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The People Will Decide Leadership, Not Legacy – Minister Nara Lokesh

Yuvagalam Padayatra changed Lokesh's perspective

Advocates governance reforms, skill development initiatives

Emphasizes Chandrababu's role in AP's progress



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Andhra Pradesh Education Minister and TDP National General Secretary Nara Lokesh stated that leadership should be determined by the people, not lineage. Speaking at the India Today Conclave in Delhi, he reflected on the impact of his Yuvagalam Padayatra, emphasizing that it transformed his understanding of governance and grassroots challenges.

"Even though I studied at Carnegie Mellon and completed my MBA at Stanford, walking across every constituency and speaking to people gave me insights that no classroom could provide," Lokesh said. He highlighted how the trek exposed bureaucratic inefficiencies, particularly in issuing govern-

ment certificates, leading to reforms in digital governance.

Lokesh reiterated that his political journey was not pre-ordained. "Though my father and grandfather were Chief Ministers, I see myself as a party worker. I contested from a historically tough constituency, lost in 2019 by 5,300 votes, but persisted and won with a 91,000 majority this time," he noted.

On governance and economic progress, Lokesh stressed Andhra Pradesh's unique strengths, stating, "If Bengaluru belongs to Karnataka and Chennai to Tamil Nadu, then Chandrababu is Andhra Pradesh's backbone." He credited Chandrababu Naidu's administrative efficiency, citing his record-breaking speed in

clearing files. Lokesh also outlined a statewide skill assessment initiative, acknowledging its challenges and pledging comprehensive implementation.

Regarding political controversies, Lokesh dismissed opposition claims and criticized attempts to manipulate population control policies against southern states. He asserted that the NDA government had assured fair representation in constituency redistribution.

He also addressed Jagan

Mohan Reddy's security arrangements, questioning the necessity of higher protection for Jagan than the Deputy Chief Minister. "Where is the revenge politics when he enjoys more security than our own leadership?" Lokesh asked.

On women's leadership, he praised his wife, Brahmani, for managing Heritage Dairy, now valued at ₹4,500 crore, alongside family responsibilities. "Every day should be Women's Day for strong-willed women," he declared. >> PAGE 2



"Pawan Kalyan Will Become CM" – Ambati Rayudu

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Former Indian cricketer Ambati Rayudu, known for his outspoken nature, has once again reiterated his strong support for Janasena Party Chief and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Rayudu, who had actively campaigned for Janasena before the elections, made it clear that he is committed to seeing Kalyan rise to the position of Chief Minister in the future.

Rayudu, who previously

aligned with the YSR Congress Party (YCP), later shifted his support to Janasena, openly expressing his admiration for Pawan Kalyan's leadership and vision. During the election campaign, he played an active role in backing Janasena and its alliance with the TDP-BJP combine. However, after the elections, he maintained a relatively low profile. Now, breaking his silence, he has once again made a strong political statement, affirming his dedication to strengthening Janasena's >> PAGE 2



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TDP Finalizes MLC Candidates Under MLA Quota

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has finalized its MLC candidates under the MLA quota, selecting three representatives from different regions of Andhra Pradesh. With the MLC election process underway, CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu made the official announcement on Sunday evening after carefully evaluating potential candidates.

The selected candidates are: Kavali Greeshma (Srikakulam) – Daughter of former Speaker Kavali Pratibha Bharathi.

Beda Ravichandra (Nellore) – A dedicated leader with years of service in the party.

BT Naidu (Kurnool) – A key leader from the BC community. By ensuring regional rep-

Polling for five MLA quota MLC seats on March 20

TDP announces three candidates from different regions

Nagababu files nomination from Jana Sena, BJP yet to decide



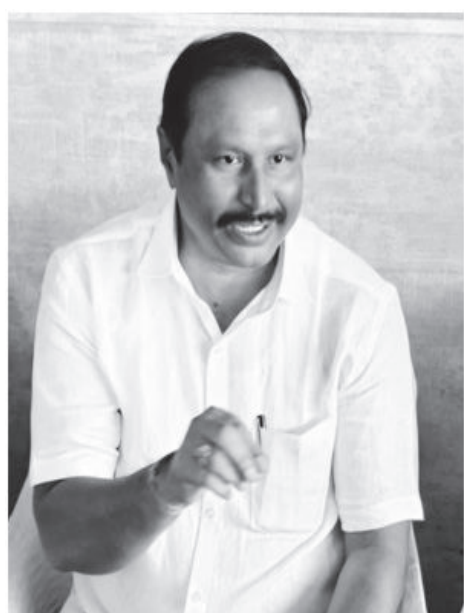
resentation, TDP aims to strengthen its support base across different districts. Additionally, the party has prior-

itized social balance, with one SC and two BC candidates being given opportunities.

Given the high number of aspirants for MLC positions, TDP State President Palla Srinivasa Rao personally reached out to contenders. He assured them that MLC elections under the MLA quota will be held again in 2027, and CM Chandrababu Naidu has promised to consider their contributions in future selections.

The MLC elections for five MLA quota seats will be conducted on March 20. As part of the NDA alliance, >> PAGE 2

ONLY INCOMING, NO OUTGOING TYPICAL CHARACTER OF CHAIRMAN OF HELAPURI INSTITUTE



TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

As we delve deeper into the scandal involving Helapuri Management, which allegedly cheated an NRI out of crores of rupees, surprising details are coming to light. It appears that they are experts in white-collar crimes. Mr. EV RAMESH, Chairman of Helapuri Institute, hails from Khammam and is politically affiliated with the BJP. As a BJP leader, he is expected to be a gentleman, but he has allegedly misused his political influence

to commit injustice against the NRI.

After finalizing an investment deal, they took two apartments from the NRI. The construction company, in which the NRI is a director, registered two apartments in the names of E. VIJAYA LAKSHMI, wife of Mr. EV RAMESH, and Mr. VIVEK, son of EV RAMESH, on September 20, 2023.

These two apartments, worth more than ₹2 crores, are located in Kompally, Hyderabad. M/S SUNYUGA PROJECTS PVT LTD registered these apartments in the names specified by Mr. EV RAMESH. One flat,

No. 205, Second Floor, Block B, with an area of 1,198 sq. ft., and another, Flat No. 507, Fifth Floor, Block B, with the same area in PARAM HEIGHTS, were registered in the names of his wife and son by the NRI.

Not a single rupee was paid by Mr. EV RAMESH for these apartments, nor did he pay the registration charges. Since the cost of the apartments was considered an investment by the NRI, no payment was made. However, he is now blatantly refusing to return the investment to the NRI. He is allegedly boasting, "I am a BJP leader. I am a close associate of Naren-

dra Modi. I am the in-charge of Khammam parliamentary constituency," using this claim to intimidate his victims.

He has also allegedly influenced the Registrar of Societies and fraudulently registered forged documents of SRI GAYATHRI EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY in a manipulated manner. Despite having all this evidence, why has the Eluru police not acted on the NRI's complaint or even registered a case? If the system under the Andhra Pradesh government is protecting such fraudsters, how can NRIs feel safe to invest in any capacity?



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The People Will Decide Leadership, Not Legacy – Minister Nara Lokesh

Emphasizing multilingual education, Lokesh highlighted new initiatives to teach Japanese and German to nurses, aligning with global job opportunities. “Children must learn multiple languages to compete internationally,” he said.

Reflecting on Chandrababu Naidu’s arrest, Lokesh recalled how 45,000 IT professionals in Hyderabad rallied in support, reinforcing his resolve to return to public service. “That moment reaffirmed our duty to serve the people,” he concluded.

“Pawan Kalyan Will Become CM” – Ambati Rayudu

influence in the state. “We will support Pawan Kalyan. He will become CM, and we will do whatever is needed. I will also work hard,” he asserted, making his aspirations for Janasena’s future loud and clear.

While the current political landscape sees Chandrababu Naidu leading the coalition government as the Chief Minister, Pawan Kalyan has consistently emphasized the need for experienced leadership to guide Andhra Pradesh towards progress. He has repeatedly acknowledged Naidu’s expertise and positioned himself as a key player in governance. However, the aspiration among his supporters for him to eventually take over as Chief Minister remains strong.

Rayudu’s latest remarks reflect this sentiment, echoing the aspirations of many Janasena followers. His unwavering support and willingness to work towards Kalyan’s leadership goals highlight the growing confidence in Janasena’s future. His statement not only reaffirms his political alignment but also signals his intent to stay actively involved in shaping the party’s future direction.

As Andhra Pradesh’s political landscape evolves, Rayudu’s vocal backing for Kalyan adds another dimension to the ongoing political discourse. With his strong public presence and influence, his support for Janasena is likely to resonate among the party’s followers, reinforcing the belief that Pawan Kalyan’s leadership will continue to strengthen in the coming years.

Ambati Rayudu made these remarks about Pawan Kalyan in a recent interview. He has previously expressed similar sentiments, notably during a meeting with Pawan Kalyan in January 2024, where he highlighted their shared vision and ideology.

TDP Finalizes MLC Candidates Under MLA Quota

TDP allotted one seat each to the Jana Sena and BJP, while retaining three seats for its own candidates.

From Jana Sena, Nagababu, the brother of Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, has been allotted the MLC seat and has already filed his nomination.

Meanwhile, the BJP’s candidate selection remains undecided. AP BJP President Daggubati Purandeswari is holding discussions with the party’s central leadership. The names of former BJP State President Somu Veerajulu and ex-MLC PVN Madhav are under consideration. The final decision is expected by Monday.

Janasena Party Suspended Prathipadu In-Charge Tammayya Babu

Misbehavior with a female doctor at Prathipadu CHC

Janasena high command takes serious action

Dy CM Pawan Kalyan orders investigation and legal action

TPN Correspondent | Amara-ravati

The Janasena Party has taken serious action against Prathipadu constituency in-charge Varupula Tammayya Babu, suspending him from the party after allegations of misconduct at the Prathipadu Community Health Center (CHC) in Kakinada district. Reports indicate that Tammayya Babu misbehaved with a female doctor, Dr. Swetha, and used abusive language, leading to widespread criticism and outrage on social media.

After reviewing reports and

explanations regarding the incident, the Janasena high command released an official statement confirming the suspension. The party expressed deep regret over the inappropriate behavior and called it unfortunate and unacceptable. The statement emphasized that Janasena will not tolerate such actions under any circumstances.

Responding swiftly, Deputy Chief Minister and Janasena Chief Pawan Kalyan expressed his strong displeasure over the incident. He directed officials to handle the matter strictly



according to the law and instructed the Janasena Kakina-da district in-charge to conduct a detailed investigation and submit a report immediately.

Pawan Kalyan made it clear that no wrongdoing will be overlooked, even within his own party. He stressed that strict legal action should be taken if necessary and that the party must uphold discipline and ethical conduct among its

ranks.

The incident has drawn significant attention, with public outrage growing on social media. Many party members and the general public are closely following the developments, awaiting further action from the authorities. Janasena’s quick response and strong stance have reinforced its commitment to accountability and ethical leadership.

Govt Committed to Improving Education Infrastructure - Minister Anagani Satya Prasad

TPN Correspondent | Ba-patla

Minister Anagani Satya Prasad stated that the government is actively working to strengthen the education sector from the grassroots level. He emphasized that Education Minister Nara Lokesh is leading key reforms to enhance the quality of education across the state.

