportation and that they had a responsibility to protect this initiative.

S.V.S.N. Varma Inspects Road Development in Pithapuram

TPN Correspondent, Pithapuram, Jan 08 : Telugu Desam Party (TDP) In-Charge for Pithapuram, S.V.S.N. Varma, recently conducted an inspection of road development work in Virava village, Pithapuram mandal. Varma took the opportunity to highlight the efforts of the coalition government in improving the infrastructure of the region.

Speaking during the inspection, Varma praised the initiatives undertaken by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan during the coalition government's tenure. He emphasized that the coalition had allocated a total of Rs. 4,500 crores for road development across the state under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA). Out of this, Rs. 15 crores were sanctioned in two installments specifically for Pithapuram constituency.

Varma expressed satisfaction with the ongoing construction work in Virava village and noted that the quality of the roads is being closely monitored. He also mentioned the positive response from local women, who were pleased with the progress and the enhanced infrastructure. Varma thanked Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan for their significant contributions to NREGA programs, which, he said, had a positive impact on local development.

Addressing the current political situation, Varma criticized the YCP for its lack of attention to people's welfare over the past five years. He assured that the coalition government would prioritize development and bring much-needed changes.

The inspection was attended by notable figures, including Sakumalla Gangadhar Rao, Sakumalla Nagababu, and Nadigatla Annavam, among others, who participated in the program and supported the ongoing efforts for road development in the region.



PM Modi, Who Betrayed Andhra, Go Back": CPM Party Protest in Srikalahasti

TPN Correspondent, Sri Kalahasti, Jan 08 : A protest dharna was held under the auspices of the CPM party at the Ambedkar statue in the Renigunta constituency, in response to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Visakhapatnam on January 8. The protestors, led by CPM leaders from Renigunta and Yerpedu mandals, strongly criticized the Prime Minister and the BJP government for betraying the people of Andhra Pradesh.

K. Harinath, the regional committee convener of Renigunta and Yerpedu mandals, along with Yerpedu Mandal leader Karimulla, voiced their concerns over the BJP's failure to fulfill its promises from the election manifesto. These included the special status for Andhra Pradesh, development funds for Rayalaseema and North Andhra, and the establishment of industries such as the Kadapa steel plant. The protestors took issue with Modi's role in the sale of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, a vital asset for the people of Andhra Pradesh. They accused the Prime Minister of undermining the self-respect of the state's residents by selling this crucial resource to corporate interests.

The protestors also questioned the actions of Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and Jana Sena Party (JSP) leaders, including Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan, who they said were welcoming Modi's visit despite his betrayal of the state.

MPTC members Rajeshwari, Venkataramana, Siv-anandam, and Dilip Bhasha joined the protest, demanding an apology from Modi to the people of Andhra Pradesh. They further urged him to pledge that he would not sell the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant before setting foot on the land.

CPI leaders Murali, Selvaraj, Satya Sri, Eswaramma, Rajasekhar, Padmamma, and others also participated in the protest, calling for Modi to "go back" and take responsibility for his broken promises.

Producer Bellamkonda Suresh Visits Swayambhu Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy Temple in Kanipakam

TPN Correspondent, Kanipakam, Jan 08 : Renowned film producer Bellamkonda Suresh visited the Swayambhu Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy Temple in Kanipakam on Tuesday. During his visit, Temple Inspector Balaji Naidu accompanied him and made arrangements for the darshan of the Lord. Balaji Naidu also presented Bellamkonda Suresh with the Lord's offerings as part of the temple tradition.



Bellamkonda Suresh, a prominent figure in the Telugu film industry, expressed his gratitude and reverence for Lord Vinayaka during the visit. The temple, famous for its divine significance and historical importance, attracts devotees from all across the region.

The temple is known for its self-originated idol of Lord Vinayaka, believed

to have been discovered around 11th century, and is considered one of the most powerful and auspicious places of worship in the region.

The visit of Bellamkonda Suresh adds to the temple's prominence, as it continues to receive recognition from celebrities and devotees alike. Temple authorities expressed their gratitude for his visit and hoped that the blessings of Lord Vinayaka would bring success and prosperity to him and his ventures.

THE SPIRIT OF HAINDAVA SANKHARAVAM SHOULD REACH EVERY HINDU HOUSEHOLD

- The victory of Hindava Sankharavam should be carried to every Hindu brother's home, inspiring them to protect Dharma and their cultural heritage.
- Every Hindu must be disciplined in their actions and stay true to their values, upholding the principles of Sanatana Dharma.
- It is essential to bring back those who have been misled or tempted away from their faith, guiding them back to their rightful path, Swadharma.
- Unity and collective effort are crucial for preserving Dharma and protecting Hindu temples, properties, and traditions across the nation



Dr BURAGADDA SRINADH

Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) Krishna District President, Dr. Buragadda Srinath, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all VHP workers and Hindu brothers and sisters who played an essential role in the success of the recent *Hindava Sankharavam* program. In his statement, Dr. Srinath acknowledged their tireless efforts and dedication to the cause of Hindu unity and pride.

He urged every Hindu to carry the spirit of this victory to every corner of the district, reaching out to every household, mandal, and village. He emphasized the importance of filling local Sankharavas with enthusiasm and energy, ensuring that Hindus across the region are united and ready to protect their rights. Dr. Srinath called on Hindus to safeguard their temples, temple properties, and other Hindu-owned properties, emphasizing that this is a collective responsibility for

every individual in the community.

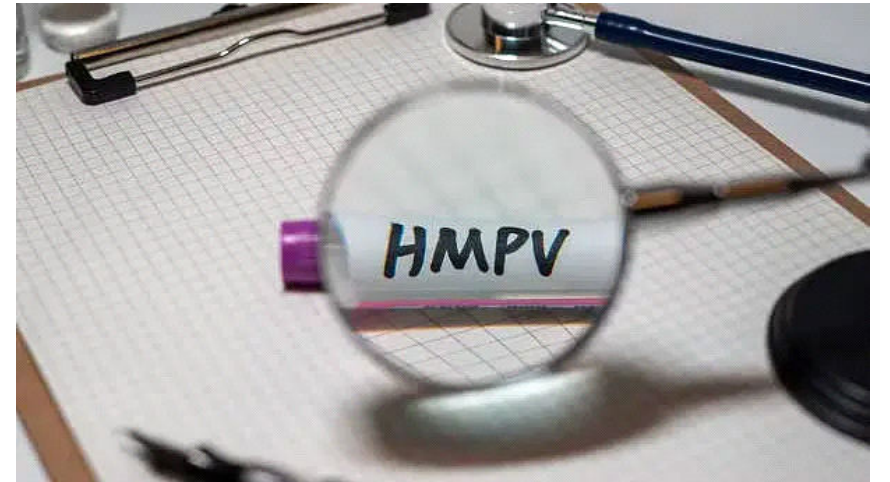
Drawing inspiration from the *Bhagavad Gita*, Dr. Srinath reminded the people that the preservation of Dharma is not only a duty but a sacred responsibility. He quoted the teachings of Lord Krishna, which instruct followers to rise up in the face of evil when necessary, while also upholding the principle of equality in all aspects of life. As stated in the Gita, the divine presence resides in every human, animal, and all living beings, signifying that all life forms should be treated with respect and compassion.

Dr. Srinath underscored that despite differences in human actions, Dharma, or righteous living, does not discriminate. The Bhagavad Gita, he noted, lays down the core principles of *Sanatana Dharma*, emphasizing equality and unity across all life forms. He pointed to Chap-

ter 5, Verse 18 of the Gita, which teaches that an educated person, a cow, an elephant, a dog, and even one who eats dog meat are all equal. This verse exemplifies the deep respect that must be extended to every living being, a principle rooted in the essence of Hindu teachings.

In conclusion, Dr. Srinath called on every Hindu to reconnect with their Swadharma and return to the path of Sanatana Dharma, especially those who have strayed due to confusion, temptation, or manipulation. He urged them to remember the core values of equality and respect, as enshrined in the *Bhagavad Gita*, and to come together in unity, embodying the true essence of Hindu teachings. Dr. Srinath ended his statement by calling for Hindus to stand strong as protectors of their faith and traditions, ready to defend their culture and heritage.

HMPV Outbreak in India: No Need for Panic, Experts Advise



Reports of an outbreak of an epidemic caused by the human metapneumovirus (HMPV) in India have sparked concerns, especially given the memories of the Covid-19 pandemic. The first cases of HMPV have been detected in Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, and Chennai, raising alarms about a potential respiratory disease crisis. Photos and videos from China showing people wearing masks in hospitals and other public spaces have only fueled these fears, drawing comparisons to the Covid-19 outbreak.

While the rise in cases has drawn attention, experts have repeatedly emphasized that there is no cause for panic. HMPV, a respiratory virus, was first identified in 2001, and much of its characteristics are already well-understood by the medical community. The virus primarily affects children under five years old, as well as the elderly and individuals with weakened immune systems. However, health authorities have reassured the public that it is not a new virus and that its symptoms are typically similar to those of other common respiratory infections like the flu or common cold.

India's Union Health Ministry has issued a statement confirming that the cases were detected through routine surveillance efforts by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), which regularly monitors respiratory illnesses. The Ministry has reported no significant increase in respiratory disease cases across the country, highlighting that the nation is well-equipped to handle such infections. Moreover, the children who tested positive for HMPV have no history of international travel, which further suggests that the virus is not being imported from other regions, but is circulating locally.

