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BJP-Congress Clash Sparks Tension in Nampally

Stone-Pelting at BJP Office Leads to Clashes
TPCC President Condemns Attack, Calls for Democratic Protests
BJP Workers Attempt to Storm Gandhi Bhavan in Retaliation
Police Intervene to Prevent Further Escalation



TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: High tension gripped Nampally and Gandhi Bhavan areas today following an attack by Youth Congress workers on the BJP office. The violence was allegedly triggered by controversial remarks made by Delhi BJP leader Ramesh Bidhuri, comparing Delhi roads to Priyanka Gandhi's cheeks.

Around 2 pm, Youth Congress workers reached the BJP office and began pelting stones at the building, prompting retaliation from BJP workers wielding sticks. One BJP worker sustained injuries in the scuffle. The attack soon escalated into a confrontation between members of both parties.

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud condemned the attack, urging Youth Congress workers to adopt democratic means of protest. Goud criticized the BJP for earlier attack-



ing Gandhi Bhavan and called for cooperation to prevent further law-and-order disturbances in Hyderabad.

In retaliation to the Nampally incident, BJP Yuva Morcha workers attempted to storm Gandhi Bhavan, leading to further clashes. Stones were reportedly hurled at Gandhi Bhavan, and Congress banners in the vicinity were torn down. Police intervened to prevent the situation from worsening, reportedly resorting to lathi-charge in some instances.

Several BJP workers were detained during the protest.

The incident caused heavy traffic congestion in the Gandhi Bhavan area as tensions flared. Police have intensified their presence in both Nampally and Gandhi Bhavan to maintain peace and prevent further clashes.

The series of incidents highlights the growing hostility between the BJP and Congress in Telangana. While Youth Congress workers have been criticized for their violent actions, BJP leaders' retaliatory measures have also drawn criticism. Both parties continue to exchange accusations as authorities work to restore calm.

The situation remains tense, with officials urging political leaders to de-escalate and ensure that protests are conducted peacefully to avoid further disruption in the city.



High Court Dismisses KTR's Quash Petition

High Court Rejects KTR's Plea to Quash Case
Key Observations in Justice Laxman's Order
ACB and ED Intensify Investigation Efforts
Focus on Alleged Financial Irregularities and Beneficiaries

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: The High Court has dismissed the quash petition filed by BRS working president and former minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) in the Formula Race case, marking a setback for the leader. The court's decision allows the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) to proceed with their investigation and interrogation of KTR. Justice Laxman's bench delivered the final verdict, considering the arguments presented by the ACB. The High Court highlighted critical aspects in its order, particularly regarding financial transactions conducted without the approval of the state cabinet.

According to the High Court's order:
 - Payments were allegedly made beyond the scope of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA).
 - Investigations must determine the beneficiaries of these transactions.
 - The court emphasized that payments reportedly made on KTR's orders should be scrutinized.

The ACB and ED have been actively investigating the Formula Race case, with the ACB issuing fresh notices for KTR's appearance. On the previous day, KTR attended the ACB inquiry accompanied by a legal team. However, the legal team's entry was denied, leading to KTR's non-participation. The ACB subsequently brought this issue to the court's attention.

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KTR Calls Extortion Case Against Him Illegal

KTR Accuses Congress of Exaggerating Legal Proceedings
BRS Leader Denies Corruption Allegations in Court Case
KTR Slams Ministers Acting Like Judges

KTR Promises to Pursue Case in High Court and Supreme Court

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Kishan, Raja Singh Call for Revanth's Apology

Kishan Reddy Questions Police Role in Attack
Raja Singh Warns Congress Workers Won't Roam Freely
BJP Leaders Demand Accountability for Violence



TPN correspondent, Telangana, Jan 8: Union Minister Kishan Reddy and BJP MLA Raja Singh have condemned the recent attack on the BJP office by Youth Congress leaders. The two leaders have demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy apologize for the incident.

Kishan Reddy expressed

strong disapproval of the attack, questioning why Congress workers were allowed to bring police personnel with them and throw stones at the BJP office. He criticized the behavior of the police during the incident and accused the Congress party of harboring "evils." Reddy emphasized that such violence and physical

attacks have no place in a democracy, and questioned the state's law and order situation.

Raja Singh, also condemning the attack, warned that if the BJP wished, Congress workers would not be able to move freely on the roads.

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CM Pushes for Fast-Tracking Metro Projects

CM Stresses Land Acquisition for Key Metro Routes
Elevated Corridor Designs to Consider Future Needs
Shamirpet and Medchal Metro Junctions to Be Developed with Modern Facilities

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has instructed officials to finalize the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the Future City, Shamirpet, and Medchal metro lines by the end of March. He emphasized that the DPRs for all three metro routes should be approved by the Central Government, and tenders should be invited by the end of April.

In a high-level meeting, the Chief Minister reviewed the progress of the metro ex-

pansion, the construction of radial roads, and the development of elevated corridors in Hyderabad city. He urged officials to expedite land acquisition for the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport - Future City Metro (40 km), JBS - Shamirpet Metro (22 km), and Paradise - Medchal Metro (23 km) routes.

The Chief Minister also made key suggestions for the metro projects. He emphasized that the design of elevated corridors should factor in future needs, and a com-

prehensive study should be conducted at the field level to determine the best alignment. Special attention was given to the Medchal route, which already has three flyovers on the NH route; the metro line should be planned accordingly.

Keen on improving connectivity, Revanth Reddy recommended starting the Shamirpet and Medchal metros at the same location, establishing a large junction with modern facilities to meet future demands.

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The Formula Race case has raised concerns over potential financial irregularities and alleged misuse of public funds. The High Court's dismissal of KTR's petition reinforces the need for a thorough investigation into the matter. As the investigation progresses, all eyes are now on the ACB and ED to uncover the ultimate beneficiaries and bring clarity to the allegations surrounding the case.

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He also stressed the importance of a detailed plan for the junction, with construction of radial roads to be handled by Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited (HGCL). Chief Minister's Advisor Vem Narender Reddy, along with senior government officials and Hyderabad Metro Rail MD, participated in the review meeting.

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Both leaders urged immediate action against those responsible for the attack, which they described as an attempt to destabilize the political atmosphere. The incident has sparked anger within the BJP, which now demands accountability from the state government for the apparent breakdown in law and order.

KTR Calls Extortion

Case Against Him Illegal

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) has strongly defended his legal battle in response to the case filed against him, accusing Congress leaders of attempting to "hang" him for filing a quash petition in the High Court. Speaking to the media, KTR said Congressmen were exaggerating the situation, claiming they felt as if he were being "hanged" over his decision to approach the court.

KTR explained that he attended the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) hearing with the intention of respecting the law, despite knowing about the bias in the case against him. He dismissed criticism from certain quarters, which implied that ministers were acting as judges. KTR made it clear that he would continue to fight this case legally and would attend hearings with his lawyers. He stressed his intent to seek legal protection and clarified that he would approach the High Court to ensure a hearing with his legal team present.