On Sunday, Minister Anagani inaugurated new government polytechnic college buildings in Repalle. Addressing the gathering, he assured that the



government would ensure all necessary infrastructure facilities for the institution. He further promised that if additional funds were required, CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) funding would be secured to

support the development of the college.

He highlighted that steps are being taken to ensure a teacher for every class in government institutions. The midday meal scheme, which was previously available only for school students, has now been extended to intermediate students to ensure their well-being and focus on education. He also mentioned the introduction of parent-teacher meetings to encourage better communication and involvement of parents in students’ progress.

Minister Anagani reiterated that the government is providing free books, clothes, shoes, and bags to students as part of its commitment to educational development. He encouraged polytechnic students to set clear career goals and take advantage of the resources being provided by the government to build a successful future.

He emphasized that despite financial challenges, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu is ensuring adequate budget allocations for the education sector.

Centre Launches National Survey to Shape Energy-Efficient Cooling Solutions

Driving Sustainable Cooling for a Greener Future



TPN Correspondent | Vijay-awada

In a significant step toward achieving sustainable development, the Union Government has launched the “Shaping the Future of Energy-Efficient Cooling” survey. This nationwide initiative aims to engage citizens in identifying energy-efficient cooling solutions that reduce electricity consumption, lower carbon emissions, and mitigate climate change effects.

The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, is leading the initiative to gather vital insights and data to shape policies and tech-

nological advancements in the cooling sector. To ensure the success of this mission, BEE has directed State Designated Agencies (SDAs) across India to actively promote and facilitate participation in the survey.

A Call for Nationwide Participation

Milind Deore, Secretary, BEE, in a letter to SDAs, emphasized that this initiative aligns with the vision of Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon’ble Union Minister for Power, Housing & Urban Development, reinforcing the government’s commitment to promoting sustainable cooling practices, enhancing energy efficiency, and combating climate change. By involv-

ing citizens, industries, and stakeholders, the survey will help shape policies and innovations in the cooling technology sector.

The survey is now live and accessible at <https://www.mygov.in/mygov-survey/shape-future-energy-efficient-cooling/>, and will remain open until March 25, 2025. It takes only a few minutes to complete and offers citizens a unique opportunity to contribute to India’s sustainable cooling future.

The Need for Energy-Efficient Cooling in India

With India’s cooling demand expected to grow by eight times by 2050, the government

is focused on fostering energy-efficient cooling technologies. Studies indicate that air conditioning alone accounts for nearly 10% of India’s total electricity consumption, with inefficient appliances significantly contributing to power grid stress and carbon emissions.

According to BEE’s Standards & Labeling (S&L) program, replacing outdated air conditioners with 5-star-rated models can improve efficiency by up to 60%, reducing overall power consumption and household electricity bills. Further, adopting sustainable cooling solutions can cut India’s annual electricity consumption by over 10 billion kWh, reducing CO₂ emissions by 7.66 million tonnes—a significant step toward meeting India’s Net-Zero commitments under the Paris Agreement.

Key Survey Focus Areas

The survey seeks inputs on optimizing AC temperature settings, transitioning to BEE 5-star-rated models, integrating renewable energy, overcoming cost and accessibility barriers, and exploring market incentives like buyback schemes and financing options. It also examines the role of institutions in leading energy-efficient cooling adoption.

These insights will shape policies, raise awareness, and drive a nationwide shift toward greener cooling solutions that align with India’s sustainability goals.

Maximizing Outreach for Greater Impact

To ensure widespread participation, BEE urges all SDAs including Andhra Pradesh State Energy Conservation Mission to:

Promote the survey in schools with Energy Clubs, building owners, industrial consumers, and DISCOM consumers 2. Engage government departments, designated consumers (DCs), industrial asso-

ciations, and key stakeholders 3. Disseminate the survey link through social media platforms, WhatsApp groups, and community outreach programs.

A Step towards India’s Carbon Reduction Goals

India is committed to reducing its carbon intensity by 45% by 2030 as part of its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement. The cooling sector plays a pivotal role in achieving this goal. By promoting high-efficiency cooling appliances and sustainable cooling practices, India can significantly cut its

energy demand while ensuring environmental sustainability.

This initiative is a testament to the government’s commitment to fostering innovation and energy efficiency. It marks a crucial step toward realizing the goals set under the India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP) and Mission LIFE, aimed at accelerating the transition toward sustainable and energy-efficient lifestyles.

The Bureau of Energy Ef-

iciency invites all citizens to take part in this survey and contribute toward shaping the future of energy-efficient cooling in India. Since Andhra Pradesh having huge potentiality in Energy Efficiency the Said National Survey will have major impact in supporting the consumers in providing high quality of services through BEE Star Rated Energy Efficiency Appliances particularly in Domestic and Building Sector.

BEE has suggested APSECM to fully focus on involving maximum number of Consumers in all categories

CAT WISE LT & HT CONSUMERS, SALES, % Services & % of Sales for 2025-26 (All DISCOMs)					
Consumer Category		No of Consumers	Approved SALES in MU	% on Total No of Consumers	% on Total Sales
LT & HT Supply					
I	Domestic	15981549	20600.59	78.22	27.16
II	Commercial & Other	1835715	6750.16	8.98	8.90
III	Industry	89400	24150.98	0.44	31.84
IV	Institutional	382747	5087.89	1.87	6.71
V	Agricultural & Related (Incl RESCO)	2143332	19269.94	10.49	25.40
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Women Must Be Brave and Confident: Home Minister Anitha



TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam
Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha emphasized the importance of self-confidence and bravery among women, stating that they are excelling in both their professional and personal lives. Speaking at International Women's Day celebrations held at Andhra Medical College in Visakhapatnam, she said that the coalition government is committed to the welfare of women. The event was organized by the Andhra Pradesh Government Nurses Association, with MLA Vamsikrishna Srinivas, NTR Vaidyaseva Chairman Seethamraju Sudhakar, former MLA Gandhi Babji, and officials in attendance.

The Home Minister celebrated the occasion by cutting a cake with nurses and praised their dedication, comparing

them to mothers who care selflessly for their patients. She remarked that women have always been strong leaders and contributors to society, playing a crucial role in both homes and workplaces.

Anitha noted that women empowerment has seen great progress over the years, with government policies prioritizing their welfare. She stressed the importance of raising both girls and boys responsibly, ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all. Highlighting safety measures, she announced that CC cameras would be installed in every ward of King George Hospital (KGH) and encouraged women to use the Shakti app for protection. She assured nurses that their concerns would be brought to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's attention for resolution.

Resolve Kolleru Jiraiti Farmers' Issues: Fishermen's Society Appeals

TPN Correspondent | Eluru
Members of the Kolleru Regional Agricultural and Fishermen Society from West Godavari districts have urged Eluru MP Putta Mahesh Kumar and Denduluru MLA Chinthamani Prabhakar to address the longstanding issues of Jiraiti D Farm Patta farmers in the Kolleru region. On Sunday, they submitted a petition to MLA Chinthamani Prabhakar at Gudivaka Lanka in Eluru Mandal, seeking a permanent resolution. The petitioners highlighted that on October 4, 1999, the then Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu issued 120 Joint Ventures (JVs), which

they argue have created persistent challenges. They demanded an immediate halt to these JVs and called for a fresh contour survey of the sanctuary area to accurately determine boundaries. They also requested a reduction in contour range from five to three and the allocation of 7,600 acres of non-JV land within Kaikalur and Mandavalli mandals of Eluru district to the poor of Kolleru villages. Emphasizing the livelihoods of nearly four lakh people and 90,000 families across 122 villages, the society members urged the government to recognize these lands as AD land based on revenue records.



They insisted that such lands should be exempted from the scope of 120 GO and developed into fish ponds for the benefit of local communities. Society leaders, including President Saidu Satyanarayana, General Secretaries Bhale Yesu Raju, Ghantasala Peddiraja, Ghantasala Nagaraju, Ghantasala Venkateswara Rao, Subramaniam, and Saidu Ramachandra Rao, were among those who submitted the petition.

Chandrababu Using False Campaigns to Divert from Broken Promises: Perni Nani

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
Former minister Perni Venkataramaiah (Nani) has alleged that CM Chandrababu Naidu is spreading false narratives to divert attention from his unfulfilled election promises. Speaking to the media, Nani criticized the ruling government for deceiving the public with false commitments during the elections and now resorting to diversionary tactics instead of addressing governance issues. He defended Kadapa MP Avinash Reddy, stating that his name does not appear in any 164 witness statements related to the YS Vivekananda Reddy (Viveka) murder case. Nani questioned why previously closed cases, including that of Narayana Yadav, are being reopened, calling it an attempt to misuse investigative agencies. The former minister slammed the government for allegedly manipulating

media narratives by reporting misleading information in bold headlines to influence the judicial system. He dismissed allegations linking Jagan's driver Narayana Yadav as a key witness, clarifying that Yadav had died due to a brain tumor.

He also highlighted that:

- Kalluri Gangadhara Reddy (243rd witness) died of diabetes, with post-mortem confirming natural causes.
 - Srinivasa Reddy died by suicide in 2018, leaving behind a note blaming police harassment.
 - YS Abhishek Reddy, a relative of both Jagan and Sunitha, died of multi-organ failure, not due to any conspiracy.
- Nani further criticized Chandrababu's government for reducing security for key individuals like watchman Ranganana, who had 2+2 gunmen under Jagan's rule, but was downgraded to 1+1 security



after Chandrababu took office. He alleged that instead of focusing on public welfare, the ruling cabinet is discussing fabricated narratives and reopening past cases to target political opponents. He also pointed out that the Kadapa police and the DGP recently took government instructions on these issues, raising further doubts about their intent.

Due to Some Evil Forces, I Left YCP – Former MLA Pendem Dorababu

Former MLA Dorababu claims external pressures forced him out of YCP Joins Janasena, pledging loyalty without expecting positions Promises to work for Pithapuram's development under the alliance



TPN Correspondent | Pithapuram

Former Pithapuram MLA Pendem Dorababu, who recently joined Janasena, made sensational remarks, stating that "some evil forces" pushed him away from the YSR Congress Party (YCP). Speaking at a party event, he clarified that his decision to join Janasena was not driven by aspirations for positions but by a commitment to serve the people. Dorababu declared that under Pawan Kalyan's leadership, he would work hard to ensure Pithapuram has a strong and permanent representative in the Assembly. He also dismissed speculation about political rivalry, stating that he had no personal differences with former TDP MLA Verma. Reaffirming his dedication to the TDP-BJP-Janasena alliance, Dorababu said he would work in coordination with party leaders to strengthen the coalition in Pithapuram. He emphasized that Pawan Kalyan is determined to develop Pithapuram, and he was ready to take on any responsibility assigned by the party to support that vision.

Jagan Should Quit Politics: Minister Anam

YCP leaders disrespected AP Governor Abdul Nazir in Assembly Jagan accused of running away from Assembly discussions Former CM blamed for financial mismanagement and debts



TPN Correspondent | Nellore
AP Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy strongly criticized former CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy, stating that he should quit politics as his party lacks moral standing. Addressing a review meeting at his residence in Nellore, he said the previous YCP government had ruined the state's financial system, pushing Andhra Pradesh into deep debt.