Karnataka's Health Minister, Dinesh Gundu Rao, clarified that the authorities are yet to determine whether this development should be classified as a serious public health concern, and whether additional measures, such as widespread PCR testing, will be needed. He assured the public that further investigations are underway, but for now, the situation remains under control.

The Kejriwal Splurge: House Renovation Scandal Threatens AAP's Image



For once, the BJP and Congress are united in their criticism of former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader is facing intense scrutiny after a Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report revealed that he spent at least Rs 33 crore on the renovation of his official residence. This figure is more than four times the initial estimate of Rs 7.91 crore, a stark contrast to what was projected. The renovations were carried out in 2022, during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, when the Delhi government was supposed to be prioritizing public health and safety.

This expensive and controversial renovation has created a public relations nightmare for Kejriwal, undermining his carefully cultivated image as a man of the people. The cost of certain items, such as Rs 96 lakh for curtains and Rs 66.9 lakh for marble stone, has sparked outrage, especially when the city was grappling with the pandemic and countless people were suffering. Kejriwal, who presented himself as the 'common man' CM, now faces significant questions about his leadership and priorities. The optics are especially damning, as they come at a time when

the city was experiencing severe economic and social challenges.

The CAG report has also highlighted several irregularities, notably in the remodeling of the ground-floor accommodation and the addition of a new floor to the residence. These findings raise concerns about the role of the Public Works Department and its possible complicity in the extravagant spending. A thorough and impartial investigation is necessary to uncover the full scope of the mismanagement and corruption involved.

This scandal has turned into a major issue in Delhi's upcoming Assembly elections, damaging AAP's credibility just as the party was hoping for a third consecutive term. The BJP and Congress are using the renovation controversy to weaken AAP's standing with voters, and the fallout could be significant. The party, which received a massive mandate in the 2015 and 2020 elections, will now have to work hard to rebuild the trust of Delhi's electorate. Kejriwal's image as a champion of the common man has taken a hit, and it remains to be seen how AAP responds to the mounting criticism.

2025: A Critical Year for NDA's Unity



The year 2025 will be a pivotal one for the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), testing its cohesion and ability to navigate the complex dynamics of India's political landscape. The NDA, which was formed in May 1998, has endured many political shifts over the years. After experiencing a period of diminished influence post-2014 due to the BJP's overwhelming dominance, the alliance made a notable return to national politics in 2023, reclaiming its relevance. However, it is the upcoming elections—particularly in Delhi and Bihar—that will truly test the unity and strength of the NDA.

In 2024, the NDA faced a crucial moment following the BJP's loss of its individual majority in the Lok Sabha elections. While the party's victory in several states bolstered its position, it has increasingly relied on its allies, such as the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Janata Dal (United) or JD(U), Shiv Sena (Shinde), and the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), to maintain a firm hold on power. These alliances are essential not just for regional presence but also for strengthening the BJP's position at the national level.

However, the cohesion within the NDA has been under scrutiny, especially after significant electoral shifts in several states. Regional parties, crucial for the NDA's success in areas like Bihar and Delhi, have voiced concerns over their treatment within the alliance. These concerns will need to be addressed carefully, as the BJP prepares for elections in Delhi and Bihar later this year. The results in these states could have a far-reaching impact on the NDA's ability to present a united front, both in state governance and in national politics.

While the BJP's strong leadership under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has played a key role in the NDA's sustained relevance, the party must ensure that its allies feel respected and empowered within the coalition framework. The challenge lies in balancing the aspirations of regional allies with the central leadership's vision. As the NDA gears up for 2025, the unity of this alliance will be tested. The outcome of the Delhi and Bihar elections will likely serve as a critical indicator of the BJP's ability to maintain a strong and harmonious coalition ahead of future national elections.

"We Will Definitely Win": Arvind Kejriwal As Delhi Election Dates Announced

TPN Correspondent
Delhi, Jan 08

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal expressed confidence in the party's victory in the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections, set to be held on February 5, with the counting of votes scheduled for February 8. In a message on X (formerly Twitter), Kejriwal emphasized that AAP workers were gearing up for the polls with full strength and enthusiasm. He highlighted that the upcoming election would center around a contrast between the "politics of work" and the "politics of abuse," asserting that the people of Delhi would choose AAP's work-oriented politics.

Delhi Minister Gopal Rai added to this sentiment, noting that the party had completed all its preparations for the election. He mentioned that AAP's candidates for all 70 assembly constituencies had been announced and that the party was fully ready to contest the elections. Rai expressed optimism about the AAP returning to power, stating that the people of Delhi were eagerly awaiting the chance to elect Arvind Kejriwal's government again.

AAP leader Priyanka Kakkar echoed similar sentiments, emphasizing the party's consistent engagement with the people. She expressed confidence in the public's continued support, believing that the blessings of God and the people of Delhi would remain with the party.



On the other hand, BJP's Parvesh Verma, a candidate from the New Delhi assembly seat, congratulated the people of Delhi and the Election Commission of India (ECI) for marking the "festival of democracy." Verma, who is contesting against Kejriwal, criticized the AAP over allegations regarding the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), claiming that the opposition parties were preparing for defeat. He also asserted that the BJP would form the next government in Delhi.

The deadline for filing nominations for the elections is January 17, with the scrutiny of nominations sched-

uled for January 18 and the last date for withdrawal set for January 20. As the Model Code of Conduct has come into effect in Delhi, all political activities will be conducted under the guidelines until the conclusion of the election process.

With the announcement of election dates, the final voter list has been published, recording 1,55,24,858 registered voters in Delhi. The upcoming election promises to be a critical contest, with AAP aiming to maintain its dominance following its landslide victory in 2020, where it secured 62 out of 70 seats.

Delhi to vote on February 5; counting on February 8

TPN Correspondent
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The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar announced on Tuesday that the polling for the 2025 Delhi Assembly elections will take place on February 5, with vote counting scheduled for February 8. This will be a single-phase election for all 70 assembly seats in the capital.

Along with Delhi, bypolls will also be held on the same day for two assembly constituencies—Milkipur in Uttar Pradesh and Erode in Tamil Nadu. However, bypolls for the Budgam and Nagrota constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir have been postponed due to snowy conditions. These elections will be conducted at a later date, with a deadline to complete the process before April.

The final date for filing nominations is January 17, followed by scrutiny of nominations on January 18. Candidates will have the option to withdraw their nominations by January 20. CEC Kumar noted that the election is scheduled for a Wednesday to encourage higher voter turnout, similar to the approach taken in Maharashtra.

Out of the 70 assembly seats in Delhi, 58 are general, while 12 are reserved. According to the latest electoral roll, the total number of voters in Delhi is 1.55 crore, which includes 83.49 lakh men, 71.74 lakh women, and 1,261 transgender individuals. Additionally, there are 25.89 lakh young voters,



2.08 lakh first-time voters, and 830 voters aged above 100 years.

Over 13,000 polling stations will be set up across the city to ensure smooth conduct of the elections. In the 2020 Delhi Assembly elections, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) secured 62 seats, while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won 8, and the Congress failed to win any seats.

Kumar further mentioned that bypolls were also pending in the Basirhat constituency of West Bengal and Visavadar in Gujarat due to ongoing election petitions. These bypolls cannot be held until the respective petitions are resolved in the state high courts.

Amit Shah Launches Bharatpol For International Police Assistance

TPN Correspondent
New Delhi, Jan 08

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Bharatpol portal on Tuesday, a platform developed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to enhance real-time information sharing among Indian law enforcement agencies and facilitate quicker access to international police assistance.

Describing the portal as a transformative step in tackling transnational crimes, Shah emphasized its role in elevating international investigations to new heights. "This initiative allows every investigation agency and state police force to easily connect with Interpol and expedite their investigations," he said.

Previously, the CBI coordinated international cooperation in criminal matters through various agencies, including law enforcement bodies. This coordination was primarily managed by INTERPOL Liaison Officers (ILOs) at the Central, State, and Union Territory levels. These ILOs were connected to Unit Officers (UOs) within local police forces, such as Superintendents of Police and Police Commissioners. However, communication among these entities relied on traditional methods like letters, emails, and faxes.

With the rise of transnational crimes, the need for rapid and real-time international assistance has become crucial. To address this, the CBI developed the Bharatpol portal, which integrates all stakeholders into a common platform. Accessible through the CBI's official website, the portal is set to significantly improve coordination and efficiency in criminal investigations.

"Microsoft To Invest \$3 Billion In India For Cloud And AI Expansion"

TPN Correspondent
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Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella announced on Tuesday that the company will invest USD 3 billion (approximately Rs 25,700 crore) to expand its cloud computing and artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities in India. This marks the largest expansion in India by the tech giant. As part of its commitment, Microsoft also plans to train 10 million people in AI skills across the country by 2030.

Nadella made the announcement at a conference attended by startup founders and technology executives in India, a nation that is quickly becoming a major hub for AI innovation. His visit is part of a broader trend, as other tech giants such as Nvidia, AMD, and Meta have also recently visited India to explore AI opportunities.

The \$3 billion investment will be directed towards enhancing Microsoft's Azure cloud infrastructure in India. Nadella highlighted the company's existing presence with multiple Azure regions across India, including Central India, South India, and West India. Microsoft has built significant infrastructure in collaboration with Jio, contributing to its regional expansion.