Accusing his party leader Patnam Narender Reddy of making false statements, KTR described the case against him as "illegal" and claimed it was an attempt to obstruct his power. He said he would take the matter to the Supreme Court if necessary.

KTR went on to label the case against him as one of "extortion," questioning why Congress leaders, who were aware that there was no corruption involved, were pursuing the case. He expressed anger at the accusations, claiming that Congress leaders were benefiting from the situation, even though there was no factual basis for the case. "If they hold a debate in the Assembly, they will run away," KTR remarked.

In response to allegations of corruption, KTR asserted that those caught in corruption often perceive everything as corruption, likening it to thieves caught with large sums of money. He emphasized that he would exercise his constitutional rights and face the legal proceedings head-on, attending the hearings with his lawyers if the High Court permits.

KTR reiterated his commitment to fighting the case in a court of law, calling for a fair trial and stressing that no minister has the right to act as a judge in his case.

ED Issues Fresh Notices to KTR in Formula E-Car Race Case

ED Reschedules Hearing After KTR's Request Key Figures Summoned in Formula E-Car Race Case KTR's Defiant Response: "Justice Will Prevail"

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: In a significant development, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued fresh notices to BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) in connection with the Formula E-car race case. The ED has summoned KTR to appear in person for questioning on January 16.

Earlier, the ED had asked KTR to appear for a hearing on January 7. However, citing the Telangana High

Court's verdict scheduled for the same day, KTR requested an extension. Responding to his request, the ED granted additional time and announced the new date for the hearing.

In addition to KTR, the ED has also summoned BLN Reddy to appear for questioning on January 8 and Aravind on January 16 in the same case.

Reacting to the latest notices, KTR made a strong

statement on social media platform X, asserting his confidence and determination. "Write down my words. I will come back strong from the counter-attacks. Your lies cannot strangle my throat. Your actions cannot stop my goal. I will not be afraid of your slaps. The truth will come out even if it is late. I respect the judiciary. Justice will always win. My fight for the truth will continue," he posted.



The Formula E-car race case has been under scrutiny, with ED investigating alleged financial irregularities. KTR's legal team has emphasized that he will fully cooperate with the investigation and respect all legal procedures.

The notices and KTR's statement have sparked political debate in Telangana, with supporters rallying behind the BRS leader while opposition parties call for transparency in the ongoing investigation.

Minister Ponguleti Applauds Bhu Bharati Act

TPN correspondent, Telangana, Jan 8: Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy praised the public acceptance of the Bhu Bharati 2020 Act, which was passed by the government to benefit farmers. Speaking at the launch of the Revenue Diary, organized under the auspices of the Telangana Revenue Employees Services Association, he acknowledged the positive reception the Act has received from the public. Minister Ponguleti stated that the Bhu Bharati Act has been instrumental in addressing land issues and benefiting farmers across the state.

He further emphasized the government's commitment to resolving the problems faced by revenue



employees. He noted that the process of electoral transfers for tehsildars will be completed before Sankranti, and relevant files have been sent to the Principal Secretary of the Revenue Department for necessary action.

Addressing the issue of pending approvals, Ponguleti explained that despite the Chief Minister's approval, certain issues like the new village revenue system and

33 selection grade deputy collector posts could not be approved in the previous cabinet meeting due to time constraints. However, he reassured employees that these issues would be approved in the next cabinet meeting.

Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy called on revenue department employees to work with integrity, highlighting that their efforts would bring respect and recognition to the government. He concluded by assuring the employees that the government would honor their contributions and ensure justice for farmers, reinforcing the government's commitment to addressing the needs of both farmers and employees alike.

Telangana Transport Minister Discusses Key Projects in Delhi

TPN correspondent, Telangana, Jan 8: Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnabharathi participated in the 42nd Transport Development Council meeting in New Delhi, chaired by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari. During the meeting, Ponnabharathi announced several key initiatives, including the policy for driving training centers and discussed amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act, road safety measures, and the implementation of faceless transactions.

Ponnabharathi highlighted the Telangana government's efforts to promote road safety, including the approval of two Vehicle Scrapping Facilities (RVSF) and the establishment of 37 Automatic Testing Centers (ATS) across the state, with a total investment of 296 crores. The state has also launched an Electric Vehicle Policy offering exemptions on road tax and registration fees for electric vehicles until December 2026.

As part of National Road Safety Month, the Telangana Transport Department is setting up children's



traffic awareness parks in collaboration with schools to educate children on traffic rules and road safety. Furthermore, a vehicle tracking system using AI and machine learning will be implemented to enhance safety for women passengers.

Ponnabharathi also discussed the implementation of High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) for all registered vehicles and plans for cashless treatment for road accident victims. The government has acquired 40 acres of land in Medchal for an Institute of Driver Training and Research to improve driver training in the state.

Harish Rao: No Wrongdoing in Formula E Race

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: Former minister and senior BRS leader Harish Rao addressed the media outside K.T. Rama Rao's (KTR) residence in Nandimaduru, following the Telangana High Court's dismissal of the quash petition filed by KTR in the Formula E-car race case. Harish Rao emphasized that while the High Court allowed the investigation to continue, it did not indicate any wrongdoing by KTR. Harish Rao defended the state's involvement in hosting the Formula E-race, stating that it benefited Telangana without incurring financial losses. He questioned the corruption allegations, asserting that there was no evidence of malpractice or money paid to Green Co, the company involved in the event. "Where is the scope for a case when there is no real corruption?" he asked.

The senior BRS leader also accused Congress leader Revanth Reddy of using the case for diversionary tactics and political blackmail, seeking to distract from the government's initiatives. He vowed to continue questioning Revanth's motives, regardless of the number of arrests or cases filed. Regarding an appeal of the High Court's verdict, Harish Rao said the decision would be based on legal advice. Meanwhile, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has intensified its investigation, conducting searches at the homes of key officials under scrutiny in the case.

Bandi Sanjay: Congress Responsible for Violence

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: Union Minister and BJP leader Bandi Sanjay strongly condemned the recent attack on the BJP state office in Hyderabad by Youth Congress workers. Addressing the media, Bandi Sanjay warned that the BJP would not remain silent if their office is targeted. "If BJP workers decide, Gandhi Bhavan and other Congress offices can also be demolished," he said, issuing a stern caution to the Congress party. Bandi Sanjay questioned the state government's inaction during the attack and accused the Congress of promoting violence. "Does the Congress party want to encourage stone pelting on offices of other political parties? Don't they consider the consequences if stones hit children or the elderly?" he asked. He urged the authorities to take swift legal action against those involved in the attack and demanded their immediate arrest. "No one has the right to take the law into their own hands. If Congress workers think they can intimidate us, they are mistaken. We will not back down," he asserted. The BJP leader also criticized the culture of provocative comments and warned that such actions would not be tolerated. He called for accountability and urged the government to ensure law and order in the state.