He questioned why Jagan is avoiding the Assembly, accusing him of fleeing from accountability. He insisted that if Jagan could question the government from home, he should also be present in the Assembly to respond. Calling the Assembly a sacred institution, he criticized Jagan's lack of respect for democratic proceedings. The Minister alleged that YCP leaders are suffering under Jagan's leadership and even his MLAs were not invited to party meetings. He asserted that YCP has no right to question the coalition government, as the peo-

ple have already rejected them in the elections. Anam Ramanarayana Reddy condemned YCP leaders for disrespecting Governor Abdul Nazir by tearing papers in the Assembly. He stated that the Governor is neutral and does not belong to any political party, making the act of disrespect unacceptable. He further said that Jagan has no faith in the Constitution and that if he continues this attitude, the public will punish him by wiping out YCP in future elections. He also blamed Jagan for weakening the Gram Panchayat system, alleging that the sarpanchs under the YCP rule were ignored. The Minister concluded by stating that even if the coalition government ruled for 20 years, it would take time to undo the financial damage caused by Jagan. He reiterated that if Jagan cannot respect democratic institutions, he should leave politics altogether.

YCP Calls for 'Yuvata Poru' Protest on March 12



TPN Correspondent | Rajamahendravaram

YSR Congress Party (YCP) leaders have announced a statewide protest named 'Yuvata Poru' on March 12 to highlight the government's negligence in implementing fee reimbursement and unemployment benefits. Former minister and YCP district president Chelluboina Venu Gopalakrishna, along with YCP State Youth Wing President Jakkampudi Raja, stated that the youth would gather near the Collector's office after celebrating the party's foundation day at mandal levels. Speaking at a media conference held at Jakkampudi Raja's residence in Prakasamnagar, Venu Gopalakrishna alleged that the coalition government has failed to release the promised unemployment benefits of ₹3,000 and has also delayed fee reimbursement for students. He accused the ruling alliance of misleading people with false propaganda before the elections, citing their claims of ₹14 lakh crore state debt and their promise to implement the 'Super Six' schemes, which he said remain unfulfilled. He further criticized the government for introducing a vote-on-account budget instead of revealing the actual financial situation. According to him, the budget details showed state debts at ₹4.91 lakh crore and corporation debts at ₹1.53 lakh crore, questioning the earlier claims of ₹14 lakh crore debt. He recalled that the fee reimbursement scheme was originally introduced by Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy to support poor and marginalized students and accused the TDP of previously weakening the scheme and now continuing the same approach. Jakkampudi Raja also slammed the government for its failure to deliver on major promises, including Mega DSC recruitment and unemployment benefits. He claimed that volunteers were initially promised ₹10,000 salaries but were later neglected, and education and medical sectors were being weakened under the current administration. He warned that if the government does not fulfill its promises, public anger will intensify. The protest, set for March 12, will see students, youth, and parents demanding the immediate release of funds for fee reimbursement and unemployment benefits. Several YCP leaders, including former ZP Chairman Vipparthi Venugopal and Adapa Anil, attended the meeting.

Union Minister Pemmasani's Key Decision on Guntur Development

**100 electric buses sanctioned for Guntur region
RTC bus stand to be modernized on 15 acres
Infrastructure to be developed for improved public transport**

TPN Correspondent | Guntur
Union Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications Dr. Pemmasani Chandrasekhar has taken a crucial decision regarding Guntur's development. During a review of ongoing projects on Sunday, he issued key directives to the concerned officials. Speaking to the media after inspecting the RTC bus stand along with MLA Nazir and officials, Pemmasani Chandrasekhar announced that 100 electric buses have been sanctioned for the Guntur region. He stated that these buses will be operated under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to enhance eco-friendly transportation in the city. The Union Minister emphasized that at least 5 acres of infrastructure facilities are needed for the efficient operation of electric buses. He pointed out that the existing RTC bus stand spans 22 acres, of which 15 acres will be modern-



ized to improve passenger amenities. The remaining 5 acres will be designated for the new electric bus infrastructure. Additionally, plans are being considered to relocate the bus garage to another location. Highlighting the importance of upgrading public transport for

the common people, Pemmasani Chandrasekhar assured that modernization of the RTC bus stand will benefit thousands of daily commuters. He directed officials to ensure that all necessary facilities are provided to passengers, making travel more convenient and efficient.

Special Invitation for Women to Jana Sena Avirbhava Sabha

**Jana Sena to invite women on a large scale
Door-to-door campaign with special invitation letters
Nadendla Manohar launched the initiative in Kakinada**

TPN Correspondent | Kakinada

The Jana Sena Party has initiated a special campaign to ensure large-scale participation of women in the upcoming 12th Avirbhava Sabha, set to take place in Pithapuram. As part of this effort, the party has decided to invite women directly through a door-to-door campaign.

On Sunday, in the Kakinada control room, Nadendla Manohar, Chairman of the Party's Political Affairs Committee, unveiled specially designed invitation letters with blob stickers for this purpose. Women supporters, on behalf of Deputy Chief Minister and Party President Pawan Kalyan, will personally invite households to the assembly. Manohar instructed the



party's Veera Mahila wing to take charge of the initiative and mobilize maximum participation from women. The event saw the presence of several key leaders, including Government Whip Hari Prasad, Kakinada MP Tangella Uday Srinivas, Kakinada Rural MLA Pan-

tam Nanaji, Former Minister Padala Aruna, Former MLA Pendem Dorababu, Civil Supplies Corporation Chairman Thota Sudhir, and State East Kapu Corporation Chairman Palavalasa Yashaswi. Party leader Ravi Saujanya also participated in the program.

5,236 Cases Resolved in Lok Adalat: Sunil Kumar



TPN Correspondent | Eluru
A total of 5,236 cases were resolved across the erstwhile West Godavari district through the National Lok Adalat, revealed District Chief Justice (FAC) M. Sunil Kumar. Speaking in Eluru on

Sunday, he highlighted the significant role of Lok Adalats in reducing the legal burden and providing speedy justice.

For the Lok Adalats held on Saturday, 26 benches were set up across the district. These included six benches in Eluru and three each in Bhimavaram, Kovvur, Narasapuram, Tanuku, and Tadepalligudem. Additionally, one bench each was arranged in Palakollu, Nidadavolu, Jangareddygudem, Chintalapudi, and Bhimadolu courts.

Out of the resolved cases, 4,919 were criminal cases, while 162 pertained to motor vehicle accident insurance claims. The compensation awarded in these cases amounted to approximately Rs 11 crore. Additionally, 155 civil cases and 132 pre-litigation cases were also settled.

Sunil Kumar emphasized that Lok Adalats serve as an effective alternative dispute resolution mechanism, ensuring quicker settlements and reducing the pendency of cases in courts.

Grand Pujas Performed at Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Temple

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Special pujas were performed in a grand manner at Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam in Indrakiladri on Sunday. Devotees thronged the temple premises to witness and take part in various Arjitha Sevass conducted for Goddess Kanaka Durga.



The temple resonated with devotional fervor as Laksha Kumurchana, Chandi Yagam, Sri Chakra Navavaranaarchana, and Shanti Kalyanam were performed with great spiritual significance. The Suryopasana Puja, a special Sunday ritual, was conducted as per Agama Shastra, with scholars emphasizing the immense benefits of worshipping Lord Aditya.

Thousands of devotees reached Indrakiladri using the lift and free bus services provided from the foothills. Devotees had darshan through different queue arrangements and received free prasadam and daily meals distributed by the temple.

Under the supervision of Temple Executive Officer Sri K. Ramachandra Mohan, assistant executive officers and supervisors efficiently managed the queue system and ensured smooth crowd control, allowing devotees a hassle-free darshan of Goddess Durga.

New Leadership for AP Commercial Tax Department Employees Association

**State Executive Committee meeting held in Tirupati
New leadership elected after resignations
Outgoing president thanks members for support**

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Commercial Tax Department Office Subordinate Employees State Association conducted its State Executive Committee meeting on Sunday at the CTO Office Complex near Annamayya Circle, Tirupati. During the meeting, significant leadership changes took place following the resignations of State President Ayan Bapatla Gopalakrishnaiah, State General Secretary Subramaniam Munigation, and State Office Secretary Elamanchili Srinivas, who stepped down due

to personal reasons.

In response, the State Executive Committee unanimously appointed new office bearers to lead the association:

1. Ravulapati Srinivas Rao (Vijayawada) – State President
 2. Kakunuri Chennakeshavulu (Guntur) – State General Secretary
 3. R. Satyanarayana (Visakhapatnam) – State Office Secretary
- The newly elected leaders assured the members that they would work diligently for the welfare of employees and address key concerns affecting them. Outgoing President Bapatla Gopalakrish-



naiah expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all State Executive members, district presidents, secretaries, district executive members, and primary members for their support throughout his four-year tenure. He thanked the association for entrusting him

with the leadership and wished the new team success in their responsibilities.

The meeting concluded with discussions on upcoming initiatives and strategies to enhance the welfare of employees within the department.

Job Fair to Empower Youth with Employment Opportunities - MLA Bolisetty Srinivas

TPN Correspondent | Tadepalligudem

Tadepalligudem MLA Bolisetty Srinivas stated that the mega job fair was organized with the aim of providing employment opportunities to the region's youth. The event took place at Pedda Tadepalli Lotus English Medium School on Sunday, under the auspices of the Janasena Party. The job fair witnessed a huge turnout of young men and women, demonstrating the growing demand for employment.

Speaking at the inauguration, MLA Bolisetty Srinivas emphasized that employment benefits entire families, urging youth to focus on education and skill development. He assured that the coalition government is committed to providing jobs for all eligible candidates and that those who could not secure employment in this fair will have another opportunity in future job fairs. He reiterated that a job fair will be or-

ganized every year to ensure continuous employment support.

Jana Sena IT Wing played a key role in organizing the event. Lotus English Medium School Secretary Correspondent Bolisetty Rajesh and several Jana Sena IT department members, including Adabala Shanmukh, Adabala Rama Rao, Gundumogula Venkat, Gundumogula Manikantha, Rawada Durga Rao, Ganiraju Shankar, Mulagala Phani, Mulagala Gautam, and Bandi Krishna, worked tirelessly to bring various companies to the fair.

A total of 6200 job seekers registered, and the coalition government took pride in facilitating employment for 2760 individuals. The organizers assured that talent-based opportunities would continue and expressed gratitude to Lotus Veg Srinivas Stop and Old Wing volunteers for their valuable support in making the event successful.



CM Relief Fund Saving Lives of the Poor: Minister DBV



TPN Correspondent | Ongole

State Social Welfare Minister Dr. Dola Sri Bala Veeranjanyaswamy emphasized that the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) is playing a crucial role in saving the lives of the poor across Andhra Pradesh. On Sunday, the minister handed over CMRF-sanctioned cheques to beneficiaries in Kondapi constituency at his camp office in Palem, East Naidu.

Speaking on the occasion, he stated that the government, under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, is fully committed to the welfare and healthcare of vulnerable sections. He highlighted that the CMRF is providing much-needed financial support to patients facing life-threatening health conditions, ensuring timely medical assistance.