In a previous visit to India in February 2024, Nadella had already announced plans to provide AI training for 2 million people by 2025, focusing on individuals in smaller cities and rural areas. This latest initiative will build on that commitment, expanding AI skilling opportunities to a broader base.

Nadella also met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who expressed support for Microsoft's expansion plans. The two discussed the future of AI, India's digital infrastructure, and the country's entrepreneurial goals.

Nadella emphasized that India's role in AI innovation is rapidly growing, and Microsoft's investments in infrastructure and education will ensure that people and organizations across the nation are equipped to benefit from this technology.

India Confirms 7 HMPV Cases; Health Ministry Assures No Cause for Concern

TPN Correspondent
New Delhi, Jan 08

India has reported seven cases of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV), a respiratory virus that has recently garnered attention due to an outbreak in China. The Indian government has reassured the public that there is no cause for panic, as the virus is already in global circulation and the country is well-equipped to manage any potential rise in respiratory illnesses.

Two new cases of HMPV have been reported in Nagpur, Maharashtra. Both patients have recovered and been discharged, according to a private lab that released the details. Samples have been sent to AIIMS virology for further analysis.

The first two cases of HMPV in India were reported in Bengaluru, Karnataka, on Monday. One case involved a three-month-old baby, who has been discharged, while the other, an eight-month-old, is still under recovery at a hospital. A third case was confirmed in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, in a two-month-old infant who was admitted with symptoms of cold, cough, and breathing difficulty. The child is recovering and is ready for discharge.

Tamil Nadu reported two cases on Monday—one in Chennai and the other in Salem. No deaths have been reported from HMPV in India. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) emphasized that HMPV is not unusual in India and has been circulating globally.

Maha Kumbh 2025: Pilgrims To Get AI-Driven Smart Parking Solutions

TPN Correspondent
Delhi, Jan 08

Ahead of the Maha Kumbh 2025, the world's largest religious gathering, Park+, an auto-tech super app, has unveiled Prayagraj's first smart parking management system to enhance the experience for millions of pilgrims attending the event. As the official parking partner of the Maha Kumbh Mela, Park+ aims to simplify the parking process for devotees, ensuring seamless access to parking spaces during the massive event.

Park+ users can easily discover, book, and prepay for parking spots at government-approved locations in Prayagraj via the Park+ app. In a first, car owners can use their FASTag to pay for parking without human intervention, facilitating a smooth and cashless transaction

process.

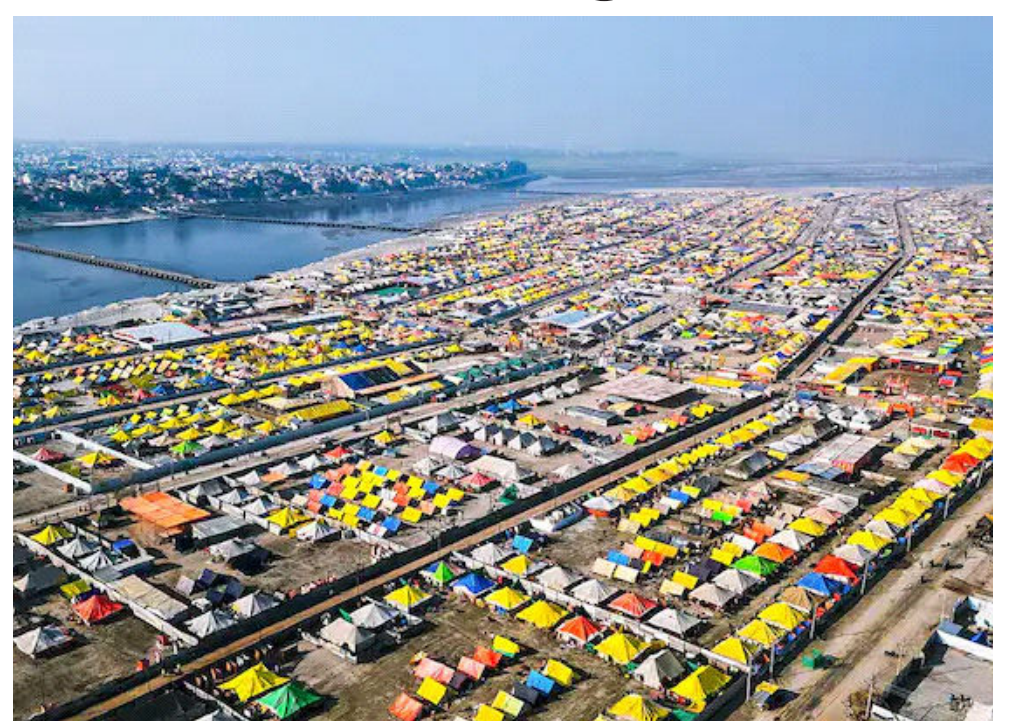
Amit Lakhota, Founder and CEO of Park+, expressed excitement over collaborating with the Kumbh Mela Authority to bring smart parking services to the event. "We anticipate over 40 crore pilgrims attending the Maha Kumbh, with more than 25 lakh vehicles converging in Prayagraj over the 45-day event. Our app will enable devotees to pre-book and prepay for secure parking spots, ensuring a hassle-free experience," Lakhota said.

The app-based solution will include features such as pre-booking, prepayment, and FASTag-enabled cashless transactions at over 30 government-approved parking locations, with a total capacity of 5 lakh vehicles. The Park+ parking zones will be equipped with 24x7 security, CCTV cameras, EV

charging stations, medical support, washrooms, and vehicle maintenance facilities.

Hitesh Gupta, Co-Founder and CTO of Park+, highlighted the use of AI-powered systems to predict parking patterns, monitor parking fill rates, and identify EV charging trends, ensuring a superior parking experience for pilgrims. Additionally, the system will automatically alert car owners about pending challans or expired PUC certificates.

In partnership with Indian Oil, Park+ will also offer fuel at discounted rates to pilgrims, further enhancing the convenience of their journey. With these innovations, Park+ aims to provide a seamless and secure parking experience during the Maha Kumbh 2025 in Prayagraj.



North Korea Test-Fires Hypersonic Missile Under Kim Jong-un's Supervision

North Korea has confirmed the successful test of a new intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) equipped with a hypersonic warhead. According to Yonhap News Agency, citing North Korea's state media, the test was conducted on Monday under the supervision of Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un.

The missile reportedly traveled a distance of about 1,500 kilometers at speeds 12 times faster than the speed of sound. The test was closely monitored by Kim Jong-un, who expressed that the development of the hypersonic missile system was essential for enhancing the country's nuclear deterrence capabilities. Kim emphasized that the weapon would serve as a strategic deterrent, making it a key element in North Korea's military arsenal.

The North Korean leader stated that the missile's development aimed to ensure that no country could respond effectively to its strategic deterrence, specifically targeting potential rivals in the Pacific region. Kim noted that the system would not only pose a significant military threat to any adversaries but also be capable of overcoming advanced defense mechanisms.

The Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported that during the test



flight, the hypersonic glide vehicle atop the IRBM reached two peak altitudes—one at 99.8 kilometers and another at 42.5 kilometers—before successfully completing its flight path and striking its designated target in the sea.

This missile test is part of North Korea's ongoing efforts to bolster its

military capabilities and assert its position in the region. The successful launch demonstrates the country's progress in advancing its missile technology and enhancing its ability to challenge external threats. The test also underscores the continued tensions surrounding North Korea's military ambitions and its growing arsenal of advanced weaponry.

Justin Trudeau Resigns as Canadian Prime Minister Amid Party Turmoil

After months of speculation, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced his resignation as both the Prime Minister and leader of the Liberal Party on Monday. The decision followed the resignation of his once-trusted Deputy Prime Minister, Chrystia Freeland, last month. Her departure sparked renewed calls for Trudeau's resignation, not only from opposition leaders but also from several Liberal MPs.



Trudeau's resignation marks a significant turning point for Canada as it navigates internal political challenges and global issues. Meeting with Governor General Mary Simon, Trudeau recommended proroguing Parliament until March 24 to allow for the selection of a new leader. In his statement, Trudeau emphasized the need for fresh leadership, stating, "This country deserves a real choice in the next election."

Acknowledging the difficulties within his party, Trudeau explained, "If I am having to fight internal battles, I cannot be the best option in that election." He confirmed that he would step down as party leader and Prime Minister after a competitive leadership process is completed by the Liberal Party.

In an emotional address, Trudeau reflected on his tenure, saying, "Since 2015, I've fought for this country and for you." He highlighted key accomplishments during his leadership, such as efforts to strengthen the middle class, support Canadians through the pandemic, advance reconciliation, and stand with Ukraine. He also pointed to actions taken to combat climate change and modernize Canada's economy.

Despite the challenges, Trudeau declared, "Every bone in my body has always told me to fight because I care deeply about Canadians."

Imran Khan cannot be tried for failing to deposit gift in Toshakhana: Pak IHC

In a significant legal development, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) ruled that former Prime Minister Imran Khan cannot be prosecuted for failing to deposit a Bulgari jewellery set, as per the Toshakhana rules, under the amended 2023 regulations. The court's ruling clarified that the revised rules could not be applied retroactively and emphasized that under the original 2018 rules, the only requirement was the submission of a receipt for the gift, not its deposit.