Minister Reviews Alwal TIMS Hospital Progress

TPN correspondent, Telangana, Jan 8: Telangana's Transport and BC Welfare Minister, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, conducted a review meeting on the progress of the Alwal TIMS Super Specialty Hospital, a project estimated at 897 crores. With 90% of the construction completed, the Minister emphasized the need to expedite the remaining work and ensure high-quality construction. The hospital, spread across 11.53 lakh square feet, will have 1,000 beds and 24 operation theaters, providing essential healthcare services to the public.



Minister Venkat Reddy expressed dissatisfaction over the delay in constructing a dharamshala at the site, questioning officials for not including it in the plans. He also raised concerns over the lack

of coordination between departments, which has led to further delays. Despite these setbacks, he affirmed the government's commitment to completing the Alwal hospital by December 2025 and reiterated that the Chief Minister is closely monitoring

the project.

He also emphasized the importance of building the hospital as a non-profit organization, accessible to the public, and instructed officials to focus on critical departments such as Major OT, Emergency, Radial Ward, Oncology, and Nuclear Medicine. The hospital's design was created by renowned architect Arkop Consultants, and the project is being handled by DEC Infrastructure Projects (India) Pvt Ltd.

The Minister also discussed the broader healthcare initiatives, such as the expansion of Arogyasri and the improvement of hospital services, with the goal of reducing the public's dependence on private healthcare providers.

KTR Moves Supreme Court After High Court Setback

**Government Prepares Legal Strategy with Caveat Petition
ACB Summons KTR for Questioning on January 16**

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8 : In a significant legal development, Telangana Minister and BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the Telangana High Court's decision to dismiss his plea to quash an Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) case linked to the Formula E car race. The High Court declined to interfere in the ongoing investigation, delivering a setback to KTR's efforts to avoid

legal scrutiny. The minister's legal team sought protection from arrest, but the High Court refused to grant interim relief. Following consultations with legal experts, KTR opted to escalate the matter to the Supreme Court, seeking a reversal of the High Court ruling.

In anticipation of this move, the Telangana government filed a caveat petition in the Supreme Court. This ensures the government will be heard before any

ruling is passed on KTR's plea, allowing it to present its arguments effectively.

Meanwhile, the ACB has issued a fresh notice for KTR to appear for questioning on January 16, intensifying the legal pressure on the minister.

With the Supreme Court expected to take up the case in the coming days, this development sets the stage for a crucial legal battle.



The case has drawn significant attention, with its outcome likely to have far-reaching implications for KTR and the Telangana government.

Minister Ponguleti Responds to KTR's Formula E Car Race Case



TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8 : Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has responded to the recent developments in the Formula E car race case involving BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR). The Telangana High Court had dismissed KTR's petition to quash the ACB case, and during the proceedings, the court made it clear that it would not interfere in the investigation. KTR's legal team had sought protection from arrest, but the court did not consider this request. Subsequently, KTR challenged the case in the Supreme Court, while the Telangana government had already filed a caveat petition.

In a media interaction, Minister Ponguleti spoke on the matter, stating that every mistake, even if delayed, will eventually come to light. He remarked that demonstrating power before courts and institutions is not appropriate. He added that the BRS leaders are not the target and questioned why KTR would approach the court if he had not done anything wrong. Ponguleti emphasized that courts are the ones to decide guilt and innocence, and that the government cannot interfere in judicial matters. He clarified that his personal view was that they could not get involved in this case.

Revanth, Asaduddin Should Take Responsibility for Attack: MP Raghunandan Rao

TPN correspondent, Telangana, Jan 8 : Medak MP Raghunandan Rao has stated that Congress leaders Revanth Reddy and Asaduddin Owaisi should take responsibility for the attack on the BJP's state office. Reacting to the incident, Rao tweeted expressing his view that the attack marks the beginning of Congress's downfall. He accused Congress workers of using goons and rowdy-sheeters to carry out the attack under the guise of Congress activists.



Raghunandan Rao further claimed that Revanth Reddy had masterminded the attack after sharing a stage with Owaisi's broth-

ers. He recalled previous instances of violence, such as the defacing of their own Chief Minister's image and instigating communal riots, describing them as part of Congress's history. The MP also suggested that it seemed like the police were involved in facilitating the attack on the BJP office, making sensational remarks about the situation. He compared this to an incident in Delhi, where their former MP retracted a controversial remark and displayed civility, contrasting it with the rowdy and unruly behavior of Congress-backed elements in Telangana.

MLC Balmuri Demands Passport Seizure

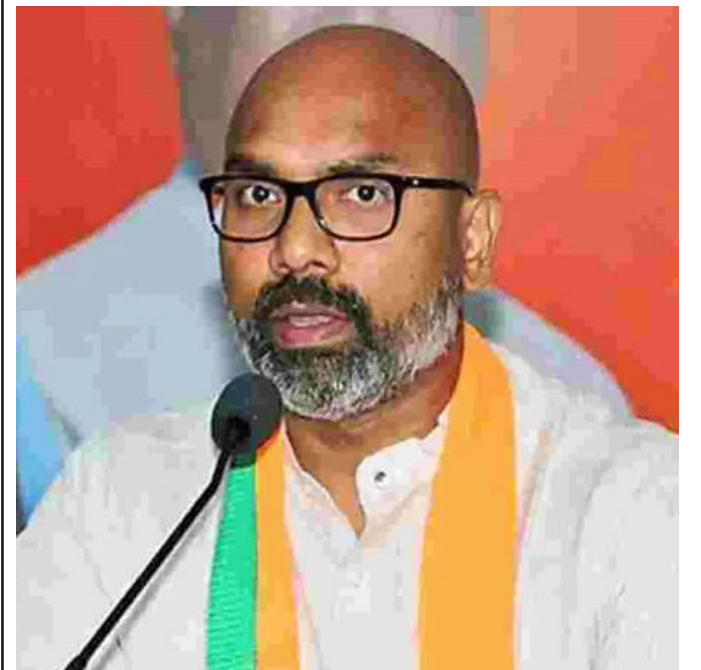


TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8 : MLC Balmuri Venkat has sharply criticized BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), calling him "Drama Rao" and accusing him of engaging in theatrics to avoid investigation. Speaking to the media at Gandhi Bhavan, Venkat suggested that KTR might attempt to flee abroad to evade legal proceedings. He urged authorities to seize KTR's passport, questioning what guarantees exist that he will not escape the country.

Venkat expressed support for the dismissal of KTR's quash petition by the High Court, which could have provided him relief from the ongoing investigation. Meanwhile, the Formula E case has taken a new turn, with Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials conducting searches in Machilipatnam. ACB officials raided the Green Co office, suspecting that the company may have been involved in the case. Reports suggest that the BRS party may have benefited financially through the Green Co organization.