The minister reiterated that the coalition government is prioritizing health and education, striving to uplift the underprivileged. He assured that no effort will be spared in delivering necessary aid to those in need. The beneficiaries who received the financial assistance expressed their gratitude to the Chief Minister and Minister Dola Sri Bala Veeranjanyaswamy for their continued support.

Women's Day Celebrations Held at New Generation Unity Organization

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

International Women's Day was celebrated grandly at the New Generation Unity Organization office. The event was graced by special guests, including Mrs. Swathi, Sub-Inspector of Police (Special Branch), Dr. Akhila (Physiotherapist), Mrs. Vani (Advocate), Mrs. Krishna Prasanna (Journalist), and Mrs. Rajarajeshwari Devi, President of the Organization.

The celebrations began with a cake-cutting ceremony to mark both Women's Day and the birthday of Sub-Inspector Swathi. Following this, students entertained the audience with lively dance performances, creating a vibrant and cheerful atmosphere.

Speaking at the event, the guests emphasized the remarkable achievements of women across various fields,



highlighting their contributions to the nation. They quoted the saying, "Yatra Naryastu Pujyante Ramante Tatra Devata," meaning that where women are honored, the divine resides. They acknowledged the pivotal role women play in every aspect of life—as mothers, sisters, and daughters—while also addressing the unfortunate issue of gender-based discrimination, such as female foeticide.

The speakers stressed that women not only manage households efficiently but also play a crucial role in strengthening society economically and culturally. They pointed out that no nation has progressed without the intellectual participation of women and praised the efforts of the organization in supporting and empowering them.

The program was organized by Teacher Jayalakshmi with

the participation of students, while Founder-Secretary Sai Vinay Kumar oversaw the arrangements. Mothers of the students also took part, sharing their experiences and aspirations for their children's future.

On this occasion, the guests extended their heartfelt International Women's Day greetings to all women, encouraging them to continue striving for greater achievements.

Steps for a Permanent Solution to Kolleru Issue: MP Putta Mahesh Kumar

Kolleru issue discussed with CM Naidu and Dy CM Pawan Matter to be raised in Parliament for resolution Government to act in line with public sentiments

TPN Correspondent | Eluru

Eluru MP Putta Mahesh Kumar assured that steps will be taken to provide a permanent solution to the longstanding Kolleru issue. Speaking at the inauguration of a 33/11 KV substation in Gudivaka Lanka village, Eluru Mandal, on Sunday, he emphasized that the problem is complex but will be addressed with sensitivity.

He revealed that discussions have already taken place with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and MLAs. The issue will also be raised in Parliament to seek a resolution. MP Putta Mahesh Kumar stated that the Kolleru problem affects nearly three lakh people, and while legal disputes have delayed progress, efforts will be made to resolve it effectively.

Denduram MLA Chinthamani Prabhakar assured the people that they need not worry, as the government will take steps in line with their sentiments. He urged them to remain patient, stating that the matter will be brought to the attention of the Prime Minister, Chief Minister, Deputy CM, and Nara Lokesh.

Gudivaka Lanka village sarpanch Ghantasala Nagaraju, village elders Kudumbarao, Saidu Satyanarayana, Ghantasala Peddiraju, Transco D.E. Ambedkar, AD Srinivas, AE Narasimha Rao, and others participated in the event.



BJP Holds Wide-Scale Meeting in Palasa Constituency



TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam

As part of the organizational restructuring of the Bharatiya Janata Party, a large-scale meeting was held in Palasa Constituency, Srikakulam district. The meeting, held on Sunday, focused on strengthening the party's presence across four man-

dals and was part of a district-wide tour following the appointment of new district presidents.

District presidents, in-charges, core committee members, and office bearers actively participated in the discussions. The leaders emphasized completing poll-

ing booth-level appointments, setting up mandal committees, and enrolling active members in the constituency.

Key attendees included District Incharge Vijayanand Reddy, District President Siripuram Tejeswara Rao, State Representative Pudi Tirupathi Rao, State Cells and Department Co-Convenor Paidi Venugopal, former Presidents Birlangi Umamaheswara Rao, General Secretaries Salana Raghava and Palavalasa Vaikuntha Rao, District Vice President Korrai Balakrishna Yadav, and several mandal-level leaders. Palasa Rural President Mamidi Prasada Rao, Palasa Town President Potnuru Tarakeswara Rao, Palasa Convener Ippili Ramananda Swamy, OBC Morcha Zonal Incharge, Palasa Co-Convenor Rauthu Chiranjeevi, and Paila Rajaratnam Naidu also participated. BJP leaders and activists from various fronts attended the meeting, showing strong support for the party's organizational growth in the district.

Sri Rama Navami Brahmotsavam at Ontimitta from April 5 to 15

TTD Chairman BR Naidu inspects Ontimitta temple

Sri Rama Navami Kalyanotsavam on April 11

CM Chandrababu to offer silk clothes and pearls



TPN Correspondent | Ontimitta

TTD Chairman BR Naidu visited the Ontimitta Kodanda Ram Temple in YSR district on Sunday and inspected the Kalyana Vedika in preparation for the upcoming Sri Rama Navami celebrations. With the festival fast approaching, he conducted a review with officials regarding the arrangements for the Brahmotsavam. Speaking on the occasion, BR Naidu announced that the Brahmotsavam of Ontimitta Ram will be held from April 5 to

15, with the grand Kalyanotsavam scheduled for April 11. He assured that all necessary arrangements are being made to ensure a smooth and grand celebration for devotees.

He further stated that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will offer silk clothes, pearls, and talambiras as part of the traditional offerings. Additionally, devotees attending the Sitaram Kalyanotsavam will receive pearl talambiras as prasadam.

Mandapeta JSP In-charge Leela Krishna Reviews Arrangements for Jana Sena Formation Day

TPN Correspondent | Mandapeta

Mandapeta constituency Janasena Party in-charge Vegulla Leela Krishna inspected the venue for the upcoming 12th Formation Day celebrations of the Jana Sena Party, scheduled to take place on March 14 in Chitrada village, Pithapuram constituency. On Sunday evening, he visited the assembly premises and reviewed the arrangements along with the Programme Management Committee members.

As part of the preparations, the Publicity and Decoration Committee, including key members Bunny Vasu and Ravi Soujanya, participated in the inspection. Discussions were held regarding the necessary arrangements to ensure a smooth and grand event. The leaders emphasized that all aspects of the celebration, including logistics and decorations, should be meticulously planned.

Vegulla Leela Krishna directed the committee to make the required arrangements to accommodate the large number of party workers and supporters expected to attend. He stated that Jana Sena's Formation Day is a significant occasion and that every effort should be made to organize it successfully.

Party leaders and organizers are actively coordinating to finalize the setup and ensure that all requirements are met ahead of the event. The Jana Sena leadership is focused on making the 12th Formation Day celebrations a grand success, reflecting the party's growing strength and public support.



NTR Sujala Drinking Water Scheme Restored in Kuppam

MLC Kancharla Srikanth inaugurates restored drinking water facility

Safe drinking water supply resumed for wards 13, 14, and 15

Plans to modernize NTR Sujala scheme for uninterrupted service



TPN C. Sekhar | Kuppam

MLC Dr. Kancharla Srikanth inaugurated the NTR Sujala Sravanthi drinking water tank in Kothapet, Kuppam Municipality, on Sunday, bringing relief to residents of wards 13, 14, and 15. The facility, which had been damaged for over a year, was repaired and restored through the efforts of local Telugu Desam Party leaders.

Kothapet in-charge Mukesh, former ZPTC Rajkumar, and Cluster In-charge Swatantra Shekhar took the initiative to repair the water tank, ensuring the availability of safe drinking water. MLC Srikanth marked the reopening by breaking a coconut and cutting a ribbon before providing water to residents.

Speaking at the event, MLC Srikanth assured that steps will be taken to prevent future water shortages in Kuppam town and constituency. He emphasized the modernization of the NTR Sujala scheme to ensure a continuous supply of pure drinking water.

Booth in-charges, ward in-charges, and Telugu Desam Party leaders Gopinatham, Jayamma, Manam, Sukumari, Mahendra Vasu, Murali, and Lokesh participated in the program.

BJP Leaders Demands to Remove Liquor Shops Near Temples

TPN Correspondent | Kothapeta

State BJP executive member Papuri Satyanandam and Mandal BJP president Sampathi Kanakeswara Rao have demanded the immediate removal of liquor shops operating near Hindu temples in Kothapeta. They stated that the presence of a brandy shop near the Durgamma Thalli temple, Anjaneya Swamy temple, Ayyappa Swamy temple, and Varahi Mata temple at Bodipalem bridge is causing distress to devotees, especially women who visit these temples daily for worship.

Local residents have raised strong objections, arguing that the liquor shop, situated in a heavily crowded area, is creating a nuisance for devotees. Expressing their concerns, they insisted that the government relocate the shop to a more appropriate location. Responding to public griev-



ances, BJP leaders submitted a formal memorandum to Kothapeta Exchange CI K. Katyayani, urging immediate action for the removal of Manoj's liquor shop. They emphasized that the sanctity of religious places should be upheld and that the presence of liquor shops in such areas is unacceptable.

The BJP leaders assured the public that they would continue to fight for the issue until a suitable resolution is reached.

Grit and Glory.. India Clinch 3rd Champions Trophy Title

A Historic Victory Led by Rohit Sharma



In a moment of sheer dominance, Team India lifted their record-breaking third ICC Champions Trophy title with a hard-fought four-wicket victory over New Zealand in Dubai on Sunday. Skipper Rohit Sharma led from the front with a scintillating half-century, ensuring India remained unbeaten throughout the tournament. With this triumph, India cemented their place in cricketing history, becoming the only team to win the Champions Trophy three times, having previously secured titles in 2002 and 2013.

New Zealand's Resilient Fight

Despite India's control over the game, New Zealand did not go down without a fight. Daryl Mitchell's patient fifty and Bracewell's aggressive late burst helped them add 50 runs in the final five overs. However, their inability to break free from India's disciplined bowling attack proved costly. Mitchell Santner and Bracewell gave brief hope when they removed Iyer and Axar in quick succession during India's chase. However, KL Rahul's steady hand ensured there were no further alarms, and he took India home comfortably in 49 overs.



KL Rahul's Honest Admission



After the triumph, the Indian team broke into joyous celebrations, with Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli seen performing a 'Dandiya' dance, encapsulating the team's spirit and camaraderie. This moment of euphoria was a testament to how much this victory meant to the squad. Meanwhile, KL Rahul, who played a calm and composed role in India's successful chase, made a candid admission about the tense finish. "Not sure I can say this on air, but I was s***** myself," he confessed, highlighting the pressure of finishing off such a crucial match.

Rohit-Kohli's Celebration

One of the most talked-about moments post-match was the joyous celebration between Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. The two senior players, often rumored to have had differences in the past, were seen breaking into a spontaneous dandiya dance, symbolizing the strong camaraderie within the squad. This light-hearted celebration reflected the unity and spirit within the team, an essential factor in India's success. For Rohit Sharma, this victory was more than just another title—it was a moment of redemption. Having faced criticism regarding his fitness and leadership, he silenced his detractors with an impactful captaincy and a match-winning knock. Despite missing out on finishing the game himself, his contribution in setting up the chase was invaluable.