The case stemmed from the Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) accusations against Khan and his wife, Bushra Bibi, alleging that they undervalued the Bulgari jewellery set, which was gifted by the Saudi crown prince. The FIA claimed that the undervaluation resulted in a loss of Rs 32.8 million to the national exchequer.

Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb, delivering the 14-page judgment, clarified that the amendments made to the Toshakhana rules in 2023, which introduced penalties for failing to submit gifts to the state treasury, were not applicable to the time when the gift was received. He pointed out that the 2018 rules only mandated the submission of a receipt, not the gift itself.



The court further noted that there were no allegations of direct threats or coercion regarding the undervaluation of the jewellery, and the defense argued that Khan had adhered to the 2018 rules by submitting the necessary receipt. No evidence was presented to dispute this claim.

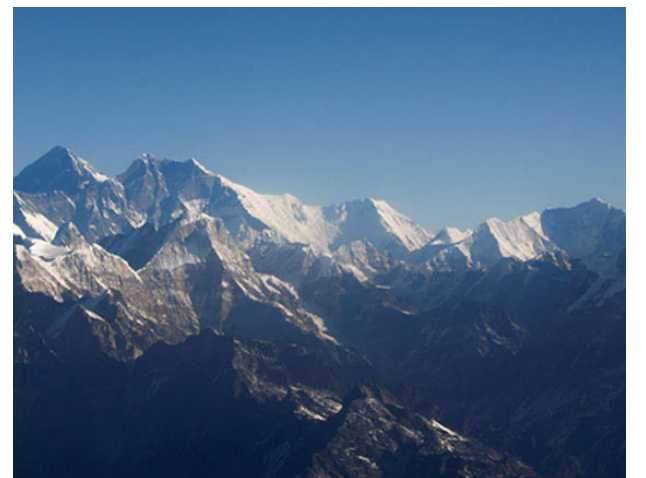
Justice Aurangzeb also highlighted the significant delays in the trial,

remarking that despite Khan's detention for over four months, he had not been formally indicted, adding to the concerns of judicial inefficiency in the case.

This ruling marks a setback for the government's efforts to prosecute Khan over the Toshakhana matter and underscores the complexities involved in applying new legal frameworks to past actions.

China Closes Mount Everest Scenic Areas After 6.8-Magnitude Earthquake

China has temporarily closed the scenic areas of Mount Everest, also known as Mount Qomolangma, to tourists following a powerful 6.8-magnitude earthquake that struck Dingri County in the Tibet Autonomous Region on Tuesday. The earthquake occurred at 9:05 am Beijing Time and rattled the region, which is home to the base camp of the world's highest peak.



Local authorities reported that both staff members and tourists in the area were safe following the tremor. However, the earthquake caused significant damage to the surrounding areas, with 53 people confirmed dead and 62 others injured, according to the regional disaster relief headquarters. Despite the devastation, the hotel buildings and the surrounding scenic area infrastructure were reportedly intact, as per a statement from the Dingri Culture and Tourism Bureau.

The Qomolangma Station for Atmospheric and Environmental Research, situated in Dingri, experienced a power outage, though it was confirmed that the research station's facilities were still in good condition. The region, located at the China-Nepal border, experienc-

es extreme temperatures, with recent weather forecasts indicating a temperature range between minus 18°C and zero.

In 2024, the Chinese side of Mount Qomolangma saw a surge in tourism, with 13,764 overseas visitors, more than double the number recorded in 2023. Tourists from countries such as Singapore, Malaysia, Germany, and France made up the majority of visitors to the area, according to the County Bureau of Culture and Tourism.

As rescue and relief operations continue, the Chinese authorities have decided to close the scenic areas for tourists to ensure safety and manage the aftermath of the earthquake.

France Reports First Case of New Mpox Virus Amid Ongoing Global Epidemic

France has confirmed its first case of the new mpox virus, the health ministry reported on Monday. This comes weeks after the World Health Organization (WHO) maintained its highest alert level for the epidemic. The confirmed case involves the clade 1b variant and was detected in the western Brittany region of France. The French health authorities have already implemented the necessary oversight measures in response to the case.

Mpox, previously known as monkeypox, is a viral disease related to smallpox, transmitted to humans through infected animals. It can also spread from person to person through close

physical contact. Symptoms of the virus include fever, muscular aches, and large boil-like skin lesions, with the potential to be deadly in severe cases.

The WHO declared a public health emergency for mpox in August and renewed the declaration on November 22 following an outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The disease has spread across 80 countries globally, with 19 of those cases in Africa.

France's health ministry clarified that the individual infected with the virus had not traveled to Central Africa, where several clade variants of mpox

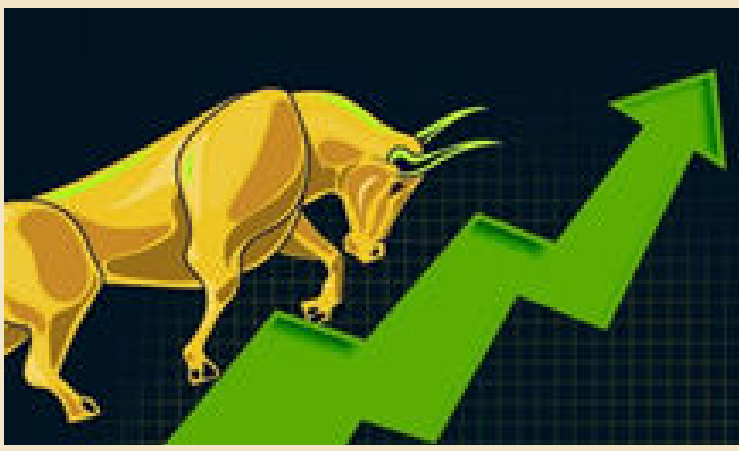
have been circulating for months. However, the infected person had been in contact with two individuals who had recently returned from Central Africa. Authorities have launched an investigation to determine the exact origin of the infection and to trace any potential contacts.

The emergence of the clade 1b variant of mpox has raised concerns, with the WHO urging European nations to prepare for rapid action to contain its spread. As the situation continues to unfold, health officials are closely monitoring the spread of the virus and implementing measures to prevent further outbreaks.



Stock Markets Rebound from Monday's Fall: Sensex Gains 234 Points, Nifty Up 91 Points

Domestic stock markets closed with moderate gains today. They recovered somewhat from Monday's losses. Benchmark indices opened with a gap-up on positive signals from Asian and international markets. Investors bought value stocks available at attractive prices. This is evidence that the indices are still in the grip of bears as they face difficulties in recovering. On the other hand, the dollar index is rising. The decline in India VIX is a bit positive. Nifty 91 and Sensex rose by 234 points on the back of gains in metal, realty and media shares.



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The BSE Sensex, which closed at 77,964 in the previous session, opened at 78,019 today. It touched an intraday low of 77,925. It reached an intraday high of 78,452. It finally closed at 78,199 with a gain of 234 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 23,679 on Tuesday, touched a low of 23,637 and a high of 23,795. It closed at 23,707, up 91 points. The Bank Nifty rose 280 points to settle at 50,202.

In the Nifty50, 32 companies gained while 18 lost. ONGC, SBI Life, HDFC Life, Tata Motors, and Adani Enterprises were the top gainers. Trent, HCHL Tech, TCS, Eicher Motors, and Tech Mahindra lost the most. Today, all sectoral indices rose except IT. Media, Metal, Realty, Healthcare, and Oil and Gas indices were in a state of turmoil.

Fear Index India VIX fell 6.32% to 14.66 today. Market breadth in favor of buyers on NSE today. Out of 2899 stocks traded, 2076 gained. 751 lost. Shares of 47 companies reached 52-week highs. Only 71 reached 52-week lows.

56 lakh shares changed hands in a block deal held in NMDC. Oval Projects Engineering files DRHP. Tata Elexi enters

into strategic partnership with National Aerospace Laboratories. GM Breweries Q3 net profit falls 3% to Rs.22 crore. Revenue rises 4% to Rs.644 crore. CoalIndia signs MoU with IREL. Mobikwik Q2 consolidated net loss is Rs 3.6 crore. Tribhuvan Das shares rose by 9%. Microsoft to invest \$ 3 billion in AI and cloud sector in India. Kelaton Tech Solutions shares rose by 11%. Akzo Nobel promoters are reported to be planning to sell their 75% stake. Equiras has given a buy rating to Arvind Fashions with a target price of Rs 753. Airtel revenue is expected to grow by 23% in Q3. 26 lakh shares changed hands in Poonawalla Fincorp. It is reported that the central government is planning to merge NMDC with KIOCL.

1. Tata Motors

Tata Motors is one of India's largest automobile manufacturers with a diversified portfolio across passenger vehicles (PV), commercial vehicles (CV), and luxury vehicles (via Jaguar Land Rover - JLR). The company is also a leader in the electric vehicle (EV) space in India. Strong demand for EVs (Nexon EV is a market leader). Recovery in JLR sales with a focus on electric models. Increased government focus on infrastructure boosts CV demand. Suitable for long-term investors betting on the EV transition and recovery in the auto sector.



2. Biocon

Biocon is a leading biopharmaceutical company with a strong



presence in biosimilars, generic formulations, and research services. It is also expanding its footprint in the global insulin and oncology segments. Growing biosimilars business in regulated markets. Strategic partnerships with Mylan and Viartis for global expansion. Expanding portfolio in oncology, diabetes, and immunology. Suitable for long-term investors looking to benefit from growth in the biopharmaceutical sector.