Venkat's statements reflect mounting pressure on KTR and the ruling BRS government as investigations into the Formula E case continue to unfold.

MP Aravind's Strong Words on KTR: He Must Go to Jail



TPN correspondent, Telangana, Jan 8 : BJP MP Dharmapuri Aravind made strong remarks against KTR and the KCR family, accusing them of looting the state and still acting as if they are the Chief Minister and ministers. Referring to recent actions by KTR and Kavitha, Aravind stated that they were demanding investigations in their homes and bringing in advocates for their defense, which he found inappropriate. He acknowledged that KCR's movement could be respected, but emphasized that the state had suffered due to the actions of KTR and his sister Kavitha.

Aravind further said that KTR had two options: either to go to Cherlapalli jail or Tihar jail, and insisted that KTR would inevitably face imprisonment. He also condemned the attack on the BJP office, remarking that despite the belief that the culture of attacks had diminished after KCR's defeat, his party remained strong across the nation, from Telangana to Kashmir. He warned that if such attacks continued, the opposition would not have a place to hide, issuing a stern warning with no tolerance for further such actions.

Kiran Kumar Reddy Calls Out Event Blunder

TPN correspondent, Bhuvanagiri, Jan 8 : Congress leader and Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy voiced sharp criticism after an anchor at the World Telugu Federation Conference forgot the name of Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. During the event, the anchor mistakenly addressed the CM as "Kiran Kumar Garu" before quickly correcting himself after being prompted.

Speaking to the media, Kiran Kumar Reddy questioned the competence of the event organizers and the anchor. "Are the organizers not intelligent? Is the anchor not educated? How can someone become an anchor without knowing the names of the Chief Ministers of Telugu states?" he asked, expressing his frustration over the lack of professionalism.

The MP suggested that the error could be more than a simple oversight, hinting at a possible conspiracy to diminish Revanth Reddy's stature. "Even as an MP, I speak

with prepared notes for small matters. How can an anchor make such a blunder when introducing the Chief Minister?" he remarked.

The incident has sparked debate, with Kiran Kumar Reddy's remarks underscoring the importance of diligence and respect at high-profile events. The MP called for greater attention to detail in event planning to prevent such mishaps in the future.



Minister Jupally Criticizes KTR, Asserts BRS Party is Grounded

TPN correspondent, Telangana, Jan 8 : Telangana Minister Jupally Krishna Rao made sharp remarks against BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), urging him to face the legal proceedings in the Formula E-car race case. Speaking to the media in Banswada, Jupally questioned why KTR approached the court if he had done nothing wrong, highlighting the Telangana High Court's dismissal of KTR's quash pe-



tion. He insisted that KTR must attend the hearing and face the case transparently.

Jupally further commented that the BRS party has lost its foothold in Telangana and is unlikely to recover politically. "The dream of BRS returning to power will remain just that—a dream," he stated.

The Minister also lauded the Congress government's efforts in supporting farmers, stating that Rs. 21,000 crore had been paid under the Rythu Bharosa scheme. He criticized the previous BRS-led administration, accusing it of burdening the state with heavy loans requiring Rs. 6,500 crore in monthly interest payments.

Jupally expressed confidence in the Congress government, calling it the true protector of Telangana. He reaffirmed the party's commitment to the welfare of the people and its ability to restore the state's progress.

Jagadish Defends KTR, Slams Revanth

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8 : BRS MLA and former minister Jagadish Reddy launched a scathing attack on Congress leader and Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of using the Formula E-race case as a diversion to overshadow key welfare schemes like Rythu Bharosa.

Addressing the media, Jagadish Reddy claimed that Revanth Reddy had failed to deliver on his promise of providing ₹15,000 under the Rythu

Bharosa scheme and had orchestrated the Formula E-race controversy to deflect attention from his government's shortcomings.

"The cases against KTR are politically motivated and designed to prevent BRS from highlighting the government's failures," Jagadish Reddy asserted. He lauded BRS for its steadfast commitment to farmers through the Rythu Bandhu scheme, contrasting it with what he described as Congress's attempts to gain polit-

ical mileage through baseless allegations.

Expressing confidence in the judiciary, Jagadish Reddy stated, "KTR will emerge spotless, like a jasmine flower or a washed pearl." He also warned that the Congress government would face repercussions for its mishandling of the case. "In the end, justice will prevail, and the truth will be revealed," he concluded, reiterating his belief in KTR's eventual vindication.



TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud Responds to BJP Office Attack



TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: In a recent incident, Youth Congress leaders attacked the BJP office in protest against the controversial remarks made by BJP leader Ramesh Priyanka Gandhi. Reacting to this, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud emphasized the seriousness of the situation, asserting that while democratic protests are acceptable, such actions of attacking a political party's office are inappropriate. He condemned the comments made by BJP leaders about Priyanka Gandhi and said they needed to be strongly denounced, but at the same time, political parties should avoid resorting to violence.

Mahesh Kumar Goud warned Youth Congress leaders, stating that they would be called in for reprimand, while also stressing that such attacks by any party, including BJP, are not acceptable. He strongly condemned the behavior of BJP leaders and urged them to cooperate in maintaining peace and security, affirming that violence has no place in a democracy.

Maheshwar Reddy on BJP Office Attack: PCC Chief Should Take Responsibility



TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: BJP Legislative Party Leader Maheshwar Reddy condemned the violent attack on the BJP office by Congress youth leaders in response to comments made about Priyanka Gandhi. He accused the Congress of sending goons to the BJP office to carry out the attack, stating that the party activists' heads were smashed during the incident. He raised serious questions about the state's law and order, asking whether there is any functioning government in Telangana, and what the Chief Minister intends to do about such an incident.

Reddy further stated that the Telangana PCC Chief, Mahesh Kumar Goud, should take responsibility for the attack and demanded his resignation. He also questioned the role of the Home Minister and whether the Chief Minister will take action against Goud for this act.

In relation to KTR, Reddy accused him of having influence over officials and allegedly intimidating them. He asserted that if KTR is innocent, he should stand firm and confront the accusations, bringing the truth to light. Reddy also pointed out that many illegal activities took place under the previous government, implying that KTR should address these matters openly.

ACB Raids Green Co Offices Amid Ongoing Formula E Investigation

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: In a significant development, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has intensified its investigation into the Formula E car racing case. Following the dismissal of the quash petition filed by BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) in the High Court, ACB officials launched a series of raids on Green Co offices linked to the case.

The raids are being carried out simultaneously in multiple locations, including Hyderabad, Vijayawada, and Machilipatnam. Offices of Ace Next Gen, Ace Urban Race in Mad-

hapur, and Ace Urban Developers in Machilipatnam are also being searched as part of the ongoing operation.