Rohit Sharma's Captaincy and Knock Sets the Tone

If there was any doubt over Rohit Sharma's leadership and ability to deliver in crunch situations, he put them all to rest in the final. The Indian captain played a pivotal role, smashing 76 runs off 83 balls, setting up a strong foundation for the chase. His early onslaught against pacer Nathan Smith, who replaced the injured Matt Henry, laid the groundwork for India's pursuit of 252. His knock, alongside an opening partnership of 105 runs with Shubman Gill (31), proved invaluable, though his dismissal later opened up a window of opportunity for the Kiwis.



Kohli's Insightful Post-Match Reflections

Post-match, Virat Kohli summed up the team's journey, emphasizing how the squad has been groomed to perform under pressure. "These are the games you want to play – playing under pressure and putting your hand up when it matters the most," Kohli said. "When you leave, you want to leave the team in a better place, and I feel we've got a squad ready to take on the world for the next eight years." Kohli also praised New Zealand, calling them one of the best fielding units and lauding their ability to remain competitive despite a smaller talent pool. "They execute plans so well, and they keep playing the kind of cricket that keeps them in the game. That's what makes them such a tough opponent," he added.



What This Victory Means for Indian Cricket

This Champions Trophy triumph is more than just another addition to India's trophy cabinet—it is a statement of their dominance in world cricket. With a blend of experienced players and young talents like Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer, and Varun Chakravarthy, India's future looks bright. The squad's ability to adapt, their composure under pressure, and the relentless spirit displayed throughout the tournament suggest that India is poised to continue ruling the cricketing world for years to come. As the dust settles on this historic triumph, one thing is clear—Team India's 'invincible' run in the Champions Trophy 2025 will be remembered as one of the greatest campaigns in cricketing history.



India's Tariff Reduction Not an Extraordinary Step Part of Broader Trade Strategy

India clarifies tariff reductions as part of ongoing trade negotiations
Talks underway with EU, UK, and US for similar trade agreements
Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with US expected to progress by fall 2025

TPN Correspondent | Delhi
India's recent agreement to reduce tariffs has been described as a normal part of its ongoing trade negotiations with various countries, a government source told News 18 on Saturday. The source clarified that this move is not unprecedented, as India has previously engaged in similar tariff reductions with other developed nations such as Australia, the UAE, Switzerland, and Norway. Sources further revealed that India is also currently in discussions with the European Union and the United Kingdom regarding similar tariff reductions, underscoring a broader strategy to improve trade relations with

multiple partners. "The ongoing discussions with the United States should be seen in this context," the sources explained, highlighting that India's approach to tariff negotiations is consistent with its past actions in fostering stronger international trade ties. This statement came after US President Donald Trump claimed that India had agreed to cut its tariffs "way down." In remarks made from the Oval Office on Friday, Trump criticized India's high tariffs, calling them restrictive and asserting that they have made it difficult for the US to sell products in India. "India charges us massive tariffs, and you can't even

sell anything into India. It's almost restrictive," Trump said, before adding that India had agreed to lower these tariffs following international pressure. In response, sources indicated that India and the United States had already agreed in February to begin negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), with the first phase set to conclude by fall 2025. These negotiations aim to increase market access, reduce tariff and non-tariff barriers, and deepen supply chain integration between the two countries. Union Minister Piyush Goyal led an Indian delegation to Washington DC from March 3 to 6, meeting with



key US trade officials to advance discussions. The negotiations will continue with a focus on tariffs, market access, and other trade issues discussed during Prime Minister Modi's recent visit to Washington DC.

Both countries are working through their respective interests and sensitivities, which will form the basis of ongoing discussions in the coming months.

High-Stakes Parliament Session: Govt, Oppn Battle Over Waqf Bill, Manipur, and US Tariffs

TPN Correspondent | Delhi
The second part of the Parliament's Budget session will resume on Monday, with the government and opposition bracing for a high-stakes clash over several pressing issues. Key topics expected to dominate the discussions include the Waqf Amendment Bill, ongoing violence in Manipur, allegations of electoral roll manipulation, and India's response to US President Donald Trump's reciprocal tariff threats.



The government is focused on securing parliamentary approval for demands for grants, completing the budgetary process, and pushing for the passage of the Waqf Amendment Bill. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is scheduled to present the Manipur budget on Monday, while Union Home Minister Amit Shah will seek approval for President's Rule in Manipur, which has been under central rule since February 13 following the resignation of Chief Minister N Biren Singh.

The opposition plans to corner the government on electoral roll manipulations, particularly regarding claims of duplicate Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC). The Trinamool Congress (TMC) has raised alarms about alleged electoral fraud, prompting the Election Commission (EC) to announce corrective measures. However, the EC denied claims of voter manipulation, stating that identical EPIC numbers did not indicate duplicate voters. The opposition bloc, including Congress, DMK, and Shiv Sena (UBT), is expected to demand a thorough investi-

gation into these allegations during the session. TMC leaders will also meet the EC on Monday to further press the issue.

The government is keen on the early passage of the Waqf Amendment Bill, which Union Minister Kiren Rijju argues will resolve issues facing the Muslim community. However, the opposition, particularly the INDIA alliance, is preparing to oppose the bill, calling for broader consultations to address its concerns. Other significant issues include fresh violence in Manipur, where tensions persist, and political disagreements over the delimitation of Lok Sabha constituencies. The opposition is also preparing to confront the government over Trump's reciprocal tariff threats, with Congress calling for a unified response to counter the US President's stance. The session will run until April 4, with both sides preparing for intense debates on these crucial topics.

India adds 58th tiger reserve to its tally; PM Modi applauds the development

Madhav National Park Declared as Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh has officially been declared a Tiger Reserve, marking a significant achievement for wildlife conservation in India. Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav made the announcement on social media, highlighting the importance of this addition to the country's growing list of tiger reserves. "Madhav Tiger Reserve is the 58th Tiger Reserve in India and the 9th in Madhya Pradesh," Yadav shared on X, expressing his excitement over the announcement. He praised the dedication of the forest officials and conservationists who have tirelessly worked to protect the wildlife and ecological diversity of the region.

This milestone is part of the country's larger efforts to enhance environmental protection and biodiversity restoration. The announcement came as part of India's ongoing commitment to wildlife conservation, following a historic focus on ecological diversity restoration under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. Yadav acknowledged the critical role of forest officials in driving the conservation efforts.

Prime Minister Modi also congratulated the development, sharing his thoughts on X: "Amazing news for wildlife lovers! India is blessed with wildlife diversity and a culture that celebrates wildlife. We will always be at the forefront of protecting animals and contributing to a sustainable planet."

Madhav Tiger Reserve, now the 9th tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh, stands as a testament to the state's commitment to protecting tigers and other wildlife. The reserve adds to India's rapidly expanding tiger reserve network, reflecting the country's leadership in global wildlife conservation efforts.

With this new designation, the Madhav Tiger Reserve will benefit from enhanced protection and management measures aimed at ensuring the long-term survival of tigers and their habitats. The reserve's establishment will not only help safeguard the Bengal tiger population but also contribute to the overall conservation of the region's unique biodiversity. The news comes at a time when India continues to make significant strides in environmental conservation, reaffirming the country's commitment to wildlife protection.

Nonsense: Tejashwi Yadav rejects possibility of pact with Nitish Kumar

TPN Correspondent | Bihar
Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav, on Sunday, expressed strong displeasure when asked about the possibility of a realignment with Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. During a press conference, Yadav dismissed any notion of a political alliance, saying, "Why would we join hands? Why are you trying to divert attention from the issue at hand?" His comments came in response to media reports speculating about the potential of Nitish Kumar being wary of his alliance partner, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is believed to be pushing for a leadership change after the upcoming Bihar assembly elections.



Yadav made it clear that no offers for an alliance had been made and em-

phasized that any decisions related to alliances within his party were solely up to RJD President Lalu Prasad Yadav and himself. He went on to dismiss the questions as "nonsense," underlining the importance of not distracting from more pressing matters.

The deputy chief minister took the opportunity to criticize Nitish Kumar's recent actions, questioning his public con-

duct. Referring to the language used by Kumar in public, Yadav remarked that the chief minister appeared to be "no longer in his senses." He further pointed out Kumar's recent public gestures of deference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, such as trying to touch Modi's feet, which Yadav found unbecoming for a state chief minister. "Does this behave the chief minister of a state?" Yadav questioned, adding that it might not be long before Kumar starts "falling at the feet" of his two current deputies, Vijay Kumar Sinha and Samrat Choudhary.

Tejashwi Yadav's comments signal a deepening rift between the RJD and Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United), further intensifying the political tension in Bihar as the state braces for upcoming elections.

J&K LG Orders Probe into Killing of Three Civilians in Kathua; Protests Erupt

TPN Correspondent | Jammu

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has ordered a thorough investigation into the tragic killings of three civilians, including a 14-year-old boy, in Kathua district. The bodies of the victims—Varun Singh, Yogesh Singh, and Darshan Singh—were discovered on March 8, three days after they went missing while returning from a wedding in Billawar. The bodies were found near a waterbody in the upper reaches of Billawar, prompting widespread protests in the region. Sinha assured the public that a transparent investigation would be carried out and that necessary support would be provided to the families of the victims. "I assure the people that



the perpetrators will be brought to book at the earliest. Justice will be ensured, and accountability will be

fixed," he said in a statement.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh, representing the Udhampur constituency, expressed concern over the killings, suggesting a possible terror angle behind the incident. "The brutal killing of three youth by terrorists in Bani area of district Kathua is extremely sad. There seems to be a conspiracy behind these acts to spoil the peaceful atmosphere," he said, adding that discussions were ongoing with officials to address the issue. The Union Home Secretary is expected to assess the situation on the ground. In response to the killings, locals in Kathua staged protests, demanding justice for the victims. Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti condemned the rising

violence in the region, describing it as "deeply alarming." She also criticized the police's focus on extracting false confessions rather than apprehending the real perpetrators. Mufti further raised concerns over the crackdown on locals, with many charged under the Public Safety Act (PSA) or Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), often without sufficient evidence. She called for swift yet careful action to identify the culprits and maintain communal harmony. BJP leader Sunil Sharma, who met with protesters in Billawar, also condemned the killings, expressing concern over a possible conspiracy aimed at disturbing peace in the region. He assured the public that the authorities would ensure justice is served.

Hamas Signals Positive Signs for Resumption of Ceasefire Talks as Negotiations Begin

Israeli delegation to visit Doha for truce talks on Monday

Hamas calls for accountability and a transition to permanent ceasefire

First phase resulted in hostage-prisoner exchanges, but tensions remain

Negotiations continue amid efforts to extend ceasefire into mid-April



TPN Correspondent | Cairo, Egypt

Hamas has indicated "positive" developments regarding the resumption of negotiations for the second phase of the ceasefire in Gaza, following a meeting between Hamas representatives and mediators in Cairo on Saturday.

Hamas spokesperson Abdel Latif Al-Qanoua confirmed that efforts from Egyptian and Qatari mediators were progressing, with the potential to continue implementing the ceasefire agreement. He described the indicators as "pos-

itive" but refrained from offering further details.

Meanwhile, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office stated that Israel would send a delegation to Doha on Monday for truce talks. The Israeli delegation's visit is in response to an invitation from US-backed mediators, aiming to push the negotiations forward.

The first phase of the ceasefire, which began in early February, came to an end on March 1. This phase saw a period of relative calm, including exchanges of hostages and

prisoners, but widespread hostilities have not fully resumed. However, while Israel has expressed interest in extending the current phase until mid-April, Hamas insists on moving forward with the second phase of the ceasefire, which they hope will lead to a permanent cessation of hostilities.

On Saturday, a high-level Hamas delegation held talks with Egyptian officials, with discussions focused on transitioning into the second phase of the ceasefire. Al-Qanoua emphasized the need for mediators to hold Israel accountable

for upholding the agreement. He also reaffirmed Hamas's commitment to beginning negotiations for the next phase in order to meet the demands of the Palestinian people.

Under the first phase, Gaza militants released 25 hostages and eight bodies in exchange for the release of approximately 1,800 Palestinian prisoners from Israeli custody.

Out of the 251 captives taken during the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, 58 remain in Gaza, including 34 confirmed dead by the Israeli military.



Musk calls Starlink 'backbone' of Ukraine army, brings up combat with Putin again

TPN Correspondent | Washington

Tech billionaire Elon Musk has once again sparked global debate over the ongoing war in Ukraine with a series of provocative tweets. Musk, the CEO of SpaceX, claimed that his Starlink system plays a critical role in supporting Ukraine's military operations, suggesting that the entire front line of Ukrainian forces could collapse if he chose to deactivate the service. His comments have raised concerns and reignited discussions about the role of private companies in conflicts.

In one tweet, Musk boldly stated, "I literally challenged Putin to one-on-one physical combat over Ukraine, and my Starlink system is the backbone of the Ukrainian army." He further claimed that the Ukrainian military's communications and operations would be severely disrupted without Starlink, a satellite internet system developed by SpaceX, which has been crucial in maintaining connectivity in Ukraine amid Russian attacks on the country's infrastructure.

Musk's comments have been met with mixed reactions, with some criticizing him for overly inflating the importance of Starlink in Ukraine's

military strategy. Others have expressed concern about the potential for Musk's actions to influence the outcome of the war. Musk, who has previously made headlines for his controversial views on the conflict, also suggested that imposing sanctions on Ukrainian oligarchs could help bring an end to the war. His remarks have added fuel to the ongoing debate over how private businesses and individuals should engage with international conflicts.

The billionaire's influence, particularly through his company SpaceX, has made him a central figure in discussions about the role of private companies in modern warfare. While Starlink has undoubtedly provided critical communication infrastructure for Ukraine, Musk's public statements have raised questions about the broader ethical and political implications of his involvement.

As the war in Ukraine continues to evolve, Musk's influence on global geopolitics remains a topic of increasing scrutiny. His comments further highlight the complex intersection of technology, business, and international conflict.

"Reconsider": US Issues "Do Not Travel" Advisory For Pakistan Due To Terrorism



TPN Correspondent | Washington

The US State Department has issued a travel advisory urging American citizens to avoid traveling to specific regions in Pakistan, particularly near the India-Pakistan border, the Line of Control, and the provinces of Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The advisory, issued on Friday, highlights concerns over terrorism and the poten-

tial for armed conflict in these areas.

The State Department advised Americans to "reconsider travel" to Pakistan, citing the persistent threat of terrorism and the risk of armed conflict. The advisory specifically warns against visiting Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which includes the former Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), due to ongoing

terrorism. These regions have witnessed frequent terrorist attacks, ranging from small-scale assaults to large-scale bombings, resulting in significant casualties.

The advisory further noted that extremist groups continue to plan and carry out attacks throughout Pakistan. Targets include transportation hubs, markets, shopping malls, military installations, airports, universities, and places of worship. In the past, US diplomats and diplomatic facilities have also been targeted. The security environment in Pakistan is described as unpredictable, with the situation often changing rapidly, particularly in the more remote regions.

Regarding the India-Pakistan border, the advisory cautioned travelers against going near the Line of Control, where militant groups are active. Both

India and Pakistan maintain a strong military presence in these areas, and the US strongly discouraged travel for any reason. The only official border crossing between India and Pakistan, in Wagah, requires an Indian visa for entry, and no visa services are available at the border.

Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are also marked as high-risk areas. The advisory highlighted ongoing terrorist activities in Balochistan, including attacks by separatist groups. Similarly, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has been a hotbed of terrorist and insurgent attacks, particularly targeting civilians, non-governmental organizations, and government officials. The US advised against all travel to these provinces due to the high security risks.

Panama Frees Dozens of Migrants Deported From US, Give Them 30 Days To Leave

TPN Correspondent | Panama City

Following international criticism, Panama has released dozens of migrants deported by the United States, who had been held for weeks in a remote camp in the country. On Friday, Panama announced that 112 deported migrants, mostly from Asian countries, would be granted 30-day temporary permits to stay in the country while they determine their next steps.

The government's decision, made for humanitarian reasons, has drawn mixed reactions. While officials cited the importance of providing the migrants with temporary relief, human rights lawyers expressed concerns that the move could serve to absolve Panama of international scrutiny regarding the treatment of the deportees. They warn that this policy might also put the migrants at further risk.

Panama's Security Minister, Frank Abrego, explained that the temporary permits would last 30 days but could be renewed. He clarified that the migrants had chosen to handle their own affairs instead of accepting help from organi-



zations like the International Organization for Migration and the UN Refugee Agency. As the clock ticks down on their permits, the migrants now face the uncertainty of where to go next, without resources or support.

Many of the deported individuals were part of the larger immigration crackdown initiated by former President Donald Trump's administration. Since taking office, Trump's policies had sent hundreds of individuals, many of whom were families, to Panama and Costa Rica as transit countries while their deportations were processed.

For many migrants, like 29-year-old Hayatullah Omagh

from Afghanistan, the future is uncertain. Omagh fled Afghanistan after the Taliban's return to power, but was deported from the US after being denied asylum. Now in Panama, Omagh expressed his fear of returning home, stating that under the Taliban, his life would be at risk.

Others, such as 27-year-old Nikita Gaponov, who fled Russia due to LGBTQ+ persecution, are also in limbo, with few options available. As these migrants navigate their uncertain futures, human rights groups are stepping in to provide resources and assistance. However, many deportees remain stranded, with no clear path forward.

India Pegged As Top Source Market For London's Ambitious New 'Growth Plan'

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London has launched a bold new 'growth plan' aimed at generating an estimated 27 billion pounds in extra tax revenue, which will be directed towards vital public services both within the city and across the UK. The plan, introduced by Mayor Sadiq Khan and growth agency London & Partners, aims to boost productivity by an average of 2% annually over the next decade, potentially making London's economy 107 billion pounds larger by 2035.

India is recognized as London's number one source market for foreign direct investment (FDI), having overtaken the US in 2022-23. The trend has continued into 2023-24, with India driving a significant portion of London's economic growth. According to Laura Citron, CEO of London & Partners, "Foreign direct investment from India has been the fastest growing and has been our number one market for the last two years." Indian tech companies, as well as students, have contributed to this rapid growth. Post-Brexit, Indian students have become the second-largest group of international students in London, with



over 38,600 students enrolled in the 2023-24 academic year, accounting for more than 20% of all international students.

In addition to the education sector, India has emerged as a key player in tourism, contributing significantly to London's growing number of visitors. Mark Hertli, Head of Global Engagement at St George's University, highlighted the increase in Indian student enrollment, emphasizing that Indian students act as lifelong ambassadors, strengthening ties between the UK and India.

Indian companies like Mphasis are also expanding their presence in London. Ashish Devalekar, Executive Vice

President at Mphasis, spoke about their London Innovation Hub, underscoring the city's role as a global hub for technology and innovation.

The 'Growth Plan' aims to boost productivity by nurturing talent, encouraging innovation, and improving infrastructure, including housing and transport.

The plan is projected to create 150,000 new jobs and improve the weekly income of the lowest-earning 20% of Londoners by 20%. This initiative underscores London's commitment to becoming a global leader in innovation, fostering opportunities for all its residents.

Bullish sentiment in metals and Commodities Shares

The domestic stock market is expected to see mixed trends this week, with global developments playing a key role in driving indices. Markets, currently in the accumulation phase after reaching oversold positions, are showing signs of improving breadth. Market momentum will continue based on decisions made by US President Donald Trump. While quality stocks are available at attractive prices, significant buying activity is not expected. Investors should remain cautious amid market fluctuations.



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Friday. Investors should consider taking positions in the ₹1,300 range with a target price of ₹1,450. A stop-loss is advised at ₹1,280.

last week, they gained for four consecutive sessions, rising by 7% compared to Nifty. Trading volumes have started contracting. The stock closed at ₹219 last Friday. Investors should take positions at ₹200 with a target price of ₹225/240. A stop-loss should be maintained at ₹200.

Bharat Rasayan

Bharat Rasayan has corrected by 35% from the ₹14,500 level, forming a solid base at ₹10,000. The stock closed at ₹11,140 last Friday with a 6% gain, breaking out from its base. Investors should enter at ₹11,100 with a target price of ₹11,500/11,600. A stop-loss should be placed at ₹11,000.



Bharat RASAYAN LIMITED

JSW Infra



JSW Infra shares have corrected by 35% since the beginning of the year but are now displaying a V-shaped recovery. After taking support at ₹220, the stock gained 6% last week and 4% over the past month. It closed at ₹269 last Friday. Investors should enter at ₹260 with a target price of ₹310. A stop-loss should be placed at ₹245. Investors should remain vigilant and make informed decisions based on market trends and risk factors.

Rites



Rites shares have been in a downtrend for several months, losing nearly 50% of their value. However,

Mazdock

Mazdock shares, which touched a lifetime high in July last year, have been in a downtrend and under accumulation for several months. These shares are currently taking support at the crucial ₹2,000 level and are showing signs of an uptrend. Last week, the stock rose by 9% compared to the Nifty index. Mazdak closed at ₹2,338 last Friday. Investors should consider taking positions at ₹2,320/2,300 with a target price of ₹2,550. A stop-loss should be placed at ₹2,285.



Cochin Shipyard

Cochin Shipyard has seen a 60% decline from its lifetime high and has now started accumulating. It has found strong support at the ₹1,200 level. The stock displayed strength last week, gaining 5.5% relative to the Nifty benchmark. Cochin Shipyard closed at ₹1,335 last



New Income Tax Bill defines virtual digital space for searches, seizures: Sitaraman



The new Income-tax Bill proposes to grant tax officers enhanced powers to access digital accounts, including social media platforms, online investment and trading accounts, banking accounts, and email servers. The bill introduces a broad definition of "virtual digital space," empowering income tax authorities to gather information during surveys, searches, and seizures.

While the proposal is being positioned as a necessary step to curb tax evasion, it has sparked concerns about privacy and the potential for misuse of these expansive powers. Critics argue that it could lead to overreach, with tax authorities gaining access to private online communications and sensitive financial data without sufficient oversight.

According to the bill, "virtual digital space" is defined as "any digital realm that allows users to interact, communicate, and perform activities through computer technology." This sweeping definition grants authorities the ability to examine various online platforms where users engage in financial, social, and professional activities.

Proponents of the bill, however, contend that these measures are essential in a world where financial transactions and personal activities increasingly occur in digital spaces. The bill aims to make it easier for tax authorities to track hidden income, undeclared investments, and other forms of financial misconduct that may go undetected in traditional, offline auditing processes.

The proposed measure is part of the government's ongoing effort to tackle tax evasion and ensure greater compliance with tax laws in the increasingly digital world. The new powers would enable tax officers to gather data from online sources that were previously difficult to monitor or access, allowing for more thorough investigations into potential financial irregularities.

As the bill continues to be debated, the focus will likely be on striking a balance between enforcing tax laws effectively and protecting individual privacy rights in the digital age. The full implications of this proposed legislation remain to be seen, especially as it moves through the legislative process.

Tata Capital Set to File \$2 Billion IPO After NCLT Approval for Tata Motors Finance Merger

Tata Capital, a leading financial services firm, is expected to file preliminary papers with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for a \$2 billion (over ₹17,000 crore) initial public offering (IPO) after securing final approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for its merger with Tata Motors Finance. The merger approval is anticipated by the end of this financial year (FY25), according to sources close to the development.



Once completed, the IPO is expected to value Tata Capital at around \$11 billion. The company, which is classified as an upper-layer non-banking financial company (NBFC) by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has already received board approval to move forward with the share sale.

The IPO will consist of 2.3 crore equity shares, with a mix of a fresh issue and an offer for sale (OFS) from existing shareholders, as disclosed in a statement to stock exchanges. In addition to the IPO, Tata Capital is also planning to raise funds through a rights issue to strengthen its financial position before the listing.

The upcoming IPO, if successful, will be

one of the largest in the Indian financial sector, marking a significant milestone for Tata Capital. It also represents the Tata Group's second public market debut in recent years, following the successful listing of Tata Technologies in November 2023.

The IPO is part of Tata Capital's efforts to comply with the RBI's listing requirements for upper-layer NBFCs, which mandates that these entities must list on the stock exchange within three years of being categorized as such. Tata Capital was designated as an upper-layer NBFC in September 2022.

Tata Motors and Tata Motors Finance are also involved in the merger, which was approved by their respective boards in June 2024. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) cleared the proposed merger in September. Following the merger, Tata Motors will hold a 4.7% stake in the merged entity.

India's Solar Capacity Set to Accelerate with 85-90 GW Expected in FY 2026-27

India's solar power sector is poised for substantial growth, with projections indicating the addition of 85-90 GW of new capacity in the Financial Years (FY) 2026 and 2027, according to a report by SBI Caps. This surge in solar capacity is expected to be driven not only by utility-scale solar projects but also by significant contributions from the residential rooftop solar sector.



The report highlights the resilience of India's solar industry, noting that solar capacity additions are reaching unprecedented levels despite fluctuations in demand. It predicts that solar additions could increase to 30 GW in FY 2025, doubling previous projections. Additionally, the demand for solar modules is forecasted to reach 100 GW annually.

However, the realization of these projections depends on several key factors. These include a reduction in the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and Power Sale Agreement (PSA) gaps, the successful completion of the PM-SGMBY (Prime Minister-Residential Solar Energy Scheme) by FY28, and improved compliance with Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) standards. The report also points out potential risks such as land acquisition constraints, challenges in the implementation of the Accelerated Land and Climate Management (ALCM) program, and restrictive state policies on net metering. On the positive side, timely implementation of schemes like PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan) could further boost demand.

India's solar sector has experienced an extraordinary 3,450% increase in capacity over the past decade, growing from just 2.82 GW in 2014 to an impressive 100 GW in 2025. As of January 31, 2025, India's installed solar capacity stood at 100.33 GW, with 84.10 GW currently under development and an additional 47.49 GW under tender.

Solar power continues to be the dominant source of renewable energy in India, accounting for 47% of the country's total renewable energy capacity. In 2024, a record 24.5 GW of solar capacity was added, reflecting a more than two-fold increase from 2023. The utility-scale sector saw the installation of 18.5 GW, nearly 2.8 times the capacity added the previous year. States like Rajasthan, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh have emerged as leaders in utility-scale solar capacity.

The rooftop solar sector has also seen impressive growth, with 4.59 GW of new capacity installed in 2024, marking a 53% increase from the previous year. The PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, launched in 2024, has played a crucial role in this growth, with nearly 9 lakh rooftop solar installations completed across the country.

India's strides in solar manufacturing are equally remarkable. The country's solar module production capacity has surged from just 2 GW in 2014 to 60 GW in 2024, establishing India as a global leader in solar manufacturing.



Man Shot Dead After Being Removed from WhatsApp Group in Pakistan

In a shocking incident in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Regi area, near Peshawar, Pakistan, a man was shot and killed after being removed from a WhatsApp group. The tragic event took place on the evening of March 7, 2025, when Mushtaq Ahmed, the administrator of a WhatsApp group, removed Ashfaq Khan following some disagreements. This action reportedly led to a heated argument, which ultimately escalated into violence. According to reports from Arab News, Mushtaq Ahmed had removed Ashfaq Khan from the group, sparking a dispute between the two. The argument, which began over the digital platform, reportedly escalated when Ashfaq Khan became enraged by his removal. In an act of fury, Ashfaq opened fire on Mushtaq, fatally wounding him. Mushtaq died on the spot from the gunshot injuries. Humayun Khan, Mushtaq's brother, was a witness to the horrifying incident. Speaking to Arab News, he shared, "My slain brother Mushtaq and Ashfaq had developed some differences in a WhatsApp group, forc-

ing my brother to remove the latter. Ashfaq got infuriated and shot my brother dead." Humayun went on to explain that the family had no prior knowledge of any significant dispute between the two men. "It was a non-issue or a very trivial matter. No one in our family even knew about the dispute at all," he added. Local police officer Abid Khan confirmed that a complaint had been filed by Mushtaq's brother, and the police report revealed that both sides had been attempting to resolve the issue when Ashfaq suddenly pulled out a gun and shot Mushtaq. After the shooting, the suspect fled the scene, and the police are actively searching for him. The incident has sparked outrage on social media, where many expressed disbelief at how a simple disagreement over a digital platform could lead to such a violent outcome. Journalist Ghulam Abbas Shah posted on X (formerly Twitter), stating, "Pakistan: A man was shot dead in Peshawar after removing someone from a #WhatsApp group. The suspect,

enraged over the removal, allegedly opened fire, killing Mushtaq on the spot. Police have registered a case, but no arrest has been confirmed." Social media users were quick to comment on the shocking nature of the case. One user remarked, "Behind such cases, there is always a long story—rivalry, betrayal, and personal enmity on both sides. Small incidents, like being removed from WhatsApp, often become the tipping point where something tragic happens." Another user wrote, "People kill each other over very small issues. No fear of police law and punishments." Others expressed their disbelief at the situation, with one person saying, "Unbelievable! What have we come to? Taking lives over digital spaces? This is beyond madness!" Another commenter described the event as "very unfortunate" and "really scary." The incident has left the local community in shock, questioning the increasing role of digital spaces in escalating personal conflicts and the violence that can result from seemingly trivial matters.

WhatsApp Beta Introduces AI-Generated Group Icons, Meta AI Widget



WhatsApp is testing two exciting features in its latest beta versions for Android, enhancing the user experience with AI-driven tools. One of the standout features is the ability to generate group icons using Meta AI. Beta testers can now tap on the pencil icon while viewing a group's existing icon and select the "Create AI Image" option. This will prompt Meta AI to generate multiple image options based on a prompt, allowing users to easily customize their group icon. This feature is expected to roll out to all users soon. In addition to the AI-generated icons, WhatsApp has also introduced a new widget, making it easier to access its Meta AI chatbot. With the update in WhatsApp beta for An-

droid 2.25.6.14, users can add a widget to their home screen, offering a shortcut to quickly access the Meta AI chatbot without opening the app. The widget shows an "Ask Meta AI" button, which directs users to chat with the Meta AI, where they can input queries or use voice or camera prompts for more interactive responses. These new features will provide users with more personalization and convenience, reflecting WhatsApp's continuous effort to integrate advanced AI capabilities into its platform. While these features are currently available in beta, they are expected to reach stable versions for both Android and iOS in the coming months.

Harsh Goenka's 'One Dessert Per Week' Post Goes Viral Featuring Giant Ice Cream Sundae

Billionaire businessman Harsh Goenka recently shared a video on X (formerly Twitter) that has taken the internet by storm. Known for his engaging social media posts, Goenka's latest offering shows a dessert that is truly a dream come true for ice cream lovers. The video begins with a large cone-shaped glass filled with four scoops of chocolate ice cream. However, this treat quickly escalates into a towering dessert as more scoops of various ice cream flavours are added. To top it off, fruits, cream, and other indulgent toppings are piled on, turning the creation into a massive ice cream sundae. The video's caption, which mentions "one dessert per week," caught the attention of many, as it humorously showcases an over-the-top dessert, sparking conversations about indulgence and moderation. The extravagant sundae has left the internet in awe, with many expressing their thoughts and reactions to the sheer size of the dessert. Goenka's playful post has gone viral, with users across social media sharing their excitement and humor over the giant ice cream creation.



iPhone 17 Air Dimensions Leaked; Slim Bezels and Ultra-Thin Design Expected

Apple is gearing up for the release of its next-generation smartphones, and rumors surrounding the iPhone 17 series are already making waves. Among the most anticipated models is the iPhone 17 Air, which is expected to be Apple's slimmest smartphone in years. According to a recent leak from the reliable tipster Ice Universe, details about the iPhone 17 Air's design and dimensions have emerged, providing a clearer picture of what Apple fans can expect when the device hits the market later this year. The iPhone 17 Air is expected to sport a design similar to the iPhone 17 Pro Max in terms of its length and width. As per the leak, the dimensions of the iPhone 17 Air will closely mirror the iPhone 16 Pro Max, with a height of 163mm and a width of 77.6mm. However, the key difference will be the thickness. The iPhone 17 Air is said to be just 5.5mm thick, making it considerably thinner than its counterparts in the iPhone 17 lineup, including the iPhone 17 Pro Max, which is expected to measure 8.7mm in thickness. This ultra-thin design would make the iPhone 17 Air one of the slimmest smartphones on the market, offering a sleek and lightweight alternative to the bulkier models. In terms of the display, the iPhone 17 Air is expected to feature a 6.9-inch LTPO AMOLED screen, which will be



Another significant change for the iPhone 17 Air is the rumored shift to a titanium frame. While the iPhone 17 Pro models are expected to continue using stainless steel, and the standard models will feature an aluminum frame, the iPhone 17 Air is reportedly adopting a more premium titanium frame. This would provide enhanced durability and a more refined finish without adding much bulk to the device. The iPhone 17 Air is also expected to have a smaller battery compared to its larger counterparts. This is likely a result of the slim design, which requires compromises in battery capacity. Additionally, Apple is rumored to remove the physical SIM slot, further contributing to the device's slim profile and possibly paving the way for eSIM technology to become more widely adopted. Overall, the iPhone 17 Air is shaping up to be a highly anticipated device, combining a sleek, slim design with cutting-edge technology. While the smaller form factor and reduced camera count may not appeal to every user, the combination of premium materials, a stunning display, and Apple's signature design ethos make the iPhone 17 Air a noteworthy addition to the iPhone 17 lineup. With more details expected to emerge in the coming months, the iPhone 17 Air will surely be one of the most talked-about devices later this year.