3. SBI Life Insurance

SBI Life is one of India's leading life insurance companies, with a strong distribution network through SBI's extensive branch network. It offers a wide range of life insurance and investment products. Increasing awareness of life insurance in India. Strong bancassurance channel through SBI. Focus on high-margin protection products. Suitable for long-term investors looking for stable growth in the insurance sector.



4. Zydus Lifesciences (Zydus Life)

Zydus Lifesciences is a leading Indian pharmaceutical company focused on generics, biosimilars, vaccines, and specialty products. It has a strong domestic presence and exports to over 50 countries. Expanding biosimilars portfolio. Launch of complex generics in the US and Europe. Focus on vaccines and specialty products. Suitable for investors looking for a stable pharma company with a focus on innovation.



5. Max Healthcare

Max Healthcare is one of India's leading healthcare service providers with a focus on high-end specialty care. It operates a network of hospitals across North and West India. Rising demand for quality healthcare services in urban India. Expansion of high-margin specialties like oncology, cardiology, and neurology. Focus on digital health and homecare services. Suitable for long-term investors focused on the growing healthcare services sector.



Oil Prices Dip as Demand Optimism Wanes, but Tight Supply Supports



Oil prices experienced a slight decline on Tuesday as optimism about global demand faded, despite concerns about tighter supply from Russia and Iran due to expanding Western sanctions. Brent crude futures fell by 25 cents, or 0.33%, to \$76.05 per barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude dropped 44 cents, or 0.60%, to \$73.12 per barrel.

After experiencing gains for five consecutive days last week, both benchmarks slipped on Monday, retreating from their highest levels since October. The surge in oil prices had been fueled by expectations of fiscal stimulus in China, aimed at boosting the country's struggling economy. However, this week's price weakness appears to be a technical correction, according to Priyanka Sachdeva, senior market analyst at Philip Nova. She cited softer global economic data, particularly from the U.S. and Germany, which dampened earlier optimism.

Analysts have pointed to recent developments in the Eurozone, where higher inflation in Germany has raised concerns that the European

Central Bank (ECB) may not be able to cut interest rates as quickly as anticipated. In the U.S., a decline in manufactured goods orders in November has also raised worries about economic slowdown. Market participants are now awaiting key economic reports later this week, such as the U.S. December non-farm payrolls data, for insights into U.S. interest rate policies and the broader oil demand outlook.

Despite these bearish signals, colder-than-normal weather in both the U.S. and Europe has driven up heating oil demand, offering some support to prices. Meteorologists forecast that U.S. temperatures will remain lower than usual through Jan. 21, with the coldest weather expected later this week.

Additionally, concerns over tightening supply from Russia and Iran, driven by sanctions, have helped stabilize oil prices. This has led to increased demand for Middle Eastern oil, as reflected in Saudi Arabia's decision to raise February oil prices to Asia, marking the first such increase in three months.

Adani Group Stocks Surge, Boosted by Positive Developments and Investor Confidence



Shares of Adani Group companies experienced a strong bullish trend on Tuesday, with significant gains observed across most of its stocks. Leading the charge were Adani Green Energy and Adani Power, which saw gains of 2.47% and 2.33%, respectively. Other stocks within the group also saw positive movement, with Adani Energy Solutions up by 1.96% and Adani Enterprises, the flagship company, climbing 1.72%.

The upward momentum extended to Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ), which was up 1.36%, and Adani Total Gas, which saw a more modest increase of 0.3%. In the cement sector, Ambuja Cements and ACC also rose by approximately 1.50%.

As of 1:19 p.m., the overall market capitalization of the Adani Group surged by around Rs 16,000 crore, bringing its total market value to nearly Rs 12.80 lakh crore. This strong performance is reflective of investor confidence, fueled by recent positive developments within the conglomerate.

One of the key highlights that has contributed to this optimism is the announcement of a joint venture between Adani Petrochemicals, a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, and Indorama Resources. The joint venture, named 'Valor Petrochem,' will see Adani Petrochemicals hold a 50% stake. This collaboration is expected to leverage Indorama's expertise in the petrochemicals industry, enhancing Adani's position in this growing sector.

India's Natural Gas Infrastructure Expands with Record-Breaking Pipeline Growth

India's natural gas pipeline network has seen impressive growth, with the total length of operational pipelines increasing by 62.6% from 15,340 kilometers (km) in 2014 to 24,945 km as of September 2024. According to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, approximately 10,805 km of additional pipelines are currently under construction, signaling a major expansion in the country's energy infrastructure.

The completion of these pipelines, authorized by the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), will complete the national gas grid, connecting all major demand and supply centers across India. This strategic development aims to ensure easy access to natural gas nationwide, promoting uniform economic and social progress.

In addition to pipeline expansion, the Ministry



announced a key reform aimed at simplifying the natural gas tariff system. On January 7, 2024, the PNGRB amended the regulations to introduce a unified tariff for natural gas pipelines, following the vision of "One Nation, One Grid, One Tariff." Starting June 1, 2024, a level-

ized unified tariff of Rs 80.97/MMBTU will be applied, with three tariff zones based on distance from the gas source: up to 300 km, 300-1200 km, and beyond 1200 km. This reform will particularly benefit consumers in remote areas, where additional tariffs currently apply, and it will support the development of gas markets across the country.

The national gas grid includes interconnected pipeline networks operated by various entities, such as Indian Oil Corporation, GAIL (India), and Reliance Gas Pipelines, among others. PNGRB has also authorized the development of City Gas Distribution (CGD) infrastructure across 307 geographical areas, which will cover nearly the entire country and its population. By September 2024, the total number of PNG (domestic) connections and CNG stations stood at 1.36 crore and 7,259, respectively.

India's GDP Projected to Grow at 6.4% in FY 2024-25, Marking a Four-Year Low

India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is projected to grow at 6.4% in the fiscal year 2024-25, according to the first advance estimates released by the government on Tuesday. This forecast represents a significant slowdown, as it marks a four-year low and is a sharp decline from the 8.2% growth achieved in FY 2023-24.

The new projection of 6.4% is lower than the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) recent estimate of 6.6% for the same period, highlighting the challenges the economy is expected to face in the coming year. The first advance estimates, provided by the National Statistical Office (NSO), offer an early indication of the country's economic outlook



for the fiscal year 2024-25.

The estimate reveals a notable slowdown in India's economic momentum as it transitions

from a high growth phase in FY 2023-24, when the economy expanded by a robust 8.2%. The government's updated figures suggest that the growth rate of 6.4% in FY 2024-25 will be driven by various factors, including a potential slowdown in key sectors such as manufacturing and agriculture, which are vital to the nation's economy.

While the projected growth rate for FY 2024-25 is lower than expected, it still represents a solid performance, considering the global economic uncertainties and domestic challenges. Factors such as inflationary pressures, tightening global monetary policies, and geopolitical tensions could also influence the pace of recovery.

BTS's V Spotted on Rare Coffee Run During Military Service: Fans Go Wild

BTS member Kim Taehyung, better known as V, has been spotted enjoying a rare outing while fulfilling his mandatory military service. The 29-year-old was recently seen picking up beverages from a coffee shop with a fellow soldier. Photos and videos of this casual moment have since gone viral, sparking excitement among his fans, known as ARMY.



V, who is currently serving his 18-month military duty, enlisted in December 2023 alongside fellow BTS member RM. As of January 2025, V has completed 13 months of his service and is stationed at the SDT (Special Duty Team) barracks in Chuncheon City. Despite his busy military schedule, the singer seems to be making time for his fellow soldiers and enjoying quality moments with them.

V's birthday, celebrated on December 30, was another highlight. To honor his special day, ARMYs organized a heartfelt celebration by decorating the streets near his barracks with over 70 banners featuring personal messages for the star. This gesture reflects the deep affection and admiration his fans hold for him, even while he's away from the public eye.

On the music front, V had a remarkable year in 2024. He released three chart-topping songs, starting with his digital single "FRI(END)S" in March, which featured a cinematic music video and quickly gained attention worldwide. Later that year, in November, he dropped the ballad "Winter Ahead," a collaboration with renowned singer Park Hyo Shin. V also released a touching rendition of "White Christmas," which earned praise from fans and even Crosby's family for his heartfelt performance.

Despite being in the military, V continues to make waves with his music and maintain a strong connection with his fans. His recent coffee run is just a reminder of how much fans miss and appreciate the talented artist, who remains active and celebrated even during his service.

iPhone 17 Series to Feature Revamped Design and New Features

The highly anticipated iPhone 17 series is expected to arrive in the second half of this year, bringing a range of models including the iPhone 17, iPhone 17 Slim, iPhone 17 Pro, and iPhone 17 Pro Max. Rumors have been circulating about a redesigned lineup, with new leaks suggesting significant changes in both design and features compared to its predecessors.



One of the most notable design shifts is the potential return of curved edges. Tipster Fixed Focus Digital on Weibo has shared information hinting that the iPhone 17 lineup could feature a revamped frame, marking a departure from the current flat-sided design seen in the iPhone 16 series. The leak suggests that the connection between the back shell and the frame could have a slope rather than the current step design, which could result in more rounded sides, similar to older iPhone models such as the iPhone 6. The new design could enhance the in-hand feel, providing a more comfortable grip.

It remains unclear whether the curved design will be exclusive to the base iPhone 17 models or if the Pro variants will also adopt this change.

Apple's flat sides with rounded edges in the current iPhone 16 lineup have been well-received, so the return of curved edges could be a significant shift in the iPhone's look and feel.

In addition to design changes, rumors suggest that the iPhone 17 Pro models will maintain the current camera layout, although earlier leaks had indicated a possible Pixel-style layout with a horizontal pill-shaped cutout for the camera module.

Furthermore, the iPhone 17 Pro models are expected to feature ProMotion displays, offering a smoother user experience with a high refresh rate. While the Pro models might also see an aluminum frame instead of the current titanium, the standard iPhone 17 and iPhone 17 Slim/Air could feature the A18 or A19 chip and come with 8GB of RAM. The iPhone 17 Pro variants, on the other hand, are rumored to be powered by the A19 Pro chip and could feature 12GB of RAM for enhanced performance.

With these potential design and feature upgrades, the iPhone 17 series is poised to be one of the most exciting launches of 2025.

Are Artificial Sweeteners Really Better Than Sugar? Experts Weigh In

In today's health-conscious world, many people are turning to artificial sweeteners as a way to cut calories and reduce sugar intake. These substitutes are commonly found in diet sodas, low-calorie snacks, and sugar-free desserts, promising the same sweetness as refined sugar without the extra calories. However, experts caution that artificial sweeteners may not be as harmless as they seem, and their potential health impacts should be considered.

While artificial sweeteners are often used to manage weight and control blood sugar levels, there are growing concerns about their long-term effects on health. Ayurvedic health coach Dimple Jangda points out that artificial sweeteners have been linked to an increased risk of heart disease and stroke. These sweeteners can trigger inflammation in the body, disrupt metabolism, and elevate the chances of developing cardiovascular issues.

Additionally, Jangda highlights that artificial sweeteners may contribute to insulin resistance, making it harder for the body to regulate blood sugar levels effectively. This disruption can also impact gut health, potentially leading to issues like irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and other digestive problems.



Even more concerning, artificial sweeteners may affect mood

and lead to headaches.

In a surprising twist, some studies suggest that artificial sweeteners may actually contribute to weight gain. While they are often marketed as a weight-loss aid, over time, they might increase cravings for sweet or high-calorie foods, leading to overeating. This paradoxical effect could elevate the risk of obesity in the long term.

Given these concerns, experts recommend a more balanced approach to sweetening food and drinks. Instead of relying heavily on artificial sweeteners, consider using natural sweeteners like honey or maple syrup, but in moderation. Embracing whole, unprocessed foods, listening to your body's hunger cues, and staying properly hydrated are also essential strategies for maintaining a healthy lifestyle without overindulging in sweeteners.

Ultimately, while artificial sweeteners might offer short-term benefits in terms of calorie reduction, their long-term effects on health suggest that moderation and natural alternatives are the best choices for overall well-being.

Scientists Unlock Secrets of Ancient Human DNA

In the 1860s, Swiss chemist Friedrich Miescher made a groundbreaking discovery: human DNA. His work laid the foundation for further research that has unveiled remarkable truths about our ancient ancestors. Even as recently as 2018, new findings have expanded our understanding, revealing previously unknown details about early human history, including the discovery of a new group of ancient humans.



One of the most significant discoveries came in 2018 when archaeologists uncovered the well-preserved skeletons of two Native American infants, dating back 11,500 years. These infants, believed to be part of the same family, offered scientists an unprecedented glimpse into early human life. The exceptional preservation of the remains provided critical insights into the first humans to journey into North America, offering a rare opportunity to study ancient DNA and understand their genetic makeup.

The excavation took place in Upward Sun River, Alaska, a remote location where, in the early 2000s, anthropology professor Ben Potter began his research. This area of Alaska, once connected to Europe and Africa by ancient land bridges, played a pivotal role in the migration patterns of early humans. The region's unique position as a crossroads for ancient peoples allowed researchers to study

how early humans interacted with their environment and each other.

The discovery of these skeletons adds to a growing body of evidence that reveals the complexity of early human migration and adaptation. By analyzing DNA from these ancient remains, scientists can trace the lineage of these early inhabitants and uncover more about their cultural practices, survival strategies, and genetic contributions to modern populations.

These remarkable findings not only deepen our knowledge of ancient human history but also demonstrate the power of modern genetics in unlocking the secrets of our distant past. As researchers continue to study ancient remains and DNA, new revelations are expected to shed light on the early chapters of human evolution.

Instagram Tests AI-Generated Images in New Experiment

Meta-owned Instagram is reportedly testing a new feature that displays AI-generated images of users, including unique visuals that reflect them in creative scenarios. According to a recent report from 404Media, a Reddit user shared their experience of coming across an AI-generated version of themselves in a post that showcased a slideshow of AI-created images. One of these images depicted the user standing in front of "an endless maze of mirrors," adding a surreal and introspective twist to the visuals.

The post, which is only visible to the user, came with the caption, "Imagine yourself reflecting on life in an endless maze of mirrors where you're the main focus." The concept behind the image is designed to evoke deep personal reflection, with the AI-generated rendering adding an element of artistry and creativity. While some commenters initially doubted the authenticity of the post, the user confirmed the image was not real, prompting an inquiry by 404Media to Meta. In response, Meta confirmed that this was indeed part of a new experiment, which they had teased back in September.

This new feature explores the use of AI to create digital representations of users in imaginative and abstract settings. The images are generated based on the user's profile, capturing various aspects of their appearance in a way that is both creative and thought-provoking. The AI-generated



content appears as part of Instagram's broader efforts to introduce more advanced technological tools into the platform, enhancing user engagement with personalized and immersive experiences.

The rollout of AI-generated images is expected to be part of Instagram's continuous effort to stay ahead in the social media space by incorporating artificial intelligence and creative content. Meta's decision to incorporate AI-generated versions of users could pave the way for more interactive and visually stimulating features in the future, continuing to push the boundaries of social media content creation.

Pujara, Rahane Have Shown Hunger: Rohit Sharma Sent Blunt Domestic Cricket Message

India captain Rohit Sharma has received a blunt reminder about his commitment to Test cricket, with former cricketer Sanjay Bangar urging the skipper to focus on domestic cricket to reignite his red-ball hunger. Despite expressing a desire to continue playing Test cricket, Rohit's recent performances have been lackluster, including a disappointing series against Australia in the 2024 Border-Gavaskar Trophy, where India suffered a 1-3 defeat. His struggles with the bat led to him being benched for the final match in Sydney.



"When you are 37 years old, every failure hurts. A cricketer takes great pride in their performances, and when they can't replicate their past success, especially with younger players stepping up, it can weigh heavily on the mind," Bangar explained. "Rohit needs to assess whether he still has the drive to play Test cricket. If he does, that drive must be reflected in his actions."

While Rohit has expressed his intention to continue playing for India, Bangar insists that he must show his commitment by excelling in domestic cricket. If Rohit can regain his

Bangar, speaking on Star Sports, emphasized that Rohit needs to show his commitment through action, particularly by playing in domestic competitions like the Ranji Trophy. He pointed out that players like Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane, who have been dropped from India's Test team, have continued to play red-ball cricket with unwavering dedication. Pujara and Rahane's consistent performances in domestic cricket serve as an example of hunger for the game, which Rohit must also demonstrate to prove his readiness for international cricket.

form at that level, no one can stop him from returning to the international fold. However, Bangar stressed that his hunger for the game should be evident both in his actions and performances.

In addition to advice for Rohit, Bangar criticized the Indian team management for being reactive rather than proactive in selecting players, particularly during the recent series. He suggested that better decision-making and combinations could have led to improved performances throughout the series.

ECB Rejects Boycott Call for England-Afghanistan Champions Trophy Match

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has reportedly rejected calls to boycott England's upcoming Champions Trophy match against Afghanistan due to the treatment of women under the Taliban regime. The match, scheduled for February 26, 2025, has become a subject of controversy, with over 160 politicians urging the ECB to take a firm stand against the treatment of Afghan women by boycotting the game.



In a letter addressed to ECB chief executive Richard Gould, Labour MP Tonia Antoniazzi, along with other political figures, called on the England men's team and officials to speak out against the "horrific treatment of women and girls" under the Taliban's rule. The letter also urged the ECB to send a message of solidarity with Afghan women by boycotting the match, condemning the regime's actions, and raising global awareness about the situation.

In response, Gould stated that while the ECB strongly condemns the treatment of women in Afghanistan, it favors a coordinated, international approach through the International Cricket Council (ICC) rather than unilateral actions. He emphasized that the ICC's commitment to the growth and development of women's cricket should be supported by all member nations, and that any boycott by in-

dividual countries might inadvertently support the Taliban's efforts to isolate Afghan society further.

The ECB confirmed its position of not scheduling bilateral cricket matches against Afghanistan, in line with its commitment to women's rights. However, Gould expressed that the ECB will continue to advocate for collective action within the ICC to address the situation more effectively.

While countries like Australia have withdrawn from playing against Afghanistan in recent years due to the Taliban's restrictions on women, both teams played in the 2023 ODI World Cup and the 2024 T20 World Cup. The ECB's stance highlights the ongoing debate over how to balance diplomatic and humanitarian concerns with the integrity of international sport.

Nottingham Forest's Dream Season Continues with 3-0 Victory at Wolves



Nottingham Forest's remarkable season continued on Monday with a commanding 3-0 win at Wolves, marking a successful return to Molineux for manager Nuno Espirito Santo. England international Morgan Gibbs-White and the in-form Chris Wood scored before halftime to give Forest a crucial lead. Substitute Taiwo Awoniyi sealed the win in stoppage time, extending their winning streak to six games.

With the victory, Forest climbed to third in the Premier League, level on points with Arsenal and just six points behind leaders Liverpool, whom they will face in their next match. Despite being unlikely to mount a title challenge this season, Forest are building a significant gap in the race for Champions League qualification. They are five points ahead of fifth-placed Newcastle and six clear of struggling Manchester City in sixth.

For Forest, a top-four finish would mark their first return to Europe's elite competition in 45 years. However, even a fifth-place finish could be enough, depending on how English clubs perform in European competitions this sea-

son.

Espirito Santo, while proud of the team's success, remains grounded: "We need to stay humble. We haven't achieved anything yet. We need to work until the end and this can lead us to good moments," he said.

Gibbs-White, who spent the early part of his career at Wolves, played a key role in the victory, scoring with a composed finish from Antony Elanga's pass. His performance caught the eye of new England manager Thomas Tuchel.

Wood, who has been in excellent form, doubled Forest's lead just before halftime, turning in Callum Hudson-Odoi's low cross for his 12th goal of the season. The victory was also thanks to a solid defense, with goalkeeper Mats Sels making a crucial save to deny Wolves' Jorgen Strand Larsen.

Espirito Santo's disciplined approach, which helped Wolves achieve European qualification during his time in charge, is now yielding similar results for Forest, leaving fans dreaming of an incredible season ahead.

Tammy Abraham's Late Winner Secures Italian Super Cup for AC Milan

Tammy Abraham scored a dramatic late winner as AC Milan fought back from two goals down to defeat defending champions Inter Milan 3-2 and claim the Italian Super Cup trophy in Riyadh on Monday. Inter Milan appeared on track to win their fourth consecutive Super Cup, with Lautaro Martinez and Mehdi Taremi finding the net either side of halftime. However, Milan staged a stunning second-half comeback to lift the trophy.



Inter, who had dominated their semifinal against Atalanta with a 2-0 victory, were dealt a blow when Hakan Calhanoglu was forced off with a muscular injury just after the half-hour mark, and Kristjan Asllani replaced the Turkish midfielder. The loss of Calhanoglu left a gap in Inter's

midfield, and Milan capitalized after the break.

Theo Hernandez sparked AC Milan's revival with a brilliant free-kick in the 52nd minute, breathing life into their hopes of securing a first trophy under new coach

Sergio Conceicao. Milan continued to press, and with just 10 minutes left in the match, US winger Christian Pulisic leveled the score at 2-2.

As the game entered injury time, Abraham scored the winning goal in the 93rd minute, ensuring Milan's eighth Italian Super Cup victory, their first since 2016. This victory brings Milan level with Inter Milan on eight titles in the tournament, with Juventus still leading the way with a record nine wins.

Despite a strong start and dominating much of the match, Inter Milan was unable to hold onto their lead, and AC Milan's resilience paid off with a thrilling comeback victory that will be remembered for years to come.

29th All India Federation Cup Carrom Tournament: Day-3 Highlights

The 29th All India Federation Cup Carrom Tournament continued to impress with exciting gameplay on its third day, held at the Nellore Club, Nellore. Organized by the All India Carrom Federation with support from the Andhra State Carrom Association, the Nellore District Carrom Association, and the Nellore Club, the tournament has attracted top carrom talent from across the country.

The third day of the tournament showcased crucial matches in both the men's and women's events, including the semi-finals for doubles. The stakes were high as the doubles teams battled for a spot in the finals, and the singles events entered their third round.

Men's Doubles Semi-finals:

Zaheer Pasha & Prashant More (RBI) defeated Rahim Karim Khan & Abhijit Tripankar (Jain Irrigation) with scores of 22-18, 25-04.

Vikas Harish Dharia & Pankaj Ashok Pawar (Maharashtra) triumphed over Sandeep Dive & Zaid Ahmed Farooqi (Jain Irrigation) with scores of 24-18, 25-18.

Women's Doubles Semi-finals:

B Shobhika & S. Preeti Princes (Tamil Nadu) emerged victorious over Rashmi Kumari & Ilavazhaki (PSPB), with scores of 22-09, 07-25, 17-12.

M. Khazima & V. Mitra (PSPB) won against K. Nagajothi & Neelam Ghodke (CCSCSB), with scores of 25-12, 20-11.

Women's Second-Round Matches:

Rashmi Kumari (PSPB) triumphed over Seema Chauhan (Rajasthan) with scores of 25-0, 25-0.

Vanish Shruithi (Gujarat) defeated Ch. Sudha (Andhra) with scores of 24-09, 25-08, 25-20.

Nidhi Gupta (AAI) won against Nagajothi (Telangana) with scores of 25-15, 25-10.

L. Keertana (Tamil Nadu) defeated Anjali Prajapathi (DASCB) with scores of 25-0, 25-07.

B Shobhika (Tamil Nadu) won over Kavitha Somanchi (RBI) with scores of 06-20, 25-0, 15-09.

Men's Third-Round Matches: In a major upset, Dilli Babu (LIC) defeated top seed Md. Ghufuran (PSPB) with scores of 20-19, 10-25, 25-0.

K Srinivas (PSPB) defeated Dharmendra

Kumar (DASCB) with scores of 25-10, 25-20. Irshad Ahmed (Vidarbha) won against Ali Abbas (UP) with scores of 25-10, 25-09. Md Shadab (Delhi) defeated Uma Maheshwara Rao (Andhra) with scores of 17-22, 22-06, 21-16.

Sandeep Dive (Jain Irrigation) triumphed over Md. Barkath Ali (Bihar) with scores of 25-01, 21-09.

V Anil Kumar (CAG) defeated Musharaff (AAI) with scores of 25-18, 25-10.

Prashant More (RBI) won against R Prajoy (DASCCSB) with scores of 25-0, 25-05.

With intense competition heating up, the finals for both the men's and women's doubles events are set to be exciting. As the tournament progresses, spectators can look forward to even more thrilling matches.

The event continues until January 8th, with the hope of promoting the sport of carrom across the nation. We encourage all to follow the progress of the tournament and support this beautiful game.

SK Abdul Jaleel
Organizing Secretary
29th All India Federation Cup Carrom Tournament



Suriya's Kanguva Makes the Oscars Eligibility List

Despite facing disappointment with its box office performance, the Tamil film *Kanguva* has managed to make it to the eligibility list for the 97th Academy Awards. The film, starring Suriya, was included in the 323 feature films vying for this year's Oscars, raising hopes among its supporters. Although *Kanguva* failed to live up to the commercial expectations, it has met the necessary requirements to be considered for the Best Picture category.



which did not make it to the Golden Globes nominations. However, with *Kanguva* and other Indian films making the Oscars list, there is still hope for recognition at the prestigious awards.

While *Kanguva* makes waves, it isn't the only Indian film to appear on the eligibility list. Other notable Indian films on the list include the Hindi version of Prithviraj Sukumaran's *Aadujeevitham* (*GOAT Life*), the biographical film *Swatantrya Veer Savarkar*, and *Santosh*. The Malayalam film *All We Imagine as Light*, which also faced setbacks at international awards, was another Indian contender to secure a spot.

The process now moves into the next phase, with voting for the nominations set to begin on January 8, 2025. Voting will conclude on January 12, 2025, and the final list of Oscar nominations will be revealed on January 17, 2025. With several Indian films now eligible, the race for nominations has become more exciting, and there is renewed optimism that the country may see greater representation at the Oscars this year.

The announcement of the eligible films comes after the Indians faced disappointment with *All We Imagine as Light*,

Melody Song from Game Changer Stirs Excitement Among Fans

The highly anticipated movie *Game Changer*, starring the mega hero Ram Charan, is set for release in just two days, and excitement is building among fans. Following the massive success of *RRR*, expectations are sky-high



for this movie, which is directed by the legendary Shankar and produced by Dil Raju. The film has already created a buzz with its trailer and songs, which have garnered positive responses. Recently, the makers released a melodious song from the film that is capturing attention for its soft and soothing vibes.

Game Changer is known for its high-energy numbers like *Jaragandi*, *Dhoop*, and *Raa Matcha*, which have been huge hits. The addition of this melodious song to the film's soundtrack brings a refreshing change, adding a romantic and emotional touch to the otherwise energetic album. Fans are already calling it a potential chartbuster, with its soulful tune providing a contrast to the peppy tracks and complementing the diverse musical experience the movie offers.

The melody song, titled "Arugu Meedha", features a beautiful romantic moment where Ram Charan greets a stunning woman, played by Anjali, who is lying on a luxurious carpet. The song is filled with imagery and charm, as the lyrics describe the enchanting scene. The lyrics, penned by Kasarla Shyam, beautifully capture the essence of romance. The music for this track has been composed by the talented Thaman, with vocals by JKV and S. Roshi, adding a harmonious depth to the melody.

As the film prepares for its grand release, this melody song is being widely appreciated for its lyrical beauty and its ability to evoke emotions. It's clear that *Game Changer* is shaping up to be an unforgettable cinematic experience for Ram Charan's fans and moviegoers alike.

Indian Movie Stars in 'Squid Game' - A Viral AI Video

The Netflix series *Squid Game* created a global sensation, captivating audiences with its intense and thrilling plot. Directed by Hwang Dong-hyuk, the Korean web series revolves around 456 participants who compete in deadly children's games for a massive cash prize. The players are taken to a remote island and must navigate through games like Red Light, Green Light and tug of war, all while facing life-threatening challenges. The show's mix of suspense, drama, and high stakes has earned it international acclaim.

But imagine if Indian movie stars took part in this high-stakes game! A creative netizen

brought this idea to life by using AI technology to create a viral video titled *Squid Game India*. The video features several prominent stars from Indian cinema in the signature outfits worn by players in the *Squid Game* series.

In the video, actors like Jr NTR, Dalapathy Vijay, Rajinikanth, Kamal Haasan, Chiranjeevi, Mohanlal, Nagarjuna, Naga Chaitanya, Suriya, Mahesh Babu, Dhanush, Vijay Deverakonda, Allu Arjun, Prabhas, Pawan Kalyan, Ajith, Yash, Ram Charan, Dulquer Salmaan, Rana Daggubati, and Hrithik Roshan can be seen as partici-

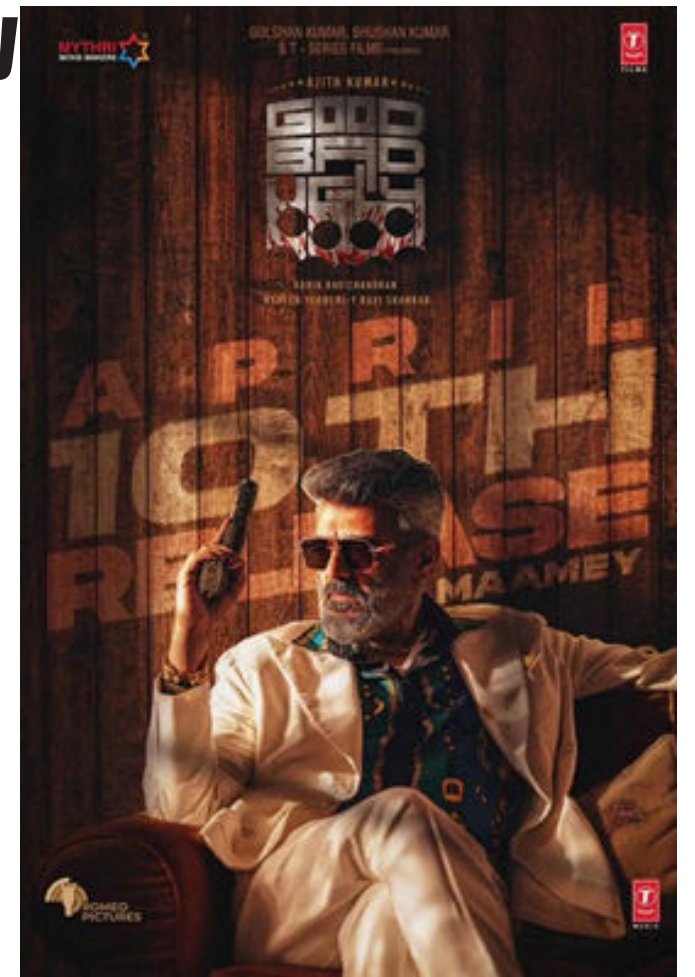
Ajith's Good Bad Ugly Sets Release Date for April 10, 2025

Kollywood superstar Ajith Kumar is making his highly anticipated return to Telugu cinema with the action-packed Tamil-Telugu bilingual *Good Bad Ugly*, directed by Adhik Ravichandran. Produced by the renowned Mythri Movie Makers, the film has now confirmed its theatrical release date, set for April 10, 2025.

The makers made the announcement with a stylish poster featuring Ajith in a suave salt-and-pepper look. In the striking image, Ajith is seated on a sofa, exuding intensity with a gun in hand and a piercing gaze. Dressed in a designer suit, his dashing appearance promises an action-packed, gripping performance, raising excitement among fans.

Good Bad Ugly is shaping up to be a high-budget extravaganza, with music composed by GV Prakash Kumar and cinematography by Abinadhan Ramanujam. The film will see Ajith paired opposite the talented Trisha Krishnan, who takes on the female lead role. Fans are eagerly awaiting the on-screen chemistry between the two stars, further adding to the film's anticipation.

With a mix of intense action sequences, a stylish storyline, and powerful performances, *Good Bad Ugly* is



poised to be a major hit. As Ajith's fans across both Tamil and Telugu film industries eagerly await the release, the film promises to offer an adrenaline-packed cinematic experience.

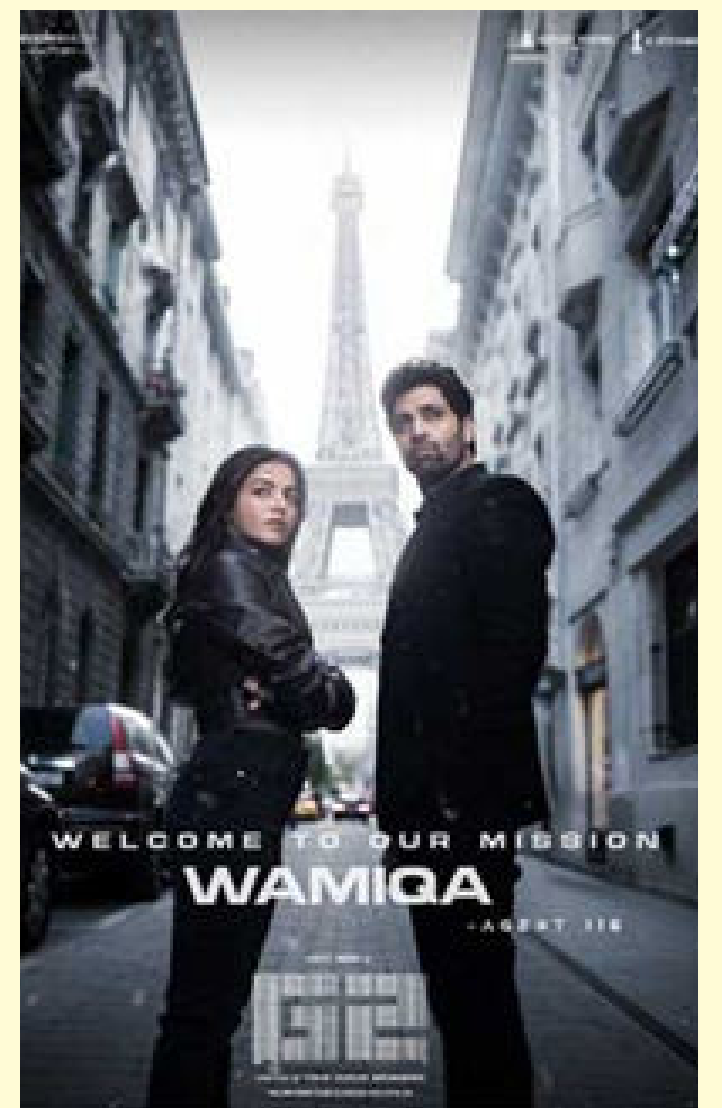
G2 : Wamiqa Gabbi Joins Adivi Sesh in the Sequel to Goodachari

The much-anticipated sequel to the 2018 spy thriller *Goodachari*, titled *G2*, has made headlines once again with an exciting new update. Currently under production, the film stars Adivi Sesh and is directed by Vinay Kumar Sirigineedi. Today, the makers confirmed that Bollywood actress Wamiqa Gabbi will play the female lead, a major announcement made through a captivating new poster.

Wamiqa Gabbi, who previously starred in the 2015 Telugu film *Bhale Manchi Roju*, brings additional star power to the sequel, heightening expectations for *G2*. Her addition to the cast is sure to add more excitement to the already highly anticipated film, which also features a stellar lineup of actors, including Emraan Hashmi, Madhu Shalini, Prakash Raj, and Jisshu Sengupta.

G2 promises to be an action-packed spy drama, delivering grandeur in terms of scale, budget, and storytelling. Set to release later this year, the film is expected to maintain the gripping suspense and thrilling action that made its predecessor a hit. Produced by People Media Factory, Abhishek Agarwal Arts, and AK Entertainments, *G2* is shaping up to be a high-octane sequel, with music composed by Sricharan Pakala, adding to the anticipation for fans.

With its strong cast, exciting plot, and high expectations, *G2* is set to be one of the most talked-about films of the year, making it a must-watch for fans of action thrillers and the original *Goodachari*.



pants in the *Squid Game*. The creative rendering of these stars, imagining them in such a tense and brutal scenario, has sparked a wave of excitement among fans. The video is quickly gaining popularity, with many fans taking to social media to share their thoughts and reactions.

This mash-up of *Squid Game* with Indian movie icons has become an instant hit, showcasing how the global popularity of the series can blend seamlessly with the massive fan following of Indian stars. As the video continues to go viral, fans are eagerly imagining what it would be like if their favorite actors were to actually participate in this deadly game.