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TRIBAL MLA TURNS VILLAIN FOR HIS OWN PEOPLE?

Allegations regarding land's issue on MLA



Online records of 146 acres land of 64 tribals were changed

This land is of Nerusugudem of Jeelugumilli Mandal

Two opposition leaders have been bribed with 5 acres each by MLA to cover the 70 acres land scam

Allegedly MLA is trying to vacate them, colluding with non-tribals

70 acres of land in Datlavarigudem has been taken by MLA by changing online records

2.19 acres of land in own village has been grabbed by changing online record



allegedly made on November 26, 2024. Following this, the MLA attempted to evict the tribals, falsely claiming that there was a court order against them. However, the tribals resisted and began agitations against the officials, demanding that the original records be restored.

Apart from the 146-acre land scandal, reports indicate that 70 acres of land in Datlavarigudem were also transferred illegally to MLA Bala Raju's relatives through online record tampering. This land suddenly appeared under their names without any proper transaction records. Allegedly, to cover up this scam, two opposition leaders were bribed with 5 acres each. Following these manipulations, several officials, including the RI (Revenue Inspector) and Computer Operator, were issued show-cause notices. In-charge Tahsildar Sandeep Goud was suspended, yet the illegally transferred lands have not been restored to the tribals. This has further outraged the local community, who continue to demand action.

fers, MLA Bala Raju legally acquired 50 acres of land in Karapagudem, Kamayapalem, and other villages through registered documents. Reports suggest he has purchased palm oil plants from Navabharat Oil Palms, with a goal of expanding palm oil cultivation over 500 acres. However, questions are being raised about the source of his income to procure such large amounts of land.

In yet another case, 2.19 acres of land in Barrinkalapadu (his own village) were allegedly transferred to his wife Chirri Jyothi by manipulating online records. Tampering with tribal land records is a serious offense, yet MLA Bala Raju allegedly continues these activities without fear of consequences.

These are only a few of the allegations surfacing against MLA Chirri Bala Raju. A detailed investigation is underway, which is expected to reveal more instances of illegal land transactions. Meanwhile, the tribal community continues to fight for justice, demanding immediate restoration of their lands.

TPN Correspondent Polavaram, Feb 13

who are demanding justice and restoration of their land rights. At Nerusugudem village, 64 tribal families have been in possession of 146 acres of land since 1997. However, for several years, non-tribals from Khammam district have been making attempts to grab this land. During the tenure of former MLA Srinivasa Rao, such efforts were unsuccessful due to

fear of strong resistance from the tribals. But under the current MLA Chirri Bala Raju's leadership, the land transfer allegedly took place without hesitation. According to reports, MLA Bala Raju pressured in-charge Tahsildar Sandeep Goud to change the land classification from tribal to non-tribal in online records. These changes were

BALANCE SHEET SET BY AUDITOR VIJAYASAI...?



- Three Benefits from One Move, BJP's Mind Game?
- BJP and TDP's strategy weakens YSRCP in Rajya Sabha.
- Vijayasai Reddy's resignation fuels intense political speculation.
- Is his daughter Neha Reddy being positioned for the seat?
- Political calculations indicate a multi-layered strategy.
- Jagan caught off guard as BJP eyes AP Rajya Sabha seats.

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- Temple Visits Are Personal, Not Political.
- Immersed in Devotion During Shiva Bhajan.
- Dy CM expresses concern over Tirumala laddu adulteration.
- Welcomes the arrest of culprits and calls for stricter precautions in the future.
- Visits Sri Parashuram Temple in Thiruvallam as part of his personal pilgrimage.

Vision for AI, Healthcare, and Economic Growth, Says CM Naidu

- CM Chandrababu Naidu praises KIMS Hospital's expansion across five states.
- Emphasizes AI and data as the future of global progress.
- Announces plans for 300-bed specialty hospitals in each constituency.

TPN Correspondent
Guntur, Feb 13



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu stated that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is shaping the future, and data will become a key asset in the coming years. Speaking in Guntur on Wednesday, he highlighted the rapid expansion of Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) Hospital, which now serves five states with 5,000 beds. He recalled that he had personally initiated the first KIMS hospital in 2000, emphasizing that its growth was driven by discipline and efficient management. Discussing technological advancements, Chandrababu Naidu underlined the importance of AI and genetic testing in healthcare, predicting that future technologies will help identify diseases

in advance. However, he stressed the need to reduce healthcare costs and assured the government's participation in Ayushman Bhava, a program aimed at providing accessible healthcare. The Chief Minister reiterated his commitment to making Andhra Pradesh a leader in natural food production and green energy, stating that the state is poised to generate one-third of the country's total green energy output. He also highlighted the future of electric vehicles, expressing confidence that widespread adoption would soon become a reality. Naidu criticized the previous administration, citing the failure to pro-

vide water to AIIMS as an example of misgovernance. He stressed that strong leadership and stable governance are crucial for progress and questioned the setbacks faced by the state due to political instability. Outlining his healthcare vision, he announced plans to establish 300-bed specialty hospitals in every constituency, ensuring better medical access for the poor. Additionally, he revealed that the upcoming state budget is being structured to achieve a 15% economic growth target, reinforcing his administration's commitment to development and welfare.

Advocate Kappera Koteswara Rao Appointed as Standing Counsel for Endowments

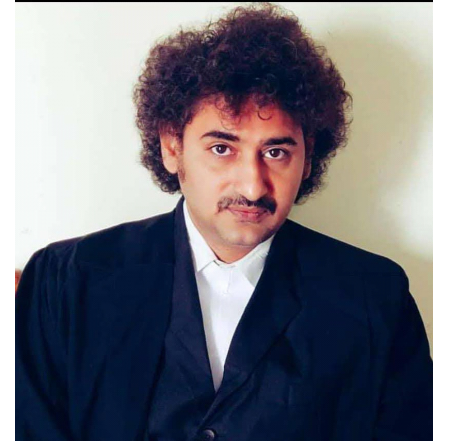
Will represent Seven districts in the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh. Appointment tenure set for three years, with monthly honorarium.

TPN Correspondent
Amaravati, Feb 13

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has appointed Advocate Kappera Koteswara Rao as Standing Counsel for Endowments in the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh. His jurisdiction will cover Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema, East Godavari, Kakinada, West Godavari, NTR, Guntur, and Bapatla districts.

The appointment, issued through G.O.Rt.No.51 by the Law (G) Department, will be for a period of three years from the date he assumes charge or until the termination of his services, whichever comes earlier. His conditions of service will align with the guidelines specified in G.O.Ms.No.187 and other relevant amendments. As per the government order, Sri Kappera Koteswara Rao will receive a monthly honorarium, as outlined in G.O.Rt.No.17 (2022). The Advocate General for Andhra Pradesh will oversee the process, and the date of assumption of charge must be reported to the government.

The official appointment order



has been communicated to:

- Advocate-General for Andhra Pradesh
- Registrar General, High Court of Andhra Pradesh
- Revenue (Endowments) Department, A.P. Secretariat
- A.P. Endowments Department Officials in Guntur, Rajamahendravaram, Kakinada, and West Godavari

The NDA government continues its focus on strengthening legal representation in key sectors, ensuring the smooth governance of Endowments Department cases in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh.

Devotees' Sentiments Must Be Protected, Says Dy CM Pawan Kalyan

TPN Correspondent | Kerala

Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan has emphasized that the sentiments of Tirumala devotees should not be hurt and called for stringent measures to prevent future incidents of laddu adulteration. Speaking to the media after visiting the Sri Agastya Maharshi Temple in Chottanikkara, Kerala, he expressed his deep concern over the recent controversy.

"Lord Venkateswara has crores of devotees across the country. Pilgrims visiting Tirumala come with immense faith and devotion. The adulteration of Tirumala laddu is truly unfortunate. I strongly wish that such incidents never happen again," he stated.

Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan also welcomed the Special Investigation Team's (SIT) progress in the case, including the arrest of those responsible. He stressed that appropriate precautions must be taken in handling Sri Venkateswara Swamy Prasadams and other temple-related matters.

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan clarified that his tour of South Indian temples was a purely personal pilgrimage, unrelated to politics. "Four and a half years ago, I had intended to visit these temples, but due to certain commitments and health issues, I could not. Now, I am visiting temples in Kerala and Tamil Nadu as part of my personal spiritual journey," he said.

Regarding red sandalwood smuggling, he mentioned that police have been actively seizing illegal shipments. He urged the Central Government to introduce a nationwide policy for the regulated sale of red sandalwood to prevent unlawful activities.

As part of his pilgrimage to South Indian shrines, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan visited the Sri Parashuram Temple in Thiruvallam, Kerala, on Wednesday evening. Considered one of the oldest temples in India, the temple authorities and chief priest Shri Kandan Somaharipad welcomed him with traditional honors.

He performed special pujas to Sri Parashuram, the sixth incarnation of Lord Vishnu, and paid oblations on behalf of his family. The chief priest recited Vedic blessings and offered Tirtha Prasadam to him.

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan later visited the sub-temples dedicated to Brahma, Durga Devi, Subrahmanya Swamy, Matsya Murthy, Veda Vyasa, Shiva, Shri Krishna, and Lord Ganapati within the temple premises. At the Shiva Temple, priests performed special pujas in his name.

Jagan Vows to Support Party Workers in 'Jagan 2.0'

TPN Correspondent
Tadepalli, Feb 13

YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy met with party leaders from the erstwhile Guntur district as part of his state-wide review meetings. He asserted that the YSRCP government (2019-24) was transparent, corruption-free, and directly benefited the people, depositing ₹2.71 lakh crore into beneficiaries' accounts without middlemen. Jagan reassured party workers that he would stand by them in 'Jagan 2.0', likening himself to an elder brother and committing to a long political future. He attributed setbacks in the 2024 elections to the COVID-19 pandemic and promised to rebuild party strength.

Allegations Against Chandrababu

Jagan strongly criticized Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, accusing his government of indulging in sand and liquor scams, allowing illegal poker clubs, and mismanaging state affairs. He warned that more theft cases and arrests would be made soon. He also alleged that democracy was undermined in the recent local body by-elections, claiming TDP's success was manipulated. He pointed out that YSRCP secured 40% of votes in the general elections, blaming the 10% decline on his refusal to make false promises like TDP. Jagan questioned, "Isn't Chandrababu a cheater who deceived the people? Shouldn't a 420 case be filed against him?" He urged party workers to stay strong, expressing confidence that YSRCP will return to power in the future.

Sify CMD Raju Vegesna Meets IT Minister Lokesh

TPN Correspondent
Amaravati, Feb 13

Sify Technologies Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Raju Vegesna met AP IT and Electronics Minister Nara Lokesh on Wednesday to explore investment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh. The discussions centered around establishing a mega data center and a cable landing station in Visakhapatnam, which could enhance the state's digital infrastructure and boost its IT and telecom sectors.

During the meeting, Minister Nara Lokesh outlined the investment-friendly policies of the AP government, emphasizing the ease of doing business, rapid infrastructure development, and strong support for IT firms. He highlighted the state's growing digital economy and its commitment to attracting major technology players. Lokesh also explained the advantages of setting up a data center in Visakhapatnam, given its strategic coastal location, connectivity, and skilled workforce. In response, Raju Vegesna expressed a strong interest in expanding Sify's operations in AP, recognizing the state's potential as a key technology and digital hub in South India. He acknowledged the proactive approach of the AP government in promoting IT investments and assured that Sify is keen on collaborating with the state for future projects.

Sify Technologies is a Fortune 500 company and one of India's leading IT service providers, specializing in cloud computing, data center management, and network infrastructure.

AP JAC Amaravati Urges Govt to Resolve Outsourcing Employees' Uncertainty

TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Feb 13

The AP JAC Amaravati leadership has urged the Andhra Pradesh government to clear the uncertainty created by reports suggesting the abolition of APCAS (Andhra Pradesh Corporation for Outsourced Services). The employees fear a return to private agency-based outsourcing, which previously led to delayed salaries and financial irregularities. On Wednesday, AP JAC Amaravati State Chairman Bopparaju, State Secretary General Palliseti Damodar Rao, AP Contract Outsourcing Employees Association State President K. Suman, and General Secretary Allam Suresh Babu met with Chief Secretary K. Vijayanand, IAS, at the Secretariat. They submitted a formal request asking the government to announce a clear policy regarding outsourcing employees' future.

- *No Revival of the Private Agency System: Employees suffered under the previous system due to delayed salaries, non-payment of EPF/ESI dues, and financial frauds by private agencies.*
- *Direct Salary Payments: Salaries should be transferred directly to employees through respective departments, ensuring financial security and transparency.*
- *Better Alternative to APCAS: If the government decides to abolish APCAS, it should replace it with a better employment framework. They also demand an HR policy similar to that of MEPM and SERP societies, ensuring job security and systematic management.*

BALANCE SHEET SET BY AUDITOR VIJAYASAI...?

TPN | K.S. Shekar
Andhra Pradesh, Feb 13

The political landscape in Andhra Pradesh has taken a surprising turn with Vijayasai Reddy's resignation from the Rajya Sabha seat, raising serious speculation about his future moves and YSRCP's weakening position in national politics. Many believe that this is part of a calculated strategy involving BJP and TDP, aimed at reducing YSRCP's influence in the Rajya Sabha while strengthening BJP's numbers in the upper house. The timing of Vijayasai Reddy's resignation has sparked debates within political circles. Sources suggest that

BJP may have pressured him to step down, facilitating a potential entry for his daughter, Neha Reddy, into national politics. While Vijayasai has been a key strategist for YSRCP, his sudden exit indicates that he either fell out with Jagan Mohan Reddy or is making a calculated shift to BJP's side. Vijayasai, a chartered accountant by profession, is known for his sharp political calculations. Many believe that sensing diminishing political opportunities in YSRCP, he chose to distance himself from the party while ensuring his family's political future. His daughter Neha Reddy had earlier campaigned for him in Nellore, signaling her political aspirations.

Political analysts believe that Vijayasai Reddy's resignation serves three key purposes:

- **Breaking ties with YSRCP at a crucial time to avoid being sidelined.**
- **Gaining BJP's goodwill by voluntarily vacating the Rajya Sabha seat.**
- **Securing a political future for his daughter, possibly with BJP's backing.**

This move could prove beneficial for BJP, which is reportedly eyeing seven Rajya Sabha seats from Andhra Pradesh. With YSRCP's weakening hold in the state, BJP and TDP see an opportunity to increase their numbers

in the Rajya Sabha, ensuring greater control in national decision-making. A Calculated Exit?

During his resignation, Vijayasai Reddy brought his daughter and son-in-law Prasadavan into the spotlight, subtly emphasizing their financial strength and political readiness. Additionally, he denied any wrongdoing in the Kakinada port case, distancing himself from potential legal troubles.

This carefully planned exit has raised many questions:

Did Vijayasai Reddy foresee YSRCP's weakening political future? Did BJP offer him or his family a political deal in return for resignation?

Is Jagan Mohan Reddy aware of these behind-the-scenes developments?

If these speculations turn out to be true, Vijayasai Reddy's departure will be a major setback for YSRCP, both politically and strategically. This unexpected twist could signal BJP's aggressive push to gain political ground in Andhra Pradesh, while leaving Jagan with fewer allies.

Whether Jagan saw this move coming or was blindsided by it remains to be seen in the coming days. However, what is clear is that the political game in Andhra Pradesh has taken a new turn, with BJP playing a bigger role than expected.

Janasena Party's Preparatory Meetings for Upcoming MLC Election Success



- Jana Sena to hold meetings for graduates' MLC elections.
- Political Affairs Chairman Nadendla Manohar to oversee meetings.
- Meetings scheduled in Rajahmundry and Vijayawada on Feb 16 & 17.

**TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Feb 13**

Ahead of the graduates' MLC elections, Jana Sena Party (JSP) is organizing preparatory meetings to ensure the success of alliance candidates. These meetings will be held across joint Godavari, Krishna, and Guntur districts on February 16 and 17. JSP Political Affairs Committee Chairman and State Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar will lead these sessions, where he will provide strategic directions to party leaders. The meetings will include JSP MLAs, MPs, district presidents, constituency in-charges, POCs, state and

district executive members, Veera Mahila regional coordinators, and field-level leaders. On February 16, a meeting for the joint Godavari districts will take place at Cherukuri Kalyanamandapam in Rajahmundry. The following day, on February 17, leaders from the joint Krishna and Guntur districts will convene at Seshasai Kalyanavedika, M.G. Road, Vijayawada. The discussions will focus on mobilizing graduates, coordinating grassroots efforts, and ensuring maximum voter turnout in support of the NDA alliance candidates in the upcoming MLC elections.

YSRCP Councilors Joins TDP in Tuni



**TPN | NV Surya
Tuni, Feb 13**

In a setback to the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), three municipal councilors from Tuni town in Kakinada district resigned from the party and joined the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) on Wednesday. Ward councilors Karri Devi (Ward 4), Chintakayala Bharathi (Ward 23), and Tummala Palli Sushila (Ward 28) formally joined the TDP at the party office in Thetagantha. They were welcomed into the party by TDP Polit Bureau member Yanamala Ra-

makrishnudu, who draped them with party scarves. Speaking at the event, Ramakrishnudu stated that the shift of YSRCP members to TDP is a reflection of the growing dissatisfaction among public representatives with the ruling party's governance. He emphasized that more leaders are expected to join TDP in the coming days as people seek better leadership and development-oriented governance. The event was attended by several TDP leaders, including Yinuganti Satyanarayana, Mothukuri Venkatesh, Malla Ganesh, Kukkadapu Balaji, Yanamala Rajesh, Yanamala Lakshmana Rao, Paravada Tatababu, and Arigela Narasimhamurthy. With political dynamics shifting ahead of the upcoming elections, TDP continues to gain momentum in Kakinada district.

Kakani Govardhan Reddy Accuses Somireddy of Land Corruption



**TPN Correspondent
Nellore, Feb 13**

Former minister and YSRCP leader Kakani Govardhan Reddy has launched a fresh attack on TDP MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy, alleging that he purchased lands from the poor in Ramadasu Kandriga at low prices while serving as an MLC. He further claimed that Somireddy even rejected

government compensation for these lands and challenged him to allow a CID investigation into the matter. Kakani also alleged that Somireddy faced 17 vigilance inquiries and was actively involved in filing false cases. He accused him of blocking industrial projects for commission benefits and claimed that large sums were being collected in employee transfers. The YSRCP leader also took a dig at CM Chandrababu Naidu, stating that he lacks the courage to investigate land corruption cases. He criticized the so-called "yellow media" for allegedly spreading false narratives to create unrest within families.

I'll Continue to Work for the People Despite Allegations - MLA Adimulam



**TPN | C. Sekhar
Satyavedu, Feb 13**

Satyavedu MLA Koneti Adimulam has strongly responded to allegations made against him, stating that no matter how

many accusations are thrown at him, he remains dedicated to serving the people. He accused certain individuals of spreading false propaganda against him out of political frustration and insecurity about his growing public support. Speaking to the people during his visit to various villages, Adimulam reminded them that it was the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) that gave him a political identity, and he would always remain loyal to it. He emphasized that Satyavedu is a backward constituency that needs urgent development, and he has been actively working to bring progress by regularly conducting mandal-level meetings and

ensuring timely implementation of government schemes. He further stated that some political rivals, unable to defeat him in elections, are now attempting to tarnish his image. However, he reassured his supporters that with the blessings of Minister Nara Lokesh, he is committed to taking the region forward, ensuring that every village receives the benefits of welfare schemes. Expressing gratitude to the people of Satyavedu for re-electing him, he pledged to never betray their trust and continue working tirelessly under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh.

Kiran Royal Challenges Bhumana Abhinaya Reddy Over Allegations



- Kiran Royal accuses Bhumana Abhinaya Reddy of political conspiracy.
- Claims Lakshmi Reddy was involved in betting, fraud, and cheating.
- Challenges Abhinaya Reddy to swear at Kanipakam temple.

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MLC Varudu Kalyani Questions Pawan Kalyan Inaction on Lakshmi's Case



**TPN Correspondent
Andhra Pradesh, Feb 13**

YSRCP MLC Varudu Kalyani has raised sharp questions against AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, asking why no action was taken against Jana Sena leader Kiran Royal, who allegedly harassed a woman named Lakshmi. She reminded that Pawan Kalyan had earlier assured strict action against

those who harm women but questioned his silence in this case. Accusing the coalition government of failing to ensure women's safety, Kalyani alleged that atrocities against women continue unabated in the state. Meanwhile, TDP MLA Kolikapudi Srinivas expressed deep concern over an incident where a woman reportedly attempted suicide due to harassment. He criticized that women are receiving welfare schemes only after risking their lives and slammed CM Chandrababu Naidu for not conducting a review on women's protection.

Marreddy Srinivas Emphasizes Support for Pera Baththula Rajasekhar's Victory in MLC Election



**TPN | R. Srinubabu
Pithapuram, Feb 13**

Jana Sena Party Pithapuram constituency in-charge Marreddy Srinivas has called on graduates to extend their full support to MLC coalition candidate Pera Baththula Rajasekhar in the upcoming MLC graduate elections. Addressing a gathering in Yandapalli village, Kothapalli mandal, Kakinada district, he urged voters to prioritize Rajasekhar by giving him the first (1) preference vote and ensuring his victory with a huge majority. He stated that the coalition government, led by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan, is committed to the development of Andhra Pradesh.

To continue this progress, he stressed the importance of electing MLCs who support the government's vision. As part of the campaign, Marreddy Srinivas, along with Jana Sena leaders, Water Association President Morala Shetty, Sunil Kumar, Jana Sainiks, and Veera Mahila leaders, conducted a door-to-door outreach program in the village, explaining the coalition's achievements and the need for a strong representative in the Legislative Council. He encouraged all graduates to turn out in large numbers on election day and ensure the success of Pera Baththula Rajasekhar, reinforcing the strength of the TDP-Jana Sena-BJP alliance.

Former MP GV Harsha Kumar Accuses Govt of Dirty Politics

**TPN Correspondent
Kakinada Dist, Feb 13**

Former MP GV Harsha Kumar, along with independent MLC candidate GV Sundar, campaigned in Tuni town, Kakinada district, where they met with teachers and graduates to explain their manifesto. Later, speaking at a media conference, Harsha Kumar strongly criticized the coalition government, accusing it of engaging in "dirty politics" by keeping institutional decisions undisclosed. He alleged that the election officer unfairly accepted the nomination of the coalition-backed candidate despite multiple mistakes, while creating obstacles for the Progressive Democratic Front (PDF) candidate. According to Harsha Kumar, the Returning Officer initially announced around 50 candidates but later manipulated the process to split Dalit votes by endorsing a rival candidate in the evening.



Referring to past political conspiracies, he recalled how Chandrababu Naidu and GMC Balayogi allegedly worked against him in 2002. He further criticized the government for failing to fulfill its election promises even after nine months in power. GV Sundar, addressing the gathering, requested voters to give him an opportunity to represent their voice in the Legislative Council. He stated that their manifesto was well received by teachers, union leaders, and graduates in and around Tuni. Prominent Dalit leaders, including Dara Suresh, Tanta, and Kiran Kumar, participated in the event.

I Joined YSRCP to Confront NDA Govt - Shailajanath

**TPN Correspondent
Anantapur, Feb 13**

Former Minister Sake Shailajanath has stated that he joined the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) to confront the NDA government, which he claims is causing suffering to the people. Speaking at the YSRCP district party office in Anantapur on Wednesday, he expressed gratitude to those who welcomed him into the party and reaffirmed his commitment to working under Jagan Mohan Reddy's leadership. Shailajanath accused Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan of evading responsibility for the deteriorating law and order situation in the state by engaging in political yatras. He also questioned whether CM Chandrababu Naidu was aware that people voted for the NDA based on the Super Six promises, emphasizing that governance requires more than just apologies. He claimed that the

coalition government is failing to implement its promises and that YSRCP would fight on behalf of the people. Shailajanath, who previously served as APCC president, formally joined YSRCP on February 7, where he was welcomed by Jagan Mohan Reddy, MP Mithun Reddy, and former MLA Pedda Reddy at Tadepalli Palace. He had earlier remained politically inactive but has now re-entered politics, citing his deep respect for YSR Rajasekhara Reddy. A veteran leader, Shailajanath entered politics in 2004 with YSR's support and won consecutive elections in 2004 and 2009. He served as a minister in Kiran Kumar Reddy's government and remained with Congress post-bifurcation. However, he later resigned from the party leadership and has now joined YSRCP to actively oppose the NDA government.

Eluru's SV Colony Residents Struggle Without Basic Amenities

No water, electricity, or drainage for 40 families in SV Colony. Builders neglect promises, leaving residents in distress. Residents demand urgent action from MLA and municipal officials.

**TPN Correspondent
Eluru, Feb 13**

Forty families in SV Colony, Mayor Division, Eluru Municipal Corporation, are facing severe hardships due to a lack of water, electricity, and drainage facilities. Despite buying flats and constructing homes, they are now left stranded without essential infrastructure. The problem began when Mavayya's Garden land, located along the Market Yard Bridge to Jangareddygudem route, was divided into SV 1 (plots) and SV 2 (houses). However, the SV 2 project remains incomplete, forcing



residents to rely on solar lighting for the past eight years. Repeated appeals to municipal authorities, including MLA Badeti Chantiki and Mayor Sheikh Noorjahan, have yielded no results. Residents submitted petitions demanding roads, drainage, and water facilities, but

officials have ignored them. Builders initially promised a gated community with all amenities but abandoned their responsibility, repeatedly delaying completion while falsely assuring residents that work would be done soon. Additionally, 2.5 acres of Poram-

boku land within the venture is at risk of illegal occupation. The builders took bank loans on the land but failed to repay them, causing financial distress to buyers.

Residents' Demands

The residents are now urging authorities to:

1. Provide essential infrastructure immediately.
2. Hold builders accountable for negligence.
3. Prevent illegal land occupations.

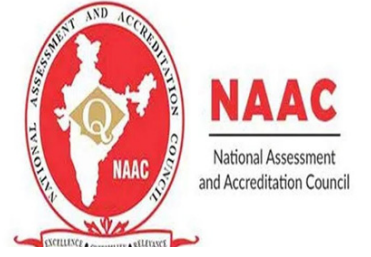
With no action from officials, residents continue to suffer, demanding urgent intervention.

NAAC Bans KLU University's Accreditation Application for Five Years

CBI registered a bribery case against the university. 10 people arrested in connection with the case.

**TPN Correspondent
Guntur, Feb 13**

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has barred KLU University, located in Vaddeswaram, Guntur district, from applying for NAAC recognition for the next five years. This strict action follows a CBI investigation into allegations that the university bribed a NAAC team to secure an A++ accreditation fraudulently.



The CBI has already registered a case against the university and arrested 10 individuals involved in the scandal. The alleged bribery case has raised serious concerns about the credibility of accreditation processes and the role of malpractices in higher education rankings. Following these developments, NAAC has taken decisive action to ensure accountability and maintain the integrity of its accreditation system. The decision serves as a strong warning to other institutions attempting to manipulate evaluation procedures. Authorities are continuing their investigation into the matter, and further actions against those involved are expected.

Farmers Urged to Maximize Yields at Lower Costs



**TPN Correspondent
Jaggayyapet, Feb 13**

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sha emphasized that farmers must adopt cost-effective methods to achieve higher yields and better incomes under the 'Polam Kemandi' program. She urged farmers to take full advantage of this initiative, which aims to reduce cultivation costs while improving productivity. During her tour of Jaggayyapet Mandal on Wednesday, the Collector visited Anumanchipalli village and interacted with farmers about their crops, fertilizers, and daily agricultural challenges. Farmers raised concerns regarding the need for agricultural machinery and the monkey menace affecting crops. Speaking at the event, Dr. Lakshmi Sha assured that the administration is committed to resolving these issues and advised farmers to follow natural farming methods for both economic and health benefits. She highlighted the 'Agri Connect' program, through which school students are being

educated about agriculture, soil fertility, and sustainable farming practices. The Collector also inspected the Solid Waste Processing Center (SWPC) in Pochampally village, reviewing the organic fertilizer manufacturing process. She directed officials to ensure all 264 SWPCs in 286 gram panchayats are fully functional and instructed them to establish new centers in the remaining 22 gram panchayats. Immediate repairs and vermi seeding in all centers were also ordered. Additionally, the Collector examined the newly constructed 2.5 km BT road in Pochampally village, funded through District Mineral Foundation (DMF) resources. She reviewed measurements and official records to ensure proper execution. Accompanying the Collector on the tour were Assistant Collector Shubham Nokhwal, Panchayati Raj SE Z Ramesh, Agriculture Department AD Bhavani, Mandal Agriculture Officer V. Varalakshmi, and other officials.

Vijayawada CI Kondalarao Mysteriously Goes Into Hiding

**TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Feb 13**

In a bizarre turn of events, CI Kondalarao, a senior officer under the Vijayawada Police Commissionerate, went missing for three days under mysterious circumstances. Reports suggest that his disappearance was linked to a land settlement issue involving an MLA from Krishna district.



Before going into hiding, Kondalarao left his mobile phone and official vehicle at the police station, raising concerns among his colleagues. His sudden disappearance triggered speculation about political pressure and departmental issues.

Amid growing curiosity, Vijayawada Police Commissioner Rajasekhar reportedly assured Kondalarao that he would not face any difficulties related to the case. Following this assurance, Kondalarao resurfaced and reported back to duty as the CI of Vijayawada Kothapet Police Station.

The incident has sparked discussions within the police department and political circles, with questions being raised about the nature of the land settlement dispute and the role of political influence in law enforcement matters.

Massive Fire Broke Out at Kashmir Jalakanya Exhibition In Vijayawada

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A massive fire erupted at the Kashmir Jalakanya exhibition near the Vidya Dharapuram RTC depot in Vijayawada, causing widespread panic among the locals. The fire quickly spread to nearby shops, reducing everything to ashes. Thick smoke billowed into the sky as flames engulfed the area.

Upon receiving the alert, fire brigade personnel rushed to the spot and launched efforts to douse the flames. Initial reports suggest that the fire may have been caused by a gas cylinder explosion. The police also arrived at the scene to assess the situation. While no casualties were reported, the damage to property is expected to be significant.



VMC Commissioner Reviews Fire Incident

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) Commissioner Dhyanchandra inspected the fire-hit Kashmir Jalakanya exhibition site at Sitara Center, Vidyadharapuram, on Wednesday afternoon. He reviewed the situation and appreciated the swift response of the fire department, which successfully contained the fire using a fire engine. Speaking on the



occasion, the Commissioner assured that no loss of life occurred in the incident. However, he took strict action against responsible officials, issuing show-cause notices to the Estate Officer and Regional Fire Officer. Additionally, charges were framed against the Zonal Commissioner for negligence. Authorities are continuing their investigation into the cause of the fire, and further measures are expected to prevent such incidents in the future.

Alapati Rajendra Prasad Should Secure a Huge Majority in West: MP Kesineni Shivanath

**TPN Correspondent
Vijayawada, Feb 13**

Vijayawada MP Kesineni Shivanath (Chinni) has emphasized the need for a huge majority for TDP-backed MLC candidate Alapati Rajendra Prasad from the Vijayawada West constituency in the upcoming Krishna-Guntur Graduate MLC elections.

During a meeting held at the Vijayawada Parliament Office (NTR Bhavan) in Guru Nanak Colony on Wednesday, Kesineni Shivanath directed TDP leaders and cadre to ensure that every registered graduate voter reaches the polling booth and votes. He stated that a decisive victory for Rajendra Prasad would serve as a strong endorsement of the NDA coalition government in Andhra Pradesh.



The meeting was attended by West Constituency MLC Election Observers Maritime Board Chairman Damacharla Satyanarayana (Satya), State Representative Nagul Meera, and Former MLA Jaleel Khan. Addressing the gathering, Kesineni congratulated the cluster and booth in-charges for successfully regis-

tering over 10,000 graduate voters in the constituency. He urged them to now focus on voter mobilization and campaign efforts.

Speaking at the meeting, Nagul Meera stressed the importance of MLC elections, highlighting that they differ from Assembly elections. He urged leaders to educate graduate voters on the voting process, especially regarding first-priority voting.

Several prominent TDP leaders, including TDP State Minority Cell Chief Secretary Fataullah, State Executive Secretary M.S. Baig, State Women Vice President Sheikh Asha, Corporators Uddi Chanti, Harshad, Mailavarapu Krishna, and others, participated in the program.

Santmagaluru SC Hostel Reconstructed with Minister Gottipati's Initiative

**TPN Correspondent
Amaravati, Feb 13**

The Santmagaluru SC Hostel in Bapatla district, which had deteriorated due to neglect during the YSRCP government, has now been fully reconstructed with the initiative of State Electricity Minister Gottipati Ravikumar. The hostel modernization, undertaken at a cost of ₹45 lakh, restored essential facilities that were lacking over the past five years.

During his visit to Santmagaluru four months ago, Minister Gottipati was deeply moved by the poor condition of the hostel, which even lacked basic amenities like bathroom doors. He immediately instructed officials to take up complete modernization without affecting the students. Additionally, he brought the issue to the attention of Minister Dola Bala Veeranjanya Swamy, who promptly sanctioned funds from the concerned department.



Thanks to Minister Gottipati's efforts, the hostel's renovation was completed on a war footing. Students and local villagers, delighted with the improvements, expressed their gratitude to the minister for supporting the education of weaker sections and backward communities.

On Wednesday, Minister Gottipati Ravikumar personally inspected the reconstructed hostel building and reviewed

the newly modernized facilities. Speaking on the occasion, he criticized the YSRCP government for neglecting social and welfare hostels, leading to poor conditions and a drop in student enrollment.

He revealed that in 2019, during the previous TDP regime, the hostel housed 170 students, but under the YSRCP's policies, the number dropped to just 30.

He blamed Jagan Mohan Reddy's "Nadu-Nedu" program for keeping poor students away from education in the name of rationalization.

Minister Gottipati assured that the NDA alliance government, under CM Chandrababu Naidu, remains committed to supporting education for marginalized communities and ensuring better hostel facilities across the state.

How Come a Sand Mafia Person Got an Award on Republic Day...?



- Rama Krishna(RK) accused of involvement in YSRCP-era sand mafia.
- Received Republic Day award despite corruption allegations.
- Claims of manipulation in award selection process.
- TDP leaders question legitimacy of RK's recognition.
- Officials allegedly influenced by sand mafia associates.
- Public outrage over honoring controversial figure.
- Demand for investigation into award selection process.

TPN | SRI CH
Rajahmundry, Feb 13

A major controversy has erupted over G. Ramakrishna (RK) receiving a certificate of appreciation from the District Collector and SP on Republic Day. RK, who is allegedly linked to the sand mafia during the YSRCP regime, is accused of manipulating the selection process to secure the honor.

According to reports, RK played a key role

in illegal sand mining operations in East Godavari during the YSRCP regime. Allegations suggest that he diverted ₹5 crore from e-auction security deposits and funneled the money through RK Trade Logistics Limited. He is also accused of running a sand syndicate along the Godavari river and collecting massive profits while allegedly paying ₹9 crore per month to YSRCP leaders.

The District Collector and SP typically

award certificates of appreciation to individuals who have contributed significantly to public service. However, questions are being raised about how RK, accused of corruption, managed to get selected. Reports suggest that he was added to the list by lower-level officials influenced by sand mafia associates.

During the Republic Day celebrations at Arts College Grounds, Rajahmundry, over 300 government employees and six voluntary service members received awards. However, RK's inclusion sparked outrage among TDP leaders, who questioned why a controversial figure from the YSRCP era was honored.

TDP leaders and public representatives are now demanding an investigation into RK's selection for the award. Rajahmundry Rural Tahsildar Suryakumar, when questioned, claimed he was unaware of how RK's name was added to the list. RK's close ties with former YSRCP leaders Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy and Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy have also come under scrutiny. Critics argue that his past involvement in illegal sand mining should have disqualified him from any government recognition.

The issue has led to growing public and political criticism, with TDP activists calling for action against officials who facilitated RK's selection. Many argue that this incident reflects the lingering influence of the YSRCP's corrupt practices in certain administrative circles.

As the controversy unfolds, all eyes are now on the district administration's response and whether steps will be taken to review the legitimacy of RK's award.

Arrangements Reviewed By Officials for CM Naidu's Visit to Kandukur



- CM to visit Kandukur on February 15 for the Swachh Andhra program.
- District Collector Anand and SP Krishna Kant reviewed security and logistical arrangements.
- Officials from various departments participated in the review meeting.

TPN Correspondent
Kandukur, Feb 13

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu will be visiting Kandukur town on February 15 to participate in the Swachh Andhra program. Ahead of his visit, District Collector Anand and SP Krishna Kant conducted a review of the arrangements, ensuring security, public convenience, and program logistics. The review meeting saw the participation of MLA Turi Nageswara Rao, Municipal Administration Director

Sampath Kumar, Swachh Andhra Corporation MD Anil Kumar Reddy, Nellore Municipal Commissioner Surya Teja, and Kandukur Sub-Collector Sri Pooja. Officials discussed crowd management, sanitation, and other essential preparations for the CM's visit. Security measures and traffic control plans were also assessed to ensure a smooth and organized event. The local administration is actively coordinating efforts to make the Swachh Andhra program a success in Kandukur.

Illegal Business Operations at Eluru Railway Station Exposed



TPN | KISHORE B.K
Eluru, Feb 13

The unauthorized business activities at Eluru railway station have sparked controversy, with a vendor allegedly operating stalls without proper licenses and threatening fellow shopkeepers.

A man named Samantula Durga Rao has been illegally running a milk dairy booth and a multi-purpose stall on Platform No. 2 for the past four years. Initially acquiring the stalls from another licensee, Durga Rao continued operations even after the original license expired. Despite strict category restrictions, he has been selling a variety of items, including food products, vio-

lating railway regulations. While Durga Rao officially has nine licensed hawkers, he has allegedly hired 15 additional vendors and taken ₹1 lakh advance from each, leading to conflicts with other licensed shopkeepers. Several vendors claim that he is harassing and threatening legitimate businesses on the platform.

Further allegations point to collusion between Durga Rao and railway officials, particularly the station CCI, who is accused of ignoring the illegal business in exchange for commissions.

The situation has raised concerns among other shopkeepers, who are demanding immediate action against unauthorized stall operations and corruption within railway authorities. Despite ongoing complaints, the railway administration has yet to take visible action, fueling frustration among the affected businesses.

Villagers Protest Against Illegal Sand Mining



TPN | C. Sekhar
Satravada, Feb 13

Tension prevailed in Satravada, Nagari, as villagers staged a protest against rampant illegal sand mining in the Kushasthali river. Accusing the so-called "sand monsters" of exploiting the free sand policy, the locals claimed that miners have turned sand into a commercial commodity, looting the riverbed day and night.

Women in the village, particularly those visiting the riverbank for rituals, expressed deep concern over safety issues, stating that unchecked mining activities have disrupted their access to the river. The Volta Act, meant to reg-

ulate sand mining, has been blatantly ignored, leading to uncontrolled excavation, they alleged.

Outraged by the situation, villagers blocked the roads and staged a sit-in protest, demanding an immediate halt to illegal sand transportation. They warned that their agitation will continue until the authorities intervene and take strict action against those responsible.

Protesters have also started documenting and exposing the illegal activities by taking pictures of trucks and individuals involved in sand mining, vowing to escalate the issue if their demands are not met.

Grand Celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna Theertha Mukkoti in Tirumala



TPN | C. Sekhar
Tirumala, Feb 13

Tirumala witnessed the grand celebration of Sri Ramakrishna Theertha Mukkoti on Wednesday, an important religious event

observed annually on the full moon day of the Magha month. According to the Puranas, the sacred site was created through the intense penance of Sri Ramakrishna Maharshi.

Temple priests and staff commenced their journey from Srivari Temple in a ceremonial procession, chanting Vedic hymns. By 11 AM, they reached Sri Ramakrishna Theertha, where the idols of Sri Ramachandramurthy and Sri Krishna Bhagavan were anointed with milk, curd, sandalwood, and other aromatic substances. Special prayers and offerings were performed, adding to the spiritual atmosphere.

As part of Srivari Seva, TTD arranged food

distribution at Papavinasanam Dam, offering devotees Pongali, Upma, Sambarannam, Perugannam, and Pulihora packets, along with drinking water and buttermilk. A medical camp was set up under the supervision of the TTD Medical Department, where essential medicines were distributed to devotees. Additionally, the TTD Engineering and Forest Departments installed footpaths along various routes, ensuring a smoother pilgrimage experience.

The sacred event drew a large number of devotees, who participated in the rituals with deep devotion, making the occasion a spiritually enriching experience for all.

150 Kg of Chicken Seized in Mummidivaram

TPN Correspondent
Mummidivaram, Feb 13

Following the outbreak of bird flu in Kanur, East Godavari district, officials have intensified inspections to curb the sale of chicken meat and eggs. The district collector and medical and health department officials have imposed a temporary ban on poultry sales, prompting a lightning raid led by Mummidivaram Nagar Panchayat Commissioner P. Ravi Verma on Wednesday. During the operation, officials raided meat shops, hotels, restaurants, and dhabs, seizing 150 kg of chicken meat stored for sale. The confiscated meat was buried in the dumping yard to prevent further risk. Strict warnings were issued against the sale of chicken, with violators facing fines ranging from ₹25,000 to ₹50,000 and potential shop closures.

In Mummidivaram market, a chicken meat shop near the high school was inspected, and all meat meant for sale was seized. A wholesale egg sales center in the market was also inspected, and officials ordered a halt on sales. Additionally, eggs stored at an An-



ganwadi center were seized, and 28 Anganwadi centers in the city were instructed not to use eggs for the time being. Further inspections revealed 20 kg of meat stored at a wholesale chicken shop near AIIMS Engineering College, 50 kg of meat from two wholesale shops in Kashi Vani Thumu Center, and 10 kg of old meat from a restaurant at AIIMS College, all of which were seized and buried. Punjabi Dhaba at Bondai Kodu Thumu was also found with 20 kg of refrigerated chicken meat, which was confiscated. Commissioner Ravi Verma appealed to the public to reduce meat consumption, emphasizing that the sale of chicken meat is banned for the next two weeks due to the high risk of infection. He was accompanied by AE P.V. Sudhakar, Health Assistant J.S.N. Raju, Sanitary and Ward Planning Secretaries, and Nagar Panchayat staff.

Police Crack Down on Illegal Sand Transport at AP-TN Border

TPN | C. Sekhar
Tirupati, Feb 13

Illegal sand transport from Varadaiyapalem, Tirupati district, to Tamil Nadu is being carried out at night under the name of Sri City. In response, Varadaiyapalem SI KB Mallikarjuna conducted inspections to curb these activities and gathered complete information from those involved. The police have issued strict warnings that transporting sand to border areas

without proper authorization is a punishable offense. SI Mallikarjuna emphasized



that all sand transport must comply with government regulations, and any violations would lead to severe legal action. During the inspections, driving licenses, vehicle documents, and transport permits were thoroughly checked. Officials have reiterated that unauthorized sand transport to neighboring states is illegal and that enforcement measures will continue to prevent such activities.



Understanding Oral Cancer: Causes, Symptoms, and Risk Factors



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Oral cancer remains a significant global health concern, ranking among the top ten causes of cancer-related deaths. The condition, predominantly affecting men, is strongly linked to tobacco and alcohol consumption, as well as environmental and dietary factors. Dr. Mehaboob Shaik, Professor and Head of the Department of Maxillofacial Surgery at CARE Institution of Medical & Dental Sciences, Guntur, provides an in-depth analysis of oral cancer, its causes, and risk factors.

The Origins and Definition of Cancer
 The term "cancer" originates from the Latin word for crab, reflecting how the disease adheres to tissues in an aggressive and persistent manner. Cancer is a general term for malignant neoplasms, and according to Willis, a neoplasm is defined as "an abnormal mass of tissue, the growth of which exceeds and is uncoordinated with that of normal tissues and persists in the same excessive manner after the cessation of the stimuli which evoked the change."

Oral Cancer: A Growing Concern

Oral cancer accounts for a significant number of cancer-related fatalities worldwide. More than 90% of oral cancers are squamous cell carcinomas, and the disease exhibits a slight male predominance, with a male-to-female ratio of 1.7:1. The peak incidence occurs in men during their fifties, while women are more commonly affected in their sixties.

The incidence of oral cancer among women saw a nearly 50% rise from the late 1940s to the 1980s. This increase has been attributed to changes in smoking and alcohol consumption patterns among women, along with

other contributing nutritional and lifestyle factors.

Key Risk Factors: Tobacco, Alcohol, and Environmental Exposure

Tobacco use, both in smoked and smokeless forms, remains one of the leading causes of oral cancer. Tobacco products contain harmful carcinogens such as nitrosamines, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, nitrosodichthanolamine, nitrosoproline, and polonium. Additionally, tobacco smoke itself contains toxic substances like carbon monoxide, thiocyanate, hydrogen cyanide, and nicotine.

Common forms of smoked tobacco include bidis, cigarettes, hookahs, and chillum, while smokeless tobacco products include khaini, gutka, paan, and zarda. These products contribute significantly to oral cancer incidence.

Apart from tobacco and alcohol use, environmental factors such as prolonged exposure to sunlight can increase the risk of lip cancer. Nutritional deficiencies and a lack of protective nutrients found in fresh fruits and vegetables have also been linked to cancer development.

Clinical Features and Symptoms

Oral cancer commonly affects individuals between the fourth and sixth decades of life, with a male-to-female ratio of 4:1. The most commonly affected sites include the tongue, lips, and the floor of the mouth.

Early Manifestations:

- Persistent red or white patches in the oral cavity
- Non-healing ulcers
- Progressive swelling or enlargement of tissues
- Sudden tooth mobility without an apparent cause
- Unusual oral bleeding or nasal bleeding (epistaxis)
- Late Manifestations:
- Hard, indurated areas in the oral cavity
- Numbness or paresthesia in the affected area
- Airway obstruction
- Difficulty opening the mouth (trismus) and swallowing (dysphagia)
- Enlargement of cervical lymph nodes (lymphadenopathy)

Additional Risk Factors: Dental and Oral Health Issues

While the role of dental factors in oral cancer development is debated, some studies suggest that conditions like sharp teeth, ill-fitting dentures, faulty restorations, and changes in bite patterns may contribute to the risk. However, the evidence remains inconclusive.

Identifying Oral Cancer: Lesions and Staging

Oral cancer often presents as distinct lesions, which may appear in various forms:

- Patches or plaques (red, white, or mixed red-and-white)
- Ulcerations
- Black or brown pigmented lesions
- Exophytic growths (abnormal outward-growing masses)

The TNM staging system is used to determine the severity and extent of the disease. Staging plays a crucial role in treatment planning and prognosis assessment. It provides a standardized way for medical professionals to classify cancer cases and communicate about patient care.

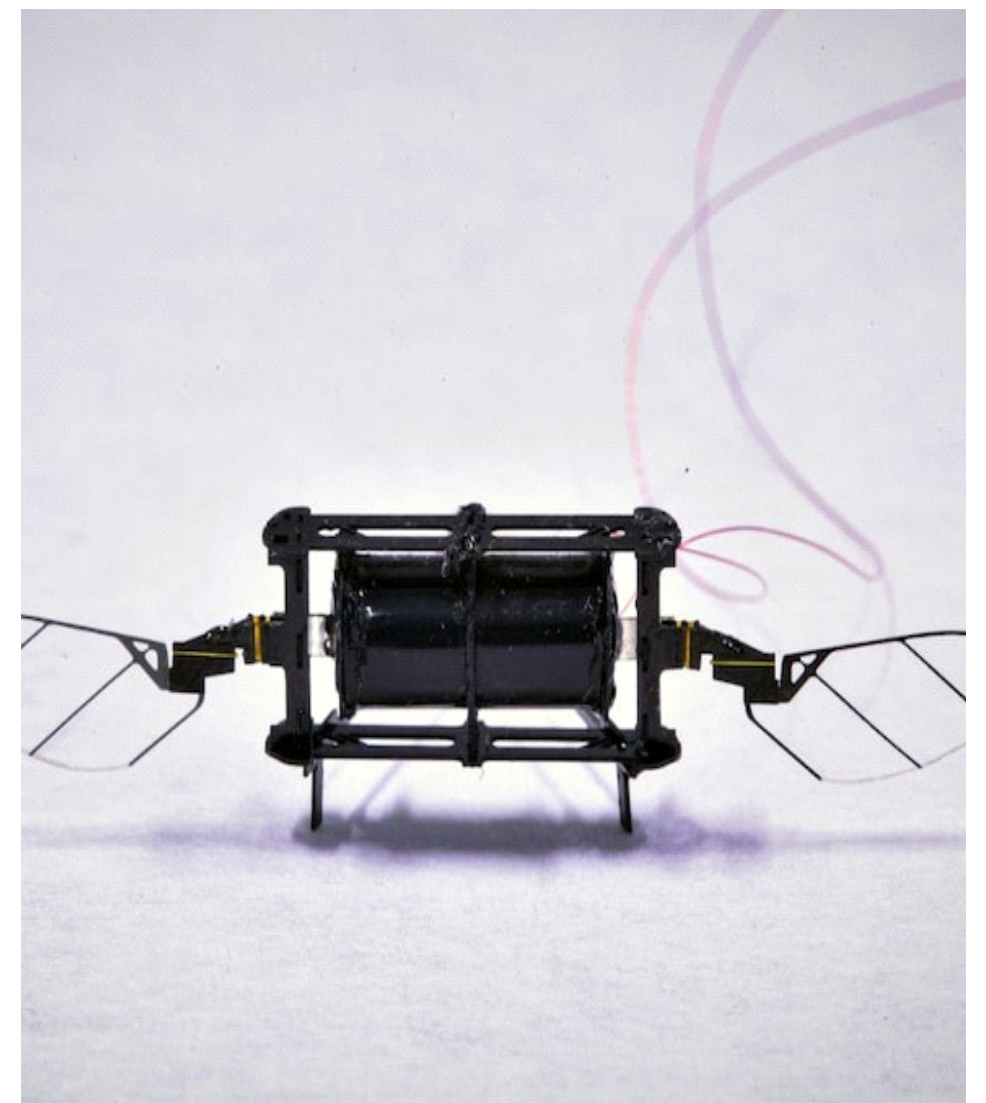
Cancer Awareness and International Maxillofacial Surgeon's Day

Raising awareness about oral cancer is crucial for early detection and prevention. International Maxillofacial Surgeon's Day, observed on February 13, serves as an important occasion to highlight the role of maxillofacial surgeons in diagnosing and treating oral cancers. Public awareness campaigns, early screening programs, and lifestyle modifications, such as quitting tobacco and alcohol, can significantly reduce oral cancer cases.

The general public is encouraged to prioritize oral health check-ups, recognize early warning signs, and adopt preventive measures, including a balanced diet rich in fruits and vegetables. Efforts to increase awareness and accessibility to healthcare can improve survival rates and enhance quality of life for affected individuals.

Survival Rates and Future Outlook

The overall five-year survival rate for oral cancer stands at approximately 52.5%, with females having a slightly higher survival rate (58%) compared to males (50%). Early detection and prevention strategies, including reducing tobacco and alcohol use, improving dietary habits, and maintaining good oral hygiene, are critical in reducing the burden of oral cancer. As research continues, efforts to enhance public awareness and early diagnosis remain vital in combating this life-threatening disease.



MIT's Robotic Insect Drones Achieve 100x Longer Flight Time

MIT researchers have made a groundbreaking advancement in robotic insect technology, developing drones capable of flying 100 times longer than their previous models. This significant improvement in endurance and efficiency is expected to revolutionize artificial pollination, offering a potential solution to declining bee populations and enhancing agricultural productivity.

The latest robotic insects have been engineered with a streamlined design that enhances flight dynamics while minimizing energy consumption. Unlike earlier prototypes that suffered from limited flight time and instability, these new drones incorporate structural modifications that allow for sustained operation in real-world agricultural settings.

Breakthrough in Flight Capabilities

A study published in Science Robotics details the advanced structural adjustments that have enabled these robotic insects to remain airborne for extended periods. Previously, robotic insect models struggled with lift and control due to excessive wing numbers and inefficient motion. The new design replaces the older eight-wing system with a more efficient four-unit structure, each equipped with a single flapping wing. This reduces airflow resistance and optimizes power usage, making the drones more stable and responsive during flight.

Kevin Chen, Associate Professor of Robotics at MIT, emphasized the significance of this breakthrough, stating that the demonstrated flight time in this research surpasses all previous attempts combined. The refined wing mechanism has not only improved endurance but also reduced mechanical stress, allowing the drones to carry integrated power sources essential for field deployment.

Challenges in Replicating Natural Flight

Despite these advancements, researchers continue to face challenges in mimicking the precise wing movements of real insects. Natural insects rely on finely tuned muscle-like contractions for flight, whereas early robotic versions lacked this level of precision. The MIT team is now focusing on refining signal transmissions within the robotic structure to closely replicate natural insect motion.

Another major hurdle is achieving the right balance between weight and battery capacity. While the latest iteration has made significant strides, further enhancements are required to ensure the drones can operate autonomously and navigate complex environments without human intervention.

Future Applications in Agriculture

Looking ahead, the team aims to integrate advanced sensors and computational systems into the robotic insects, improving their navigation and decision-making capabilities. Over the next five years, research will focus on refining these systems to allow the drones to function independently in agricultural settings. If successful, this technology could play a crucial role in supplementing natural pollinators, supporting food production, and mitigating the impact of environmental changes on agriculture.

With continued innovation, robotic insects may soon become a vital tool in global efforts to enhance crop yields and ensure food security.



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Contributions to Oral Cancer Awareness:

Dr. P.L. Vasundhara, President of AOMSI-AP Chapter, and Dr. Nadella Koteswararao, Past President of the AP Chapter and Head of the Department at Drs SNDS, Gannavaram, have been actively working towards promoting awareness and early detection of oral cancer. Their contributions in this field continue to make a significant impact in cancer prevention and treatment.

Surajkund Mela 2025: Dates, Attractions, and Ticket Details

The much-awaited 38th edition of the Surajkund International Crafts Mela is set to bring a vibrant display of culture, art, and heritage to the Delhi-NCR region. Held annually in Faridabad, Haryana, this grand fair showcases India's rich craftsmanship and traditions while hosting artisans from across the globe. With over 648 artisans from 42 countries participating this year, the event promises a unique experience for visitors. Odisha and Madhya Pradesh have been chosen as the theme states for 2025. The Surajkund Mela 2025 will take place from February 7 to February 25 at Surajkund, Faridabad. Organized by the Haryana Tourism Department, the fair attracts artists, craftsmen, and cultural performers from India and beyond, transforming the venue into a bustling cultural hub.

Major Attractions at Surajkund Mela 2025



Authentic Handicrafts and Artworks

The mela is a paradise for handicraft lovers, featuring a vast collection of handmade treasures, including Phulkari embroidery, Madhubani paintings, Channapatna toys, Kashmiri Pashminas, and Dhokra metal art. Visitors can buy directly from artisans, ensuring authenticity and fair pricing. The Hunar Haat and Food Court sections offer a variety of regional delicacies from across India. Popular dishes include Rajsthani kulchas, and Bengal's rosogolla.

Cultural Performances and Folk Dances

Every evening, folk dancers, musicians, and theatre groups from different states showcase their talents. Performances include Rajasthan's Ghoomar, Maharashtra's Lavani, and Assam's Bihu, along with international acts. The open-air stage creates a lively atmosphere, immersing visitors in a cultural extravaganza. The fair offers various entertainment options, including Ferris wheels, camel rides, puppet shows, pottery-making, and interactive art sessions, making it enjoyable for visitors of all ages.

India 1st G-20 nation to meet Paris pact goals: PM Modi

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- Solar capacity up 32x; ethanol blending at 19%.
- Biofuels Alliance boosts sustainable energy

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday declared that India was the first country among the G-20 nations to meet the goals outlined in the Paris Agreement, a key international treaty aimed at combating climate change. The Paris Agreement, adopted in 2015, strives to limit global warming to well below 2°C, with efforts to cap it at 1.5°C, while focusing on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and aligning financial flows with low-emission development.

In his virtual address at the opening ceremony of India Energy Week 2025, which was held in France, PM Modi highlighted India's impressive strides in renewable energy and climate action. "In the last decade, India has moved from being the 10th to the 5th largest economy globally. In this time, we have increased our solar energy generation capacity by 32 times," Modi said.

The Prime Minister emphasized India's leadership in renewable energy, revealing that the country is now the third-largest solar power producer in the world. "Our non-fossil fuel energy

capacity has tripled, and we are the first among G-20 nations to achieve the Paris Agreement goals," he noted.

Modi also credited initiatives like ethanol blending for India's environmental progress. "India has achieved 19% ethanol blending, which has significantly reduced CO2 emissions, saved foreign exchange, and boosted farmer incomes. We are on track to reach a 20% ethanol blending target by October 2025," he explained.

In addition, PM Modi spotlighted the growth of India's biofuel industry, which is gaining momentum with the support of the Global Biofuels Alliance. Established during India's G-20 presidency, the alliance now includes 28 countries and 12 international organizations. "We have a sustainable feedstock of 500 million metric tonnes, and the Global Biofuels Alliance is turning waste into wealth, establishing centres of excellence," he added.

India's achievements in renewable energy and climate action reflect its commitment to sustainable development and global environmental leadership.



Kerala CM denies UDF allegation of failure of law and order, criminalisation of police

TPN Correspondent | Thiruvananthapuram

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Wednesday responded to opposition allegations of police criminalization and law and order failures in the state. The Chief Minister denied claims that criminals, or "goondas," were being shielded by the police, stating that appropriate action had been taken against errant officers.

Vijayan's remarks came in response to a notice moved by the Congress-led UDF seeking an adjournment of the House to discuss the failure of law and order in Kerala. The opposition had raised concerns following the recent Palakkad double murder case, where a 72-year-old woman and her 53-year-old son were allegedly hacked to death by their neighbor. The accused, identified as Chenthamara, had been out on bail after being involved in a previous murder case in 2019, where he had killed the elderly woman's daughter-in-law.

In his reply, Chief Minister Vijayan acknowledged the failure of the police in handling the situation. He revealed that the Nenmara police station's inspector had been suspended pending an investigation. The inspector had failed to take appropriate action on complaints made by the victims' family, who had alleged that they were being threatened by the accused prior to the murders.

Vijayan emphasized that strict action had been taken against police officers found neglecting their duties. He reassured the House that the government was committed to ensuring the safety of the public and that measures were in place to prevent such incidents from recurring.

The Chief Minister's response sought to address concerns over the state's law and order situation, asserting that the government was taking the necessary steps to ensure accountability and transparency within the police force.



Eknath Shinde Receives Mahadji Shinde Award

TPN Correspondent | Maharashtra

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde was honored with the Mahadji Shinde Rashtra Gaurav Puraskar on Tuesday at the 98th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan in Delhi. The award was presented to Shinde by Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar, in the presence of Union Ministers Jyotiraditya Scindia, Muralidhar Mohol, and writer Dr. Sadanand More.

In his acceptance speech, Shinde expressed his appreciation for the good relations he shares with Pawar, recalling that the NCP leader is the son-in-law of Sadas Shiv Shinde, a famous spin bowler known for his googly deliveries. He humorously added that while Pawar "bowls googly deliveries" in politics, he has never been caught off guard by them. Shinde further praised Pawar for his frequent calls and for showing interest in the development works being carried out in Maharashtra, emphasizing the importance of maintaining relationships beyond political divides.

However, Shinde's remarks and the award presentation stirred controversy in Maharashtra politics. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut criticized Pawar for presenting the award to Shinde, highlighting the political context in which the two leaders find themselves. Raut expressed disappointment, stating he did not expect Pawar to honor Shinde, especially given that both the Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP-SP are part of the Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance. Raut, making a jab at Shinde's "googly" comment, suggested that those who play such tricks often end up "getting out by hit wicket." The Mahadji Shinde Rashtra Gaurav Award is named after the renowned strategist of the Maratha Empire, Mahadji Shinde, and recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to society.

India's Fighter Aircraft Development: A Generation Behind Global Powers



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India's ambitious goal of developing the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), a fifth-generation multirole stealth fighter, faces a significant delay, with its expected induction into the Indian Air Force not set to occur until 2035. By this time, global air forces, including those of Russia, the US, and China, will already be operating sixth-generation fighter jets, marking India's lag in the race for advanced aerial capabilities.

The AMCA, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), was displayed for the first time at the Aero India-2025 event in Bengaluru, generating significant attention. The aircraft, designed to be a twin-engine, medium-weight fighter, represents India's leap towards building cutting-edge military technology. However, it is set to enter service a decade after other major powers have begun developing sixth-generation fighters.

The development of these more advanced fighters is already underway globally. In August 2013, Russia announced its plans for the Mikoyan PAK DP, a sixth-generation fighter, which has since entered the development phase. Meanwhile, the United States launched its Next Generation Air Dominance (NGAD) Program, with a prototype already flown in 2020, although details remain classified. The first sixth-generation fighters from the US are expected to be fielded by 2030, developed by aerospace giants like Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and Northrop Grumman.

China, too, has begun research on sixth-generation fighter jets, with plans to bring their programme to fruition by 2035. Concepts of Chinese sixth-generation jets have already been shared publicly, and there have been reports of a new tailless aircraft being test-flown.

India's reliance on a fifth-generation aircraft for its future defense strategy places it behind these global powers, especially as advancements in sixth-generation technology promise to offer superior capabilities. As a result, India's AMCA program may face challenges in maintaining strategic parity with these rapidly evolving air forces.

J&K Legislative Assembly Holds First Full Session After Seven Years

TPN Correspondent | Maha Kumbh

On the occasion of Maghi Purnima, nearly 1.6 crore devotees took part in the sacred ritual of taking a holy dip at the Triveni Sangam in Prayagraj, marking a significant event during the ongoing Maha Kumbh Mela 2025. The ritual bath, which began early on Wednesday, saw an overwhelming turnout of people from across the country, in a religious observance that is integral to the Kumbh Mela festivities.

As the spiritual significance of Maghi Purnima draws pilgrims seeking purification and blessings, the Uttar Pradesh government reported that by noon, a staggering 1.59 crore devotees had bathed in the Sangam and other ghats. The event also marks the end of the month-long Kalpavas, where nearly 10 lakh 'Kalpavasis' (those who observe the month-long ritual) conclude their stay at the holy city and begin heading back to their respective destinations.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has been closely monitoring the event from Lucknow, ensuring that the administration is prepared for the large-scale congregation. The

local administration had made extensive arrangements for the smooth flow of pilgrims, urging them to follow traffic rules and park only in designated areas for safety.



PM Modi's France Visit: New Indian Consulate, Nuke Project Tour On Agenda

- PM Modi visits Marseille, recalls Veer Savarkar's 1910 escape attempt.
- Opens India's second consulate in France, boosting diplomatic ties.
- Tours ITER project with Macron, strengthening nuclear cooperation.

TPN Correspondent | France

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Marseille, France, on Wednesday, marking the final day of his three-day visit to the country. Speaking to the media, Modi recalled the valiant efforts of Indian freedom fighter VD "Veer" Savarkar, who had attempted a "courageous escape" from British custody in 1910. Modi's remarks were part of a wider focus on India's historic ties with France during British colonial rule.

The PM's visit to France is packed with initiatives aimed at strengthening India-French relations. On the agenda for the day is the opening of India's second consulate in France, following the Indian Embassy in Paris. This new consulate is expected to further enhance diplomatic



and cultural ties between the two countries. Modi will also visit the Mazargues War Cemetery to honor soldiers who died in the First and Second World Wars, paying tribute to their sacrifices.

Another key engagement includes a tour of the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) project, a global nuclear fusion collaboration. Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron will visit the ITER site as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen bilateral cooperation in science and technology.

Modi also took the opportunity to thank the people of Marseille and French activists for their support during India's freedom struggle, particularly when they opposed Savarkar's extradition to British custody. Savarkar had attempted to escape

British captivity in 1910 while being transported aboard the Morea ship but was later captured by French authorities and handed back to the British. He was subsequently sentenced to life imprisonment at the infamous Cellular Jail in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

On Tuesday, Modi and Macron addressed the AI Action Summit and the 14th India-France CEOs Forum in Paris. The summit saw the participation of leading business and innovation leaders from both nations. Modi emphasized the strategic partnership between India and France, highlighting their shared democratic values, trust, and commitment to global problem-solving.

Following the France visit, Modi is scheduled to travel to the United States on February 13.

Zelensky Willing to Swap Land with Putin, On Condition of US Mediation



TPN Correspondent | Ukraine

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has expressed readiness to swap land with Russian President Vladimir Putin under one condition – if US President Donald Trump facilitates negotiations between the two nations. This development comes after Russia released at least one American prisoner, which Trump described as a gesture aimed at fostering peace in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

Zelenskyy has historically rejected ceding any Ukrainian territory after Russia's invasion in February 2022. However, in a recent interview with The Guardian, he stated that Ukraine would consider trading territories, including the Kursk region of Russia, which Ukraine had seized following a surprise offensive last year. Zelenskyy remained noncommittal on which areas Ukraine might request in return but emphasized the importance of all

Ukrainian territories.

Zelenskyy also emphasized that Ukraine's security guarantees could not be fulfilled by European partners alone, asserting that security without the involvement of the United States would not be viable. He warned that a deal lacking firm military commitments, such as NATO membership or peacekeeping forces, would allow Russia the opportunity to regroup and potentially attack Ukraine again.

Furthermore, Zelenskyy sought to involve US businesses in Ukraine's reconstruction, offering lucrative deals to firms that contribute to rebuilding the war-torn nation. He stated that companies supporting Ukraine's defense would be integral in its post-war recovery, working alongside Ukrainian businesses to restore the country.

Trump has long advocated for ending the war in Ukraine, possibly using US financial aid as leverage to push Ukraine into making territorial concessions. Meanwhile, a recent visit by US envoy Steve Witkoff to Russia resulted in the release of Marc Fogel, an American imprisoned on drug charges, signaling potential diplomatic progress.

Nothing To Buy, Will Take It: Trump Doubles Down On Gaza Takeover Plan

TPN Correspondent | Washington DC

US President Donald Trump has doubled down on his controversial proposal to "own" the Gaza Strip, asserting that the United States will take control of the region and manage its redevelopment, which would involve displacing the 2.2 million Palestinians living there. The plan was discussed during a meeting with Jordan's King Abdullah II in the Oval Office on Tuesday.

"We're going to have Gaza. We don't have to buy it. There's nothing to buy. We will have Gaza... We're going to take it, we're going to hold it, we're going to cherish it," Trump said, while also denying any personal involvement in real estate development in the region. He emphasized that the redevelopment would benefit the broader Middle East, creating jobs for the region's people.

Trump suggested that Palestinians in Gaza would be willing to leave, citing the dire



living conditions in the enclave following the ongoing conflict. "Look at the way they're living now. Nobody's living like that in the entire world," he stated, referring to the destruction caused by over a year of fighting following the October 7 terror attacks by Hamas.

While Trump has presented his proposal to take over Gaza as a potential solution, Jor-

dan's King Abdullah expressed opposition, emphasizing the Arab world's position against the displacement of Palestinians. He affirmed the importance of rebuilding Gaza without forcing Palestinians to leave and prioritizing the region's humanitarian needs. Abdullah added that Egypt was working on a plan that could align with Trump's vision without displacing Gaza's residents.

Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore to Return to Earth on March 12



TPN Correspondent | New York

NASA and SpaceX are expediting the upcoming crew rotation missions to the International Space Station (ISS), aiming to bring astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore back to Earth. The two astronauts have been stranded in space since June 2024 due to technical issues with Boeing's Starliner spacecraft, which had originally brought them to the ISS.

The Crew-10 mission, previously slated for a late March launch, is now targeting March 12, pending final mission readiness and the completion of NASA's flight certification process. NASA made the announcement on Tuesday, signaling that preparations are progressing ahead of schedule.

Williams and Wilmore are currently part of the Crew-9 mission, which also includes NASA astronauts Nick Hague and Roscosmos cosmonaut Aleksandr Gorbunov. The Crew-9 team will return to Earth after a few days of handover activities with the Crew-10 astronauts, who are set to arrive at the ISS.

The Crew-10 mission will carry NASA astronauts Anne McClain and Nichole Ayers, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency astronaut Takuya Onishi, and Roscosmos cosmonaut Kirill Peskov to the space station. This accelerated launch was made possible after a decision to use a previously flown Dragon spacecraft, named Endurance, rather than a new Dragon spacecraft that was originally planned. SpaceX's teams are now conducting additional assessments of the spacecraft's hardware to ensure it meets NASA's Commercial Crew Program safety standards.

The decision to speed up the return of Williams and Wilmore comes after US President Donald Trump personally asked SpaceX CEO Elon Musk to help bring the astronauts home as soon as possible. Musk has expressed his frustration with the prolonged stay of the astronauts, calling it "terrible" that they have been stranded on the ISS for so long, despite NASA's coordination with SpaceX for their return.



Netanyahu Warns of Renewed Military Action If Hamas Fails to Release Hostages

TPN Correspondent | Tel Aviv

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has issued a stern warning to Hamas following the group's recent announcement that it will not release Israeli hostages, citing a violation of the ceasefire-hostage agreement. Netanyahu emphasized that Israel will resume intense military action if Hamas fails to meet the Saturday deadline for releasing the hostages.

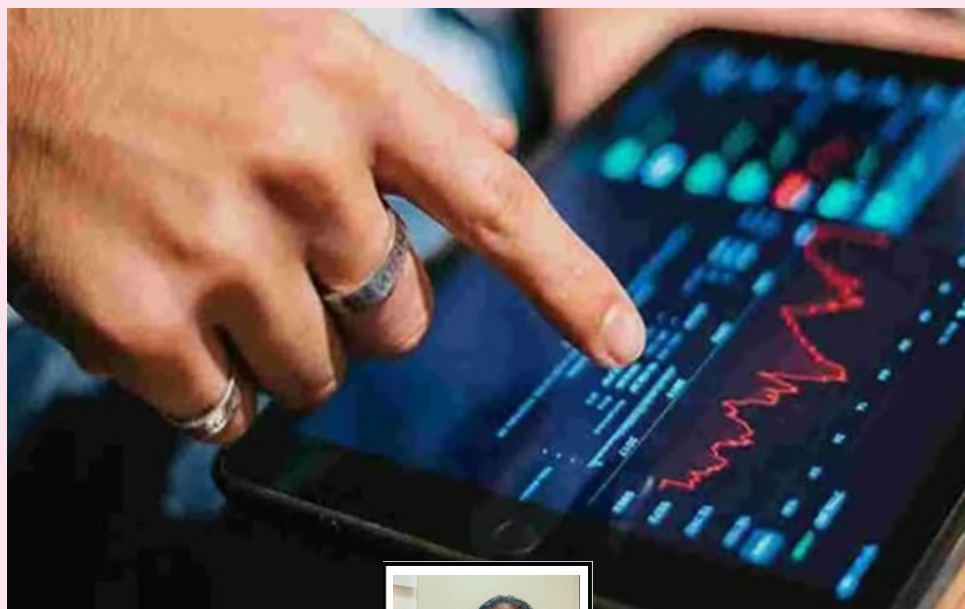
The Prime Minister's office released a statement on X (formerly Twitter) on Tuesday, indicating that Netanyahu had instructed the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) to mobilize inside and around the Gaza Strip. The military buildup is intended to prepare for a resumption of military operations, which Netanyahu said would focus on the "final defeat" of Hamas if the group fails to uphold the ceasefire.

"I have instructed the IDF to amass forces inside and surrounding the Gaza Strip. This action is underway and will soon be completed," Netanyahu's office stated. The post also clarified the government's position: "If Hamas does not return our hostages by Saturday noon, the ceasefire will end, and the IDF will resume intense fighting until the final defeat of Hamas."

The growing tensions come after Hamas broke the terms of the ceasefire agreement, which was intended to facilitate the release of hostages held by the militant group. The hostages' release had been a key element of the agreement, but Hamas now refuses to honor it, prompting Netanyahu's firm response.

Earlier, U.S. President Donald Trump also weighed in on the situation, advising Israel to take a tough stance on Hamas in order to secure the release of the hostages.

Markets Witness Volatility as Global Uncertainty Sparks



Sell-Off, Followed by Strong Recovery

Domestic stock markets have been in a major turmoil today. They resembled a roller coaster ride. Benchmark indices collapsed in the early hours due to negative signals from global markets and Trump's tariffs. Nifty 200 and Sensex fell by 600 points. Investors took buying in heavyweights, and metal, finance and bank shares stood firm, leading to a sharp recovery in the indices. They covered losses and went into profit. They ended with minor losses as profit-taking took place in the end.



of 23,144. It closed at 23,045, down 26 points. The Nifty Bank rose 76 points to settle at 49,479. In the Nifty50, 28 companies gained while 22 lost. Bajaj Finserv, SBI Life, Shriram Finance, HDFC Life, and Tata Steel were the top gainers. Mahindra & Mahindra, Eicher Motors, BEL, Power Grid, and IndusInd Bank were the biggest losers. PSU bank, finance, and metal indices rose. Auto, IT, pharma, realty, healthcare, and oil and gas indices rose.

Market breadth is more in favor of sellers on NSE today. Out of 2925 stocks traded, 1154 gained and 1685 lost. Shares of 18 companies reached 52-week highs while 611 reached 52-week lows.

India's retail inflation has reached a 5-month low. It has declined from

5.22 percent in December to 4.31 percent in January. The rupee has depreciated slightly against the dollar and settled at 86.88. Krasna Diagnostics' net profit has increased by 50% from Rs. 12.9 crore to Rs. 19.4 crore. Techno Electric's revenue has increased by 95.8% and EBITA by 60%. Man Industries has received an order worth Rs. 250 crore to supply various types of pipes. Kaveri Seed's net profit rose 36.4% to Rs 15 crore from Rs 11 crore. Kirloskar Brothers' net profit rose 44.5% to Rs 118 crore from Rs 82 crore. Hindustan Aeronautics' net profit rose 14% to Rs 1,253 crore from Rs 1,432 crore. Revenue rose 14% to Rs 6,957 crore from Rs 6,061 crore. HUDCO approved raising Rs 2,910 crore through private placement of bonds. Vijaya Diagnostics' net profit rose 36.4% to Rs 35.2 crore from Rs 25.8 crore.

1. Bajaj Finserv Ltd. (BAJAJFINSV): Bajaj Finserv is a prominent financial services conglomerate in India, operating across various sectors including lending, insurance, and wealth management. The company has demonstrated consistent growth in its loan book and maintains a strong presence in both the retail and corporate lending segments. Its subsidiaries, such as Bajaj Finance and Bajaj Allianz, contribute

significantly to its revenue streams. The company's prudent risk management practices and diversified portfolio have bolstered its financial stability.

2. SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd. (SBICARD): SBI Cards is a leading credit card issuer in India, offering a wide range of credit card products to various customer segments. The company has shown robust growth in its cardholder base and spends per card. Recent analyst upgrades highlight improving asset quality and declining credit costs. For instance, Nuvama upgraded SBI Cards to 'Buy', citing these positive trends.

3. Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ASHOKLEY): Ashok Leyland is a major player in the commercial vehicle sector in India. In the recent quarter, the company reported a 31.3% increase in profit, reaching ₹7.63 billion, driven by a significant rise in exports which offset domestic market challenges. Revenue from operations also saw a 2.2% uptick, amounting to ₹94.79 billion.

4. UltraTech Cement Ltd. (ULTRACEMCO): UltraTech Cement is the largest manufacturer of grey cement, ready-mix concrete, and white cement in India. The company has a strong market presence and has been focusing on capacity expansion and cost optimization to maintain its leadership position. Analysts have identified UltraTech Cement as a promising stock poised for growth, especially in light of infrastructure development initiatives.



5. Tata Consumer Products Ltd. (TATACONSUM): Tata Consumer Products is a key player in the food and beverages sector, with a diverse brand portfolio including Tata Tea, Tetley, and Tata Salt. In the fiscal year 2023-24, the company reported a 9% year-on-year increase in total revenue, surpassing ₹12,000 crore. This growth is attributed to innovation, brand development, and an expanded distribution network. The company also announced a dividend of ₹8 per share for the fiscal year, reflecting its commitment to rewarding shareholders.



Nirmala Sitharaman to Introduce Income-Tax Bill 2025 in Lok Sabha Today



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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will introduce the Income-Tax Bill 2025 in the Lok Sabha today, aiming to replace the six-decade-old Income Tax Act of 1961. The new Bill seeks to simplify and consolidate existing tax laws without introducing any new taxes. If passed, the new law is expected to come into effect from April 2026. According to the official list of parliamentary business, Sitharaman will move for leave to introduce the Bill, which is designed to eliminate obsolete provisions, reduce litigation, and enhance compli-

ance. Experts believe the revamped law will make tax regulations more transparent and taxpayer-friendly. **Key Changes in the Income-Tax Bill 2025:** The Income-Tax Bill 2025 introduces a simplified tax structure by replacing complex terminologies with clearer language. It eliminates the distinction between 'assessment year' and 'previous year,' introducing a single 'tax year' starting from April 1 each year. Additionally, redundant provisions like the Fringe Benefit Tax have been removed, and excessive legal jargon has been streamlined

to improve clarity and compliance. The Bill also focuses on making tax laws more transparent and easier to understand. It removes lengthy explanations and provisos, ensuring straightforward provisions. Furthermore, commonly used legal terms like 'notwithstanding' have been replaced with 'irrespective' to enhance readability and interpretation for taxpayers. The move comes as part of the government's effort to modernize tax laws and create a simpler and more efficient tax system for individuals and businesses.

Massive Crackdown on GST Fraud

- ₹1.89 lakh crore GST evasion detected across multiple cases.
- ₹1,196 crore ITC scam busted by DGGI Pune Zonal Unit.
- Over 90,000 fake GST registrations identified in special drives.
- 132 arrests made, with ₹20,128 crore recovered.

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
Authorities have intensified their crackdown on Goods and Services Tax (GST) fraud, uncovering tax evasion cases amounting to ₹1.89 lakh crore through multiple operations. These include a nationwide investigation by Central GST (CGST) officers and a ₹1,196 crore fraudulent Input Tax Credit (ITC) scam unearthed by the Pune Zonal Unit of the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI). Between April and December 2024, CGST officials detected tax evasion worth ₹1.88 lakh crore across 72,393 cases, leading to 132 arrests and a recovery of ₹20,128 crore. Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary informed the Lok Sabha that extensive operations in 2023 and 2024 revealed over 90,000 fake GST registrations, exposing tax fraud of nearly ₹50,000 crore. In the previous fiscal year (2023-24), ₹2.30 lakh crore in tax evasion was identified, with 223 arrests and ₹31,758 crore recovered.

In a separate case, the Pune Zonal Unit uncovered a complex network of shell companies involved in fake invoicing and fraudulent ITC claims worth ₹1,196 crore. A Muzaffarnagar-based director of a private firm, identified as the mastermind, allegedly created bogus firms and manipulated records to evade taxes. Investigators have seized crucial financial documents, company stamps, and digital evidence while freezing a linked bank account. Additionally, in Maharashtra's Thane district, authorities arrested Kapadiya Mahamad Sultan, who orchestrated another ITC fraud by setting up 18 fictitious firms to generate fake invoices. Officials confirmed that these fraudulent entities had no legitimate business operations. The government remains firm on curbing GST fraud through stringent enforcement measures, ensuring compliance with tax regulations nationwide.

Bharat Forge Q3 Profit Falls 16% to ₹212.78 Crore

- Bharat Forge's net profit declined by 16% to ₹212.78 crore.
- Revenue for the third quarter stood at ₹3,475.55 crore.
- EBITDA fell 8% YoY to ₹609.7 crore, with a slight margin dip to 29.1%.
- Bharat Forge declared an interim dividend of ₹2.5 per equity share.
- IFCI reported a net loss of ₹59 crore, rising 486% YoY.

TPN Correspondent | Mumbai
Bharat Forge Ltd (BFL) and IFCI Ltd announced their third-quarter financial results for the fiscal year 2024-25, showing a mixed performance across the corporate sector. While Bharat Forge witnessed a decline in net profit and revenue, IFCI reported a significant widening of net losses. Bharat Forge Ltd reported a 16% drop in its net profit for the quarter ending December 2024, with earnings at ₹212.78 crore compared to the previous year. The company's total revenue stood at ₹3,475.55 crore, reflecting a decline from the year-ago period. Despite lower total expenses of ₹3,165.37 crore against ₹3,529 crore in the corresponding quarter last year, profitability took a hit. The company's operational performance saw a decline as EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization) dropped 8% year-on-year to ₹609.7 crore from ₹663 crore. The EBITDA margin for the quarter slightly fell

to 29.1% from 29.3% in the same period of the previous fiscal year. BFL's board declared an interim dividend of ₹2.5 per equity share of face value ₹2 each, at a rate of 125%. The company has scheduled the payment for March 12, with February 18 set as the record date. The announcement came after market hours, with Bharat Forge shares closing at ₹1,105.55 on the BSE, down by ₹6.85 or 0.62%.

IFCI's Net Loss Widens to ₹59 Crore

Meanwhile, IFCI Ltd, a PSU-NBFC, reported a sharp increase in its net loss for the October-December quarter. The company's standalone financial results revealed a net loss of ₹59 crore, marking a 486% surge compared to a net profit of ₹10.06 crore in the same quarter last year. The financial strain was evident in its net interest income (NII), which dropped 21% to ₹80 crore from ₹101 crore in the year-ago period. Net interest income is a crucial revenue source for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and institution-



al lenders. Additionally, the company's total revenue from core operations declined 10% to ₹193 crore from ₹215 crore in the same quarter last year, reflecting a weakened financial performance. Despite the loss, IFCI Ltd's share price saw a marginal gain of 1.26%, closing at ₹48.98 on Wednesday, compared to ₹48.37 in the previous session. The company released its results after market hours. IFCI shares have fluctuated significantly, hitting a 52-week high of ₹91.39

on July 25, 2024, and a 52-week low of ₹35.87 on March 14, 2024. The company's market capitalization stood at ₹12,801.37 crore as of the latest market close. While IFCI shares have delivered over 700% returns to investors in the last five years, they have dropped nearly 16% over the past year and are down 20.20% on a year-to-date (YTD) basis. As both companies navigate financial challenges, investors remain watchful of further developments in the coming quarters.

Samsung Galaxy F06 5G and Galaxy S25 Edge: Latest Updates

TPN Correspondent, New Delhi

Samsung has launched the Galaxy F06 5G in India as an affordable 5G smartphone, featuring a MediaTek Dimensity 6300 chipset and a dual-camera setup. The phone, available in Bahama Blue and Lit Violet, will be sold via Flipkart, Samsung's online store, and select offline retailers. It is priced at ₹10,999 for the 4GB+128GB variant and ₹11,499 for the 6GB+128GB model, with a ₹500 bank cashback offer available. The Galaxy F06 5G sports a 6.7-inch HD+ display with 800 nits brightness and runs on One UI 7.0 based on Android 15. Samsung promises four years of Android OS updates and security patches. The rear camera setup includes a 50MP primary sensor and a 2MP depth sensor, while the front has an 8MP selfie camera. A 5,000mAh battery with 25W fast charging powers the device, and it supports 12 5G bands, along with security features like Samsung Knox Vault.



Meanwhile, another Samsung smartphone, the Galaxy S25 Edge, has appeared on the GeekBench database with the model number SM-S937B. Expected to launch alongside the Galaxy S25 series, it is reportedly thinner than other models in the lineup. The

GeekBench listing reveals a single-core score of 2,806 and a multi-core score of 8,416. The device is powered by the Snapdragon 8 Elite chipset with CPU cores clocked at up to 4.47GHz and comes with 12GB of RAM. It runs on Android 15 and is expected to launch in April.

Katra-Srinagar Vande Bharat Set for Inauguration Expected to Begin Operations Soon

TPN Correspondent, Srinagar The eagerly awaited Katra-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express is set to enhance connectivity between Jammu and Kashmir, marking a significant milestone in railway infrastructure. Though an official announcement from Indian Railways is awaited, multiple reports indicate that the train is likely to be inaugurated on February 17 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The launch is expected to coincide with the inauguration of the Sangaldan-Riyasi track, which will enable direct train services from Katra to Srinagar.



The train will operate on the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL), significantly reducing travel time between Jammu and Srinagar. It will pass through the iconic Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge, and make stops at key stations such as Udhampur, Banihal, Qazigund, Anantnag, and Awantipora. The train's introduction follows a successful trial run of the specially designed Vande Bharat for the region, conducted by Indian Railways last month. While the official ticket prices have not yet been announced,

early estimates suggest that fares for the AC Chair Car will range between ₹1,500 and ₹1,600, while the Executive Chair Car tickets may cost between ₹2,200 and ₹2,500. The train is expected to depart from Katra at 8:10 AM and reach Srinagar at 11:20 AM, while on the return journey, it will leave Srinagar at 8:55 AM and arrive in Katra at 12:05 PM. The Katra-Srinagar Vande Bharat Express is equipped with advanced safety and passenger comfort features, including the KAVACH anti-collision system, modern ergonomic seating, automatic plug doors, fully sealed gangways, and a mini pantry with hot cases and freezers. The

train has been specifically designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, capable of operating in temperatures as low as -20 degrees Celsius. The onboard bio-toilets are equipped with technology to prevent water from freezing in harsh winter conditions. As of January 2025, Indian Railways operates 136 Vande Bharat train services across the country, with almost full occupancy, according to Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. The launch of the Katra-Srinagar Vande Bharat is expected to provide a major boost to connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir, offering passengers a faster, more comfortable, and reliable travel option.

Hypervelocity Star With a Planet Spotted Racing Through the Galaxy



Key Observations: The system moves at an estimated 1.2M mph, possibly exceeding the Milky Way's escape speed. Microlensing data suggests a star-planet or rogue planet-moon system. Follow-up studies from Keck and Gaia confirmed a fast-moving host star. NASA's Roman Space Telescope will provide clearer insights into such planetary systems. Astronomers have identified a potential record-breaking exoplanet system moving at a staggering speed of 1.2 million miles per hour (540 km/s). If confirmed, this would mark the first known case of a planet orbiting a hypervelocity star, nearly doubling the speed of

the solar system's movement through the Milky Way. The discovery, published in The Astronomical Journal, was made using microlensing observations from the MOA project, which detected a significant lensing event in 2011. Researchers inferred the presence of two celestial bodies with a mass ratio of approximately 2,300 to 1. However, due to the system's unknown distance, the exact masses remain uncertain. David Bennett, Senior Research Scientist at the University of Maryland and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, stated that while the mass ratio is clear, further observations are required to confirm whether the system consists of a low-mass star with a large planet or a

rogue planet with a smaller moon. Follow-up studies using data from the Keck Observatory in Hawaii and ESA's Gaia satellite revealed a potential host star about 24,000 light-years away in the galactic bulge. Its movement between 2011 and 2021 confirmed its extraordinary speed, raising the possibility that it may be traveling fast enough to eventually leave the Milky Way. Sean Terry, a postdoctoral researcher at NASA Goddard, emphasized that future high-resolution imaging will be crucial in confirming the system's nature, eliminating the need for multiple observatories.

Mahindra Scorpio N Pickup Spotted Testing in India



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The Mahindra Scorpio N pickup has been spotted testing on Indian roads, capturing attention with its single-cab and twin-cab versions. This marks the first time the single-cab model has been seen, indicating Mahindra's plans to expand its utility-focused lineup. The test mule was spotted in Manali, suggesting the vehicle is undergoing trials on challenging terrains

to assess its off-road capabilities. The heavily camouflaged prototype offers glimpses of the final production design while keeping key details under wraps. The overall silhouette of the Scorpio N pickup closely resembles the existing SUV but with several notable changes. The flat bonnet and revised styling appear to prioritize practicality over a sporty look. The rear design hints at similarities with the previous

Scorpio Getaway, with halogen tail lamps replacing LED units. The tailgate design also contributes to a more utilitarian stance, moving away from the aggressive styling of the concept version unveiled in Cape Town. One major change is the rollbar, which has been modified from the concept version. The new test model features a taller rollbar, diverging from the original design aligned with the cabin's roofline. Additionally, the single-cab variant comes equipped with diamond-cut alloy wheels, differing from the concept version's wheel design. Inside, the cabin layout appears to draw from the Mahindra Scorpio N, hinting at a premium interior aimed at providing comfort and convenience. The presence of advanced features similar to those in Mahindra's SUV range is also anticipated, making the pickup more appealing to a broader audience.

2025 Vespa Scooters Launched in India With Updated Features



Vespa has introduced its latest range of scooters in India, featuring subtle design updates and advanced technology across its lineup. The newly launched models include the Vespa 125, Vespa S 125, Vespa 150, Vespa 150 S, Qala 125, Vespa Tech 125, Vespa S Tech 125, Vespa Qala 150, Vespa Tech 150, and Vespa S Tech 150. Additionally, a special edition Vespa S Oro with a

gold-tinted design has been unveiled.

Diego Graffi, Chairman and MD of Piaggio Vehicles Pvt Ltd, emphasized Vespa's cultural significance, stating, "Vespa has always been more than just a mode of transport. It is a cultural icon, a symbol of self-expression for many generations, and an inspiration for artists and creators." He highlighted that the 2025 lineup marks a new era for Vespa in India, focusing on a vibrant color palette and futuristic features to attract younger riders.

The Vespa and Vespa S have received design refinements to enhance their youthful appeal, with the Vespa lineup now available in seven new colors and the Vespa S in eight dual-tone options. The Vespa S Oro, a premium gold-tinted variant, further adds to the exclusivity of the range.

Pricing Details:

- Vespa 125 – ₹1,32,500 (ex-showroom)
- Vespa S 125 – ₹1.36 lakh (ex-showroom)
- Vespa Tech 125 – ₹1.92 lakh (ex-showroom)
- Vespa S Tech 125 – ₹1.96 lakh (ex-showroom)

The new Vespa Tech and Vespa S Tech models introduce advanced features such as keyless ignition, TFT Smart Dash, Bluetooth connectivity, and navigation. Vespa has also launched the special edition Qala variant, inspired by the celebratory motifs of Mehendi, catering to Indian aesthetics.

National Equestrian Championship Showjumping 2025 Begins in Meerut



The National Equestrian Championship (NEC) Showjumping 2025 commenced Tuesday at the Modi Equestrian Academy, Meerut, marking a major event in India's equestrian calendar. With over 250 participants, riders will compete in five categories: Preliminary Tour, Novice Tour, Young Horse Championship, Medium Tour, and the Championship Tour, which will determine the National Champion for the 2024-25 season. The event features top riders, including Sehaj Singh Virk, Tejas Dhingra, Kirat Singh Nagra, Ashray Butta, and Yashaan Zubin Khambat-

ta. Notably, 15-year-old M Krishna Sahithi is competing in the Medium Tour, highlighting the championship's commitment to nurturing young talent.

EFI Secretary General, Retd. Col. Jaiveer Singh, emphasized that the NEC serves as a crucial stepping stone for Indian riders aspiring for international competition. The tournament features varying jump heights, with the Championship Tour reaching 150cm obstacles. The event is set to showcase the best of Indian equestrian sports over the coming days.

Sonam and Neeraj Shine at Rifle/Pistol National Selection Trials



Railway shooter Sonam Uttam Maskar and Army shooter Neeraj Kumar claimed victories on day four of the Rifle/Pistol National Selection Trials (Group A) at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range, Delhi.

Sonam, a three-time ISSF medallist, dominated the Women's 10m Air Rifle T1 final, shooting 253.2 to defeat national champion Ananya Naidu of Maharashtra, who finished 1.3 points behind. Earlier, Sonam topped the qualification round with 633.9, surpassing Olympians Elavenil Valarivan (632.6) and Ayonika Paul (630.4). She maintained her lead throughout the final, pulling ahead decisively after the

16th shot. Maharashtra's Arya Rajesh Borse secured third place.

In a stunning performance, Neeraj Kumar clinched the Men's 25m Rapid-Fire Pistol (RFP) T2 final, defeating Paris Olympics duo Anish and Vijayveer Sidhu, who settled for silver and bronze, respectively. Anish topped the qualification with 590, but Neeraj delivered an exceptional final, hitting four perfect 5s in six series, finishing three points ahead with 31. Meanwhile, Manu Bhaker, double Olympic bronze medallist, showcased her form in the Women's 25m Pistol T2 event, leading the first precision round with 297 out of 300.

India Thrash Macau 5-0 to Seal Quarterfinal Berth at Badminton Asia Championship

India made a dominant start to their campaign at the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championship, defeating Macau 5-0 in their opening Group D match on Wednesday. With the victory, India, who won bronze in the previous edition, secured a spot in the quarterfinals.

The mixed doubles duo of Sathish Kumar Karunakaran and Aadya Variyath set the tone, beating Iok Chong Leong and Weng Chi Ng 21-10, 21-9. In men's singles, 2021 World Championships bronze medallist Lakshya Sen delivered a solid performance, outsmarting Pang Fong Pui 21-16, 21-12, giving India a 2-0 lead. Malvika Bansod then sealed the tie with a clinical 21-15, 21-9 victory over Hao Wai Chan in women's singles.

India will face Korea in their second and final group tie on Thursday, aiming to continue their strong form ahead of the quarterfinals.



Delhi Open: Niki-Courtney Secure Hard-Fought Victory in Opener



India's Niki Kaliyanda Poonacha and Zimbabwe's Courtney John Lock kicked off their Delhi Open 2025 doubles campaign with a hard-fought 2-6, 7(7)-6(5), 10-6 victory over the Czech duo Marek Gengel and Dalibor Svrčina at the DLTA Complex on Wednesday. The second-seeded pair fought back from a tough

opening set, clinching the second-set tiebreaker before sealing the win in the decisive match tiebreak.

With top seeds Blake Ellis and Tristan Schoolkate withdrawing, Poonacha and Lock are now the highest-ranked pair in the draw. However, their replacements, Parth Aggarwal

and Sidharth Rawat, suffered a first-round exit against Enzo Couacaud and Kelsey Stevenson.

In singles, Mukund Sasikumar bowed out in the Round of 16, losing 6-4, 6-3 to Belgium's Michael Geerts. Meanwhile, third seed Tristan Schoolkate survived a three-hour battle to defeat Valentin Vacherot 7-6, 3-6, 6-4. Qualifier Andre Ilagan impressed with a commanding 6-2, 6-3 victory over eighth seed Timofey Skatov, while Kyrian Jacquet eased past Jay Clarke 7-5, 6-3.

In doubles, third seeds Clarke and Johannes Ingildsen dominated Siddarth Banthia and Parikshit Somani, while Shintaro Mochizuki and Kaito Uesugi edged past Ramkumar Ramanathan and Karan Singh 3-6, 6-1, 10-7. Michael Geerts and Kimmer Coppejans also secured a win over August Holmgren and Elmer Moller, while Kris Van Wyk and Eric Vanshelboom wrapped up the day's action with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over wild cards SD Prajwal Dev and Sai Karteek Reddy Ganta.

3rd ODI: Gill, Kohli, and Iyer Power India to 356 Against England



In the third and final ODI against England, India set a daunting target of 357 runs, finishing their innings at 356 all-out. Shubman Gill was the

standout performer, scoring a fluent 112 off 104 balls, marking his seventh ODI century. His knock, which included 14 boundaries and 3 sixes, was

instrumental in consolidating India's innings, with crucial partnerships alongside Virat Kohli (52) and Shreyas Iyer (78).

Gill's century helped push his average past 60 in ODIs and made him the only player to score a century in all three formats at the Narendra Modi Stadium. He was eventually dismissed by Adil Rashid, who took 4 wickets for 64 runs.

Kohli's knock of 52 saw him struggle against Rashid but showcased his classic stroke play, including a beautifully timed drive off Mark Wood. Iyer's 78 ended when he edged a Rashid delivery behind.

Hardik Pandya (17) and KL Rahul (40) added late runs but Rashid's brilliance in the middle overs limited India's progress.

NorthEast United FC Aim to Complete League Double Against Jamshedpur FC in ISL

Football superstar Cristiano Ronaldo has spoken candidly about the Ballon d'Or awards, acknowledging that he used to feel frustrated when Lionel Messi won the prestigious honor more times than him. However, he now believes the award has lost its credibility, stating that Real Madrid's Vinicius Jr. deserved to win in 2024 over Manchester City's Rodri.

In an interview with Spanish outlet La Sexta, Ronaldo admitted that while he used to be angry when Messi edged him in the Ballon d'Or race, he has now come to terms with it. "There is no credibility, Vinicius should be the Ballon d'Or winner. I have felt it many times and I felt angry. Over time I understood it, these are battles that you cannot win," said Ronaldo.

Despite winning the Ballon d'Or five times, Ronaldo trails Messi, who has won the award eight times, further intensifying the long-standing rivalry between the two legends.



Ronaldo: "I Am the Most Complete Player"

When asked about his position in football history, Ronaldo confidently declared himself the "most complete" player ever, despite fans debating between Messi, Pele, and Maradona.

"Taste is one thing, whether you prefer Messi, Pele, or Maradona, I hear it and I respect

it. But to say that Cristiano isn't complete is a lie. I'm the most complete. I don't see anyone better than me, and I say that with all my heart," he stated.

At 39 years old, Ronaldo continues to play at the highest level with Al Nassr in Saudi Arabia, proving his longevity in football. His comments have reignited discussions on the GOAT debate, with fans and pundits weighing in on his legacy compared to Messi's.



Vijay Deverakonda's New Movie Gets a Powerful Title, 'Kingdom' – Teaser is a Hit!

Vijay Deverakonda's upcoming film, directed by Gautam Tinnanuri, has recently revealed its official title – Kingdom, and the teaser has created a huge buzz. The movie, which was previously working under the title VD 12, has now been officially named Kingdom, and the teaser, voiced by NTR (Jr NTR), makes it even more powerful. The teaser showcases Vijay's new look, which is different from his previous roles, highlighting intense action sequences and

emotional moments that are sure to captivate the audience. After the success of Jersey, Gautam Tinnanuri's direction in this film promises to offer something special.

The music for Kingdom is composed by Tamil star music director Anirudh Ravichander. The movie is set to release worldwide on May 30 this summer, adding to the excitement surrounding it. Fans are eagerly awaiting what promises to be a thrilling cinematic experience.

Tensions in the Mega Family? Ram Charan Unfollows Allu Arjun Amid Growing Speculation

The Mega family, one of the most influential families in the Telugu film industry, has always been known for its close-knit ties, with celebrated figures like Megastar Chiranjeevi, Ram Charan, Varun Tej, and Sai Dharam Tej. Similarly, the Allu family, led by producer Allu Aravind and actor Allu Arjun, holds a significant place in Tollywood. However, recent developments have sparked speculation about tensions between the two families.

Fans were taken aback when Ram Charan unfollowed Allu Arjun on Instagram, following a similar move by Dhruva Tej, another member of the Mega family. This has led to questions regarding the relationship between the two stars.

Some believe that the tension might stem from the differing fortunes of their recent projects. Allu Arjun's



Pushpa 2 was a massive hit, grossing over Rs. 1300 crores, while Ram Charan's Game Changer faced a major setback. Additionally, a controversial remark by Allu Aravind about Game Changer fueled speculation, though he later clarified that there

was no ill intent. As no official statement has been made, fans are left wondering if this marks the beginning of a rift or a temporary misunderstanding in the Mega family. Time will reveal whether the issue is resolved or leads to a deeper

Nora Fatehi Begins Shooting for 'Kanchana 4' in Hyderabad

Bollywood actress and dancer Nora Fatehi has officially begun shooting for the much-anticipated Kanchana 4 in Hyderabad. Known for her mesmerizing dance performances, especially in hits like Dilbar, Nora is set to surprise audiences with her new role in this popular horror-comedy franchise.

The actress, eager to take on a new challenge, will be seen in a comic avatar, which marks a departure from her usual performances. Kanchana 4 is the fifth installment of the Kanchana series, directed by Raghava Lawrence, who also stars in the lead role. The franchise, which started with Muni in 2007, has gained a massive fan following over the years, with Kanchana 2 and Kanchana 3 being major successes. Joining Nora in this in-



stallment is Pooja Hegde, while speculations regarding Mrunal Thakur's involvement were recently dismissed by Raghava Law-

rence. Nora was last seen in the dark comedy Madgaon Express, where she showcased her comedic skills.

Baba Nirala's Return in Aashram Season 3 Part 2 Teaser Promises Darker Drama

The much-awaited Ek Badnaam Aashram Season 3 Part 2 teaser has been unveiled today, sending excitement through the fanbase. The gripping teaser hints at Baba Nirala's resurgence to power, accompanied by growing tensions within his loyal followers and the sinister secrets lurking in his inner circle.

Bobby Deol, who portrays the iconic character of Baba Nirala, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "The journey has been incredible, and the love from fans is overwhelming. This time, the stakes are higher, and the drama bolder."

Amogh Dusad, Head of Amazon MX Player, praised the series for redefining digital storytelling, promising an even more explosive chapter ahead. Producer Prakash Jha emphasized that



this season will explore deeper psychological themes of power, control, and exploitation, exposing the darker side of faith. With suspense, betrayal, and re-

venge at its core, Aashram Season 3 Part 2 is set to deliver another thrilling, edge-of-the-seat experience for viewers.

Khushi Kapoor Shares Heartwarming Post for Sister Janhvi Ahead of Loveyapa Release

Khushi Kapoor's latest Instagram post has captured the hearts of fans, showing off her cozy, homey vibes and a sweet message for her older sister, Janhvi Kapoor. Sharing a mirror selfie, Khushi humorously apologized for borrowing Janhvi's shorts, writing, "Sorry I wore your shorts I will keep them back."

The carousel post also featured a bouquet of roses in appreciation for Loveyapa and some adorable pictures with her pet dogs. This comes just ahead of the release of her first theatrical film Loveyapa, where she stars opposite Junaid Khan.

In a heartwarming gesture, Janhvi posted a message on Instagram, expressing pride in Khushi's achievements and wishing her the best for her movie debut. She also teased Khushi with a playful caption, saying, "You better wear a t-shirt with my face on it when my movie releases." Fans are eagerly awaiting Loveyapa, a rom-com that releases tomorrow.



Mohammad Kaif and Ram Charan's Photo Breaks the Internet

A picture of former Indian cricketer Mohammad Kaif and Bollywood star Ram Charan has gone viral after Kaif shared it on social media. The duo met at the Indian Street Premier League (ISPL) event in Mumbai, where Ram Charan was supporting his team, Falcon Risers Hyderabad, which he announced he owned in December 2023. Kaif took to X (formerly Twitter) to share his thoughts on meeting the actor, writing, "You meet him and you want to do a Naatu Naatu step. Such a global superstar but so down to earth. You made all of us proud. Best wishes for many more hits. #ramcharan."

Ram Charan's presence at the event highlighted his support for street cricket in India. His recent film Game Changer faced disappointing box-office results, but he's now focusing on his upcoming project, RCI6, directed by Buchi Babu Sana, starring Janhvi Kapoor and others.