ACB officials are examining records and gathering evidence, with plans to complete the searches by today. The authorities are preparing to call KTR for questioning on the 9th of this month, armed with solid evidence related to the Formula E affair. The government has recently alleged that a quid pro quo arrangement may have occurred in the case, further fueling the investigation into potential corruption and irregularities.



APSRTC Increases Special Buses for Sankranti Rush



TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: With the Sankranti season nearing, the festive buzz in the Telugu states is at its peak, and travel demand is surging. Anticipating the rush, APSRTC has further increased the number of special buses to cater to passengers. The corporation has announced plans to operate 7,200 special buses during the festive season.

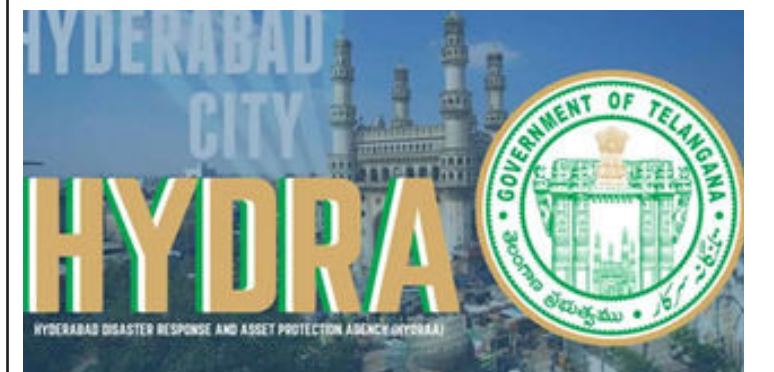
The special bus services will run from January 8 to 13 to various destinations, including Telangana and neighboring states. Among these, 2,153 buses will depart from Hyderabad, 375 from Bengaluru, and 300 from Vijayawada. Additionally, for the return journey, APSRTC will operate 3,200 special buses from January 16 to 20. In a move to provide relief to passengers, APSRTC has clarified that there will be no additional charges for these special buses. Further, a 10% discount will be offered for passengers booking round-trip tickets in advance. The facility for advance ticket booking has also been enabled to make travel more convenient for passengers.

The initiative aims to accommodate the high demand during Sankranti and ensure smooth travel for thousands of commuters. APSRTC's commitment to serving the public during this festive period is expected to ease travel woes and enhance passenger convenience.

Government Orders Establishment of Hydra Police Station

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: The Telangana government has issued orders to establish a new Hydra Police Station in Hyderabad. The station will be set up in B-Block of Buddha Bhavan in the city. This decision comes after the government's earlier gazette notification granting wide powers to Hydra, aimed at safeguarding the tanks and other properties in Hyderabad. The creation of Hydra is part of the government's efforts to protect historical tanks and other assets within the city. To facilitate this, the GHMC Act of 1955 was amended, and Section 374B was added, granting the government the authority to establish a dedicated officer or institution for the protection of these resources.

Despite the government's push for the establishment of Hydra, some concerns have been raised regarding the necessity and implications of such a move. Nonetheless, the decision reflects the state's commitment to preserving Hyderabad's cultural heritage and ensuring the safety of its significant properties. The Hydra Police Station will soon be operational, contributing to the government's broader initiatives for urban governance and preservation.



Ganja Chocolates Seized in Medchal District; One Arrested



TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: In a shocking development, ganja-infused chocolates have created a stir in Medchal district, raising concerns over illegal drug distribution. While some individuals have been selling ganja separately, others have been cleverly

disguising it in the form of chocolates, evading police suspicion. These ganja chocolates have been reportedly sold to young children, as well as college students, without any attempt at concealment.

The sale of ganja chocolates has seen a rise, particularly in the Hyderabad metropolitan area. Recently, a man from Darbhanga, Bihar, residing in Hyderabad, was identified as a suspect. Acting on reliable information, the task force police conducted a raid on his residence. During the operation, they seized 85 packets of

ganja chocolates. The accused, Chun Chun Upender Mandal, has been taken into custody and is currently undergoing interrogation.

The growing issue of ganja chocolates has sparked concerns about the safety of young people in the region, prompting authorities to intensify efforts to crack down on drug-related activities. The police are continuing their investigation to identify other potential suppliers and prevent further distribution of these dangerous substances.

HC Dismisses BRS Leader's Claim on Bathukamma Kunta Land

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: In a significant legal setback for BRS leader Edla Sudhakar Reddy, the Telangana High Court has dismissed his petition claiming ownership of the Bathukamma Kunta land in Amberpet. The court's ruling on January 7 has allowed the Hyderabad Disaster Response Assets Monitoring and Protection (HYDRAA) to continue its efforts to rejuvenate and beautify the water body.

Bathukamma Kunta, originally known as Errakunta, has drastically reduced in size over the years, from 16.13 acres in 1962 (including the buffer zone) to just 5.15 acres today. The shrinkage was mainly caused by large-scale dumping of waste and construction debris into the lake.

The issue came to light after former MP V Hanumantha Rao filed a complaint with HYDRAA regarding encroachments at the site. HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath had visited the site in November 2022 and announced plans for its restoration. However, on November 14, Sudhakar Reddy obtained a stay order from

the High Court, halting the project.

After reviewing submissions from HYDRAA, Revenue, and Irrigation officials, the court dismissed Reddy's petition, clarifying that he had no legal claim over the land. HYDRAA is now focused on restoring and beautifying the remaining 5.15 acres without inconveniencing nearby residents.



Mayor Calls for Focus on Local Issues During Inspection

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8: Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi highlighted the need for focused attention on local issues and city development during her visit to the Miyapur, Chandanagar, and Serilingampalli areas on Tuesday, January 7. Accompanied by MLA Arikapudi Gandhi and ward members, the Mayor inspected key locations including Makta Pedakudi tank, Patel tank outlet, and Gopi tank.



Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi during her inspection of GHMC Memory Garden Park.

The Mayor expressed dissatisfaction with sanitation management at Makta Pedakudi tank, where garbage and construction waste had been improperly disposed of. She directed immediate measures for cleaning and improving sanitation at the site. Additionally, she called for urgent repairs at Vishweshwara Colony and Lingampalli vegetable market, while also instructing officials to speed up the beautifi-

Mayor Vijayalakshmi further assessed the improvements needed in water management at Gopi Cheruvu and nearby areas. She encouraged local residents to report issues directly for quicker resolutions and assured them of her personal involvement in addressing the concerns promptly. The Mayor's visit underscored her commitment to addressing local challenges and ensuring the development of Hyderabad's key areas.

Minister Sridhar Babu's Instructions to Party Workers to Increase Awareness on Government Schemes

TPN correspondent, Telangana, Jan 8 : Minister Sridhar Babu emphasized the satisfaction of farmers in the state due to the government's various decisions. Speaking during his visit to Manthani on Tuesday, where he laid the foundation stones for several development projects, the minister highlighted several key initiatives being implemented by the government for the welfare of farmers.

He mentioned the government's commitment to providing relief through schemes such as loan waiver, a ₹500 bonus per quintal for paddy, and increasing the investment assistance under the Rythu Bharosa scheme to ₹12,000 as part of their ongoing promises. Despite financial challenges, the government is ensuring the implementation of these commitments one after another. Sridhar Babu urged party workers to intensify the promotion of these schemes in every village panchayat. He suggested utilizing cable channels and social media to ensure that all farmers are well-informed about these benefits. He also revealed that steps are being taken to provide a ring road facility for the town of Manthani.



Tummala Accelerates Rythubharosa Implementation



TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8 : Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has prioritized the fast-tracking of the Rythubharosa scheme and laid out plans for the advancement of agriculture and allied sectors in Telangana. In a recent review with officials, Tummala stressed the need to address farmer concerns quickly and align government actions with agricultural priorities.

He encouraged agricultural mechanization and the use of micro-farming equipment, especially benefiting small farmers. The minister also proposed the creation of three modern agricultural markets to allow direct trade between farmers and traders. Tummala emphasized the role of technology, announcing plans to extend video conferencing facilities to 1,000 farmer forums this year.

Promoting organic farming was also a focal point, with Tummala directing special attention to its growth. Proposals for the next budget will aim to enhance the utilization of state and central government schemes.

Tummala confirmed that the Rythubharosa scheme's implementation is being fast-tracked to ensure farmers receive timely support.

Khammam Police Seize 600 Bags of Illegally Stored Ration Rice



TPN correspondent, Khammam, Jan 8 : In a crackdown on illegal ration rice storage, the Khanapuram Haveli Police seized 600 bags of rice from an old rice mill in the industrial area under its jurisdiction. Acting on reliable information, the police conducted a search operation and arrested Sheikh Nazir (28) in connection with the case. Inspector Bhanu Prakash stated that the investigation is ongoing to uncover the source and destination of the rice. Strict action will be taken against illegal traders, including the possibility of a PD Act case for repeat offenders. Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt has directed enhanced surveillance and inspections.

MLC Jeevan Reddy Expresses Anger Over Omission from House Ledger

TPN correspondent, Adilabad, Jan 8 : A tense situation unfolded during the Nizamabad Parliament Congress meeting when MLC Jeevan Reddy discovered his name was missing from the House ledger book. Reddy, visibly upset, raised concerns about the presence of Jagityala MLA Sanjay Kumar's name in the book, and his subsequent arrival at the House. As soon as Sanjay Kumar entered, MLC Reddy, frustrated with the oversight, left the stage.

In a display of impatience, Reddy questioned the organizers about how Sanjay's name was included and why his own was omitted. The incident led to a moment of chaos in the House as Congress leaders tried to calm Reddy, who had left the venue. The situation highlighted internal tensions and a lapse in the organization of the event, leaving the matter unresolved.

BJP Should Be Ashamed for Such Remarks: Deputy CM Bhatti



TPN correspondent, Telangana, Jan 8 : Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka responded strongly to the controversial remarks made by a BJP leader about Congress leader and Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi. Speaking to the media on Tuesday, he condemned the comments made by the BJP leader, calling them outrageous. Bhatti demanded that the BJP leadership apologize to the nation for the inappropriate statements.

He emphasized that the BJP should be ashamed of such behavior and criticized their actions as an attack on India's cultural values. Bhatti

also highlighted that the comments were disrespectful and unacceptable, particularly considering the stature of Priyanka Gandhi as a public figure.

This controversy arose when BJP leader Ramesh Bidhuri made inappropriate remarks during the Delhi Assembly elections campaign. Referring to Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Bidhuri, while contesting from the Kalkaji constituency, made disparaging comments, saying that if he won, he would turn the local roads into "Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's cheeks," which sparked widespread outrage.

Aruna Blames Revanth Reddy for BJP Office Attack

TPN correspondent, Hyderabad, Jan 8 : BJP National Vice President and Mahabubnagar MP, D.K. Aruna, condemned the recent attack on the BJP state office by Congress workers, calling it an act of "petty politics." Aruna emphasized that political affairs should not involve violence or aggression. She accused Congress leader Revanth Reddy of masterminding the attack, labeling him a "liar" and holding the Chief Minister accountable for the incident.



Aruna demanded strict action against the police officers involved in the attack and stated that no one responsible should be spared. She further warned that the consequences of such attacks would be severe and vowed that those responsible would be arrested and held accountable. Reaffirming that the BJP would not be intimidated, Aruna stressed that the party would continue to fight against such attacks and maintain its political stance.

Tatikonda Rajaiah Criticizes Kadiyam Srihari Over Irrigation Issues

TPN correspondent, Warangal, Jan 8 : Former MLA Tatikonda Rajaiah launched a sharp attack on MLA Kadiyam Srihari, accusing him of betraying the people of Ghanpur and neglecting key irrigation projects. Rajaiah labeled Srihari's actions as "political bankruptcy," criticizing him for inaugurating projects initiated by the previous government.



Rajaiah dismissed Srihari's statements as "a bundle of lies," asserting that irrigation works for Ghanpur were approved by the BRS government. He further accused Kadiyam of opposing the Dharmasagar South Canal project and locking gates to prevent water release. Rajaiah claimed no progress was made under Srihari's leadership on the Devadula project, asserting that

he himself was responsible for filling water in it.

Rajaiah also alleged that Srihari had a covert alliance with Revanth Reddy and demanded his resignation from both the BRS party and his MLA post if true. He warned Kadiyam to stop criticizing the BRS party or face stronger actions.

RS Praveen Accuses Prem Sagar Rao of Goondaism

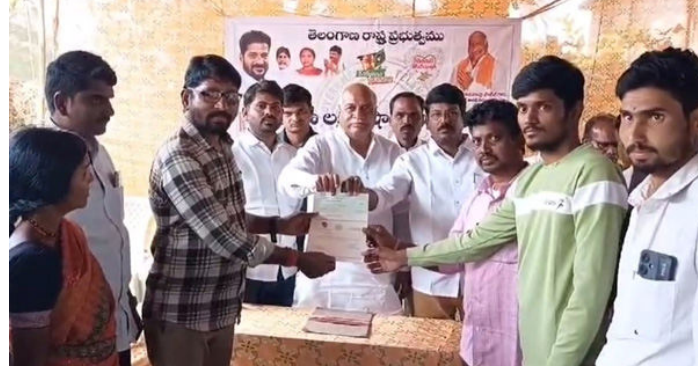
TPN correspondent, Manchiryal, Jan 8 : BRS leader RS Praveen Kumar accused Congress leaders, including Revanth Reddy and MLA Prem Sagar Rao, of "goondaism" in the land acquisition issue for an industrial park in Manchiryal district. Praveen Kumar visited Gudipet and Vempalli villages, where 276 acres of land, primarily owned by SC and BC communities, are being acquired without proper notifications. He criticized Prem Sagar Rao for allegedly threatening the media and questioned why an industrial park should be built on the land of poor Dalit farmers. Praveen Kumar pledged support to the affected families and warned of unrest if the land grab continued.



MLA Rama Rao Patel Distributes Kalyana Lakshmi Cheques

TPN correspondent, Nirmal, Jan 8 : On Tuesday, Mudhol MLA Rama Rao Patel distributed 76 Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques to beneficiaries from various villages in Kubir mandal at the Tehsildar's office. During the distribution ceremony, Patel highlighted the importance of these schemes,

stating that Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak will significantly aid poor women in the region. The event saw the participation of Mandal BJP leaders and local officials, who praised the government's initiatives aimed at empowering women and supporting underprivileged families.



Beedi Workers Protest in Adilabad, Demand Pension Disbursement



TPN correspondent, Adilabad, Jan 8 : Beedi workers in Both Mandal, Adilabad district, staged a protest in front of the local Tehsildar's office on Tuesday. The workers voiced their demand for the disbursement of pensions for new beedi workers under the promised scheme. The protest escalated into a dharna, with workers presenting a memorandum to the Tehsildar.

One beedi worker, speaking on behalf of the protestors, expressed disappointment over Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's election promise of providing a Rs. 4000 pension to beedi workers. The worker claimed that despite the promise, the government had not paid even Rs. 2000 to the new pension recipients. The workers urged the authorities to fulfill their commitments and ensure that the pensions were distributed promptly.

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.

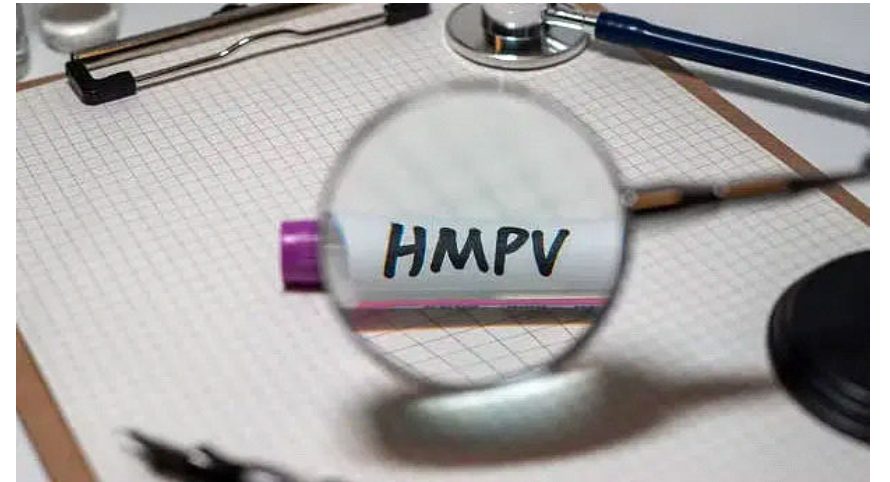
Drawing inspiration from the *Bhagavad Gita*, Dr. Srinath reminded the people that the preservation of Dharma is not only a duty but a sacred responsibility. He quoted the teachings of Lord Krishna, which instruct followers to rise up in the face of evil when necessary, while also upholding the principle 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.

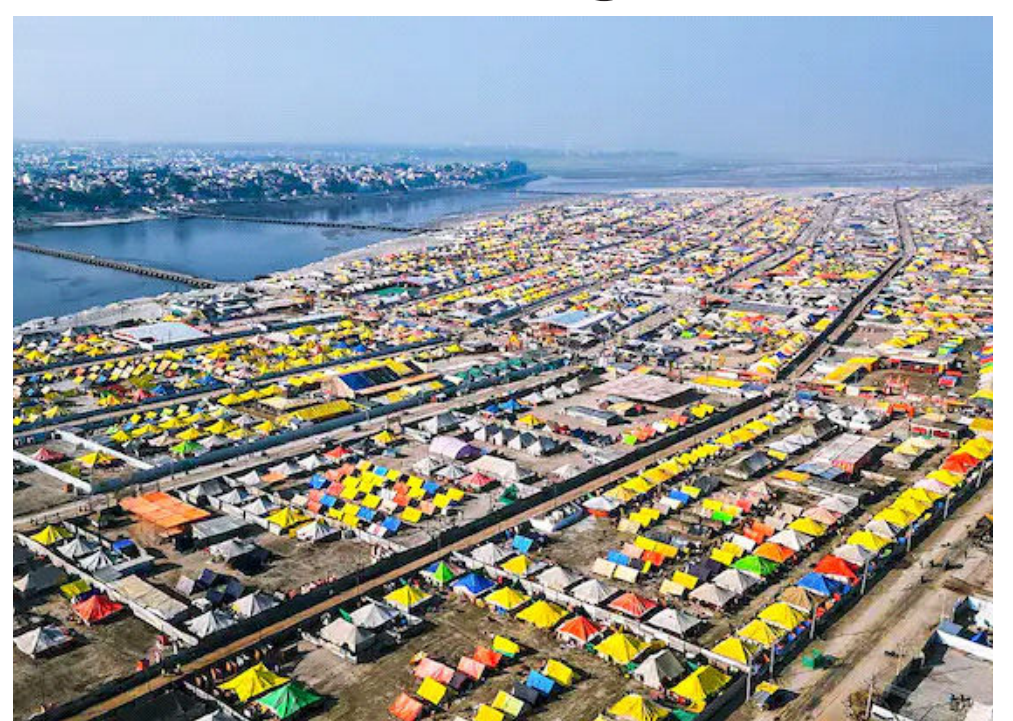
Amit Lakhota, Founder and CEO of Park+, expressed excitement over collaborating with the Kumbh Mela Authority to bring smart parking services to the event. "We anticipate over 40 crore pilgrims attending the Maha Kumbh, with more than 25 lakh vehicles converging in Prayagraj over the 45-day event. Our 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.

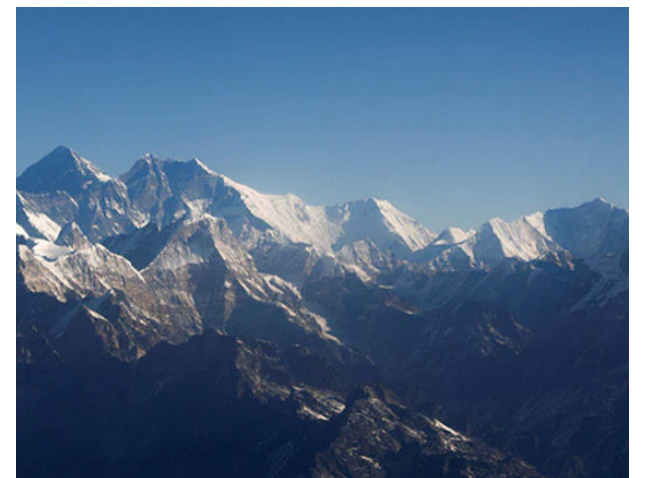
Justice Aurangzeb also highlighted the significant delays in the trial,

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

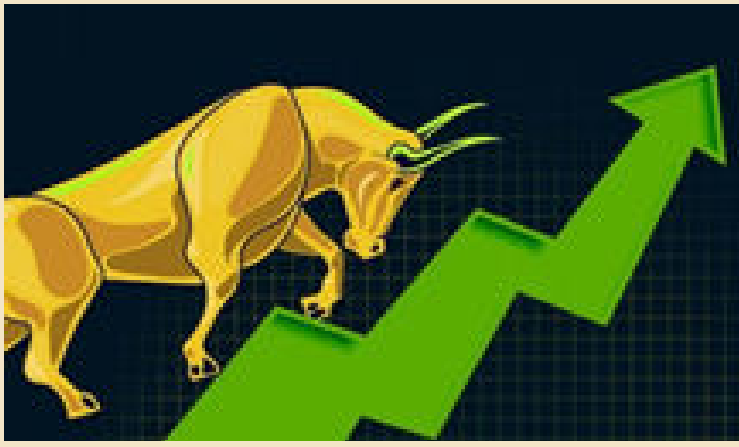
have been circulating for months. However, the infected person had been in contact with two individuals who had recently returned from Central Africa. Authorities have launched an investigation to determine the exact origin of the infection and to trace any potential contacts.

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 cut-out 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-

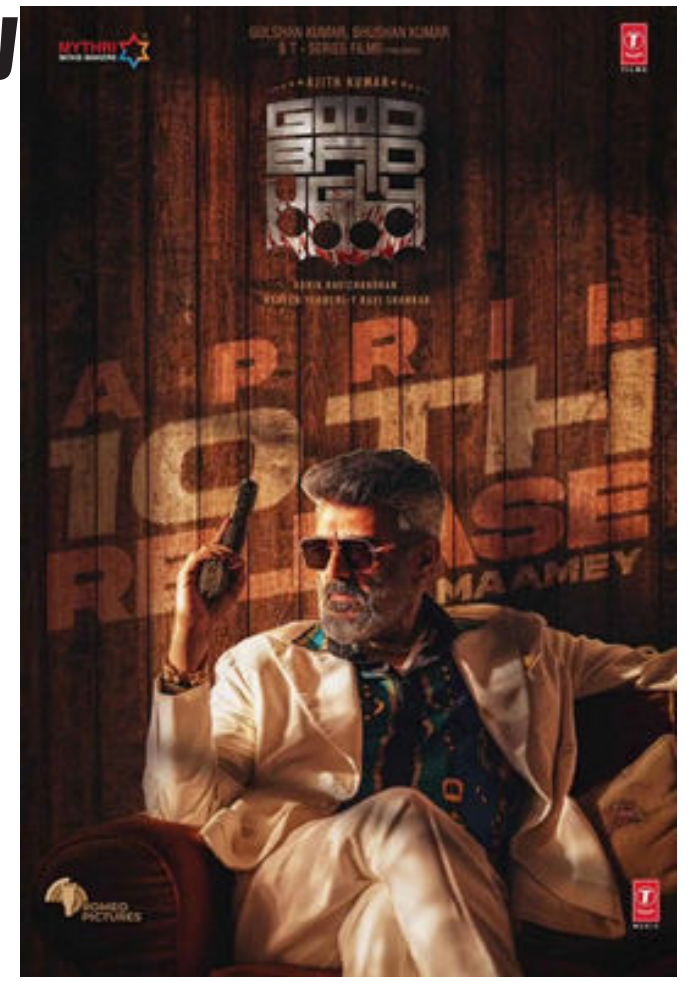
Ajith's Good Bad Ugly Sets Release Date for April 10, 2025

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.

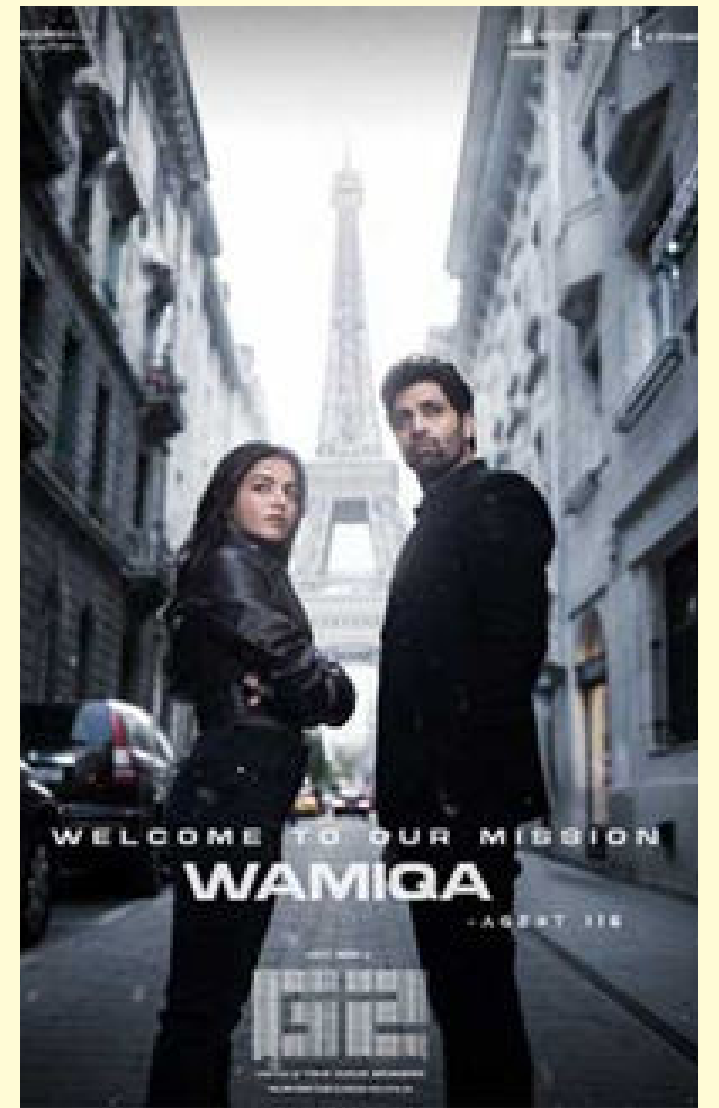
G2 : Wamiqa Gabbi Joins Adivi Sesh in the Sequel to Goodachari

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.