0.2mm larger than the iPhone 16 Plus. One of the most exciting aspects of this display is the slim bezels that will accompany it, similar to those found on the iPhone 16 Pro Max. This would result in an immersive viewing experience, with more screen real estate in a compact form factor. The slim bezels are expected to contribute to a more modern and premium aesthetic, making the iPhone 17 Air visually striking while still being extremely thin. While the iPhone 17 Air will offer a sleek design, it will come with trade-offs in terms of camera capabilities. Unlike the more advanced iPhone 17 Pro and iPhone 17 Pro Max models, which are expected to feature a triple-camera setup, the iPhone 17 Air will reportedly be equipped with just a single rear camera. This decision is likely a result of the device's slim profile, prioritizing a thinner design over additional camera sensors.

Not Our Home Ground, But...

Rohit Sharma's Gratitude After India's Champions Trophy Triumph

India captain Rohit Sharma expressed heartfelt gratitude to fans after leading his team to a thrilling four-wicket victory over New Zealand in the final of the Champions Trophy 2025. Despite playing away from home, India found unwavering support in Dubai as they clinched their third title in the tournament's history.

Rohit played a pivotal role in India's chase of 252 runs, scoring a crucial 76 off 83 balls to set the foundation. Despite some tense moments towards the end, India held their nerve, reaching the target in 49 overs. KL Rahul's unbeaten 34 ensured the team crossed the finish line with six balls to spare.

Following the victory, Rohit acknowledged the immense support from fans, despite India's matches being held outside the country due to political tensions with hosts Pakistan.

"I want to appreciate everyone who came out and supported us. The crowd here has been magnificent. It is not our home ground, but they made it our home ground," Rohit said after the



match. "The number of people that came here to watch us play, to give them that win was satisfying."

Earlier in the match, India's spinners dominated the New Zealand batting lineup, restricting them to 251. The bowling attack's disciplined effort ensured the target remained within reach. With this win, India secured their third Champions Trophy title, surpassing Australia's tally of two.

India remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, cementing their status as the world's No. 1 ODI team. The victory adds to their previous Champions Trophy triumphs in 2002 and 2013, further solidifying their dominance in international cricket.

Exceptional Game, Exceptional Result

PM Modi Congratulates Team India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed Team India's remarkable victory in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025, calling it an "exceptional game" and an "exceptional result." India edged past New Zealand in a thrilling final, chasing down 252 with six balls to spare at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

Taking to X (formerly Twitter), PM Modi expressed his pride in the team's performance, stating:

"An exceptional game and an exceptional result! Proud of our cricket team for bringing home the ICC Champions Trophy. They've played wonderfully through the tournament. Congratulations to our team for the splendid all-around display."



Led by Rohit Sharma, India put up a commanding performance in the high-stakes match. The skipper's crucial 76 at the top provid-

ed the perfect foundation, while KL Rahul's composed unbeaten 34 ensured India's third Champions Trophy title.

From Body-Shaming to 'Hats Off Rohit'

Congress Leader Shama Mohamed Praises India Captain

Congress leader Shama Mohamed, who recently faced backlash for body-shaming Rohit Sharma and questioning his captaincy, has now praised the Indian skipper after the team's Champions Trophy 2025 triumph. India defeated New Zealand by four wickets in the final, successfully chasing 251 with an over to spare at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

Shama took to X (formerly Twitter) to acknowledge Rohit's leadership and performance, writing: "Congratulations to #TeamIndia for their stupendous performance in winning the #ChampionsTrophy2025! Hats off to Captain @



ImRo45 who led from the front with a brilliant 76, setting the tone for victory. @Shreyasiyer15 and @klrahul played crucial knocks, steering India to glory!" This praise comes after Shama previously criticized Rohit's fitness during the semi-final stage,

calling him "fat for a sports person." She had also labeled him "the most unimpressive captain" in another post, which she later deleted. Her comments had sparked widespread criticism from fans and cricket analysts. However, Rohit let his bat do the talking, delivering a match-winning 76 off 83 balls in the final. His aggressive start put India in control early, paving the way for their third Champions Trophy title.

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Punjab FC, Mohammedan SC Aim for Strong Finish in ISL 2024-25



Punjab FC will face Mohammedan SC in their final match of the ISL 2024-25 season at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan on Monday. Both teams, promoted to the top tier in the 2023-24 season, have had contrasting campaigns, with Punjab FC securing 27 points from 23 games and Mohammedan SC managing only 12 points. Punjab FC, coached by Panagiotis Dilmeris, started strong but faltered later in the season. In contrast, Mohammedan SC, under interim coach Mehrajuddin Wadoo, has learned valuable lessons from their debut season. Punjab FC will look

to secure a consecutive clean sheet against Mohammedan SC, having won the reverse fixture 2-0 and a 3-1 victory in their last away match against Hyderabad FC. Mohammedan SC has struggled at home, failing to score in six of their 11 home games and conceding multiple goals in recent matches. Punjab FC will exploit this weakness, aiming for a strong finish to the season.

Both teams will look to end their campaigns on a high note, with pride and momentum at stake.

Semi-finals Of 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025

The 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025 saw Hockey Jharkhand, Hockey Maharashtra, and Hockey Mizoram secure spots in the semi-finals with impressive quarter-final victories.

In the first quarter-final, Hockey Jharkhand defeated Hockey Madhya Pradesh 3-1, with captain Albelia Rani Toppo (4'), Rajni Kerketta (41'), and Pramodni Lakra (59') on the scoresheet. Karishma Yadav (55') scored the lone goal for Madhya Pradesh.

Hockey Maharashtra dominated their match against Hockey Karnataka, winning 5-0. Akansha Singh

(41', 54') scored twice, while Priyanka Wankhede (30'), Kajal Sadashiv Atpadkar (44'), and Yogita Bora (59') added a goal each to seal the win.

The third quarter-final saw Hockey Mizoram defeat Hockey Bengal 1-0 in a tightly contested match. Deepika (50') netted the only goal in the final quarter to give Mizoram the win.

Earlier, Telangana Hockey triumphed 5-2 against the Hockey Association of Bihar, with Komal Gurjar scoring a hat-trick. Hockey Bengal also secured a 2-1 victory over Hockey Madhya Pradesh, with Selestina Horo (59') scoring the match-winner.



Indian Army Dominates Day 1 of Khelo India Winter Games 2025 with 7 Medals



Defending champions Indian Army made a strong start to their Khelo India Winter Games 2025 campaign in Gulmarg, clinching four out of the 12 medals on offer on Sunday. The Army secured two golds, two silvers, and three bronzes. The Army dominated the Nordic skiing men's 10km event, winning all three medals, with Sunny Singh taking gold, Manjeet silver, and Raj Din bronze. In the Nordic skiing women's 5km event, Karnataka's Bhavani

Thekkada won gold. Rajeshwar Singh of the Indian Army bagged gold in the ski mountaineering men's sprint.

In alpine skiing men's slalom, Himachal Pradesh's Yogesh Kumar won gold, while in snowboarding, local favourites Mehrajuddin Khan and Zubair Ahmad Lone finished 1-2 in men's slalom.

With Day 1 results, UT of Ladakh leads the medal tally with four golds, while the Indian Army follows with three golds.



Chiranjeevi Gifts Young Heroine Shreeleela on Women's Day



On the occasion of Women's Day, Megastar Chiranjeevi surprised young heroine Shreeleela with a special gift. While shooting for Vishwam-bhar, Shreeleela met Chiranjeevi on set, where he warmly greeted her with a hug and shared his Women's Day wishes. As a token of appreciation, Chiranjeevi gifted Shreeleela a beautiful Durga Devi idol. Overwhelmed with joy, Shreeleela posed for a mega selfie with the legendary actor, expressing her happiness. The heartwarming moments were captured in photos that showcase the lovely gesture of Chiranjeevi towards the talented young actress. Fans can now enjoy these special moments through the shared pictures.



Guneet Monga Reflects on Anuja's Oscar Nomination and Disappointment

Producer Guneet Monga expressed gratitude for the recognition received by Anuja, a short film set in New Delhi, despite it not winning the Oscar in the Best Live Action Short Film category at the 2025 Academy Awards. The film, backed by Priyanka Chopra and Monga, was nominated alongside strong contenders like Alien, I'm Not a Robot, The Last Ranger, and A Man Who Would Not Remain Silent.

Although Anuja lost to the Dutch film I'm Not a Robot, Monga emphasized that simply being nominated was a huge achievement. "To be in the top five in the world is a big thing," she said. Monga, who has been nominated three times, including for The Elephant Whisperers and Period: End of Sentence, also shared her excitement about new opportunities for women producers.

Celebrity MasterChef Delivers Intense Drama and High-Stakes Competition

Sony Entertainment Television's Celebrity MasterChef continues to captivate viewers with its perfect blend of flavors, drama, and fierce competition. Hosted by Farah Khan, along with renowned chefs Vikas Khanna and Ranveer Brar, the show's culinary battlefield is heating up. Each challenge pushes contestants to their limits, testing their strategies, alliances, and resilience. The latest twist, the Phool Aur Kaante challenge, has added an unexpected layer of intensity, shaking things up in



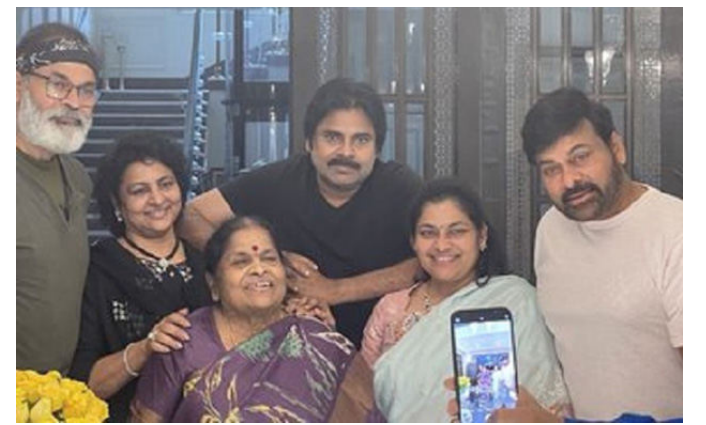
the competition. Contestant Rajiv Adatia reflected on the difficulty of the challenges, stating, "With so many talented chefs and celebs around, it just keeps getting harder. The Phool Aur Kaante challenge was no joke, but hope keeps us going." He emphasized the importance of creativity and perseverance, as contestants strive to prove they belong in the competition.

IIFA 2025: Kriti Sanon Wins Best Actress Award

At the grand IIFA Awards ceremony in Jaipur, Kriti Sanon bagged the Best Actress award for her role in Do Patti. The star-studded event, which began on Saturday, also saw the recognition of several other talents. Vikrant Massey won Best Actor for his performance in Sector 36, while Amar Singh Chankila was awarded Best Film. Kriti's remarkable achievement was celebrated, as she also received accolades for her exceptional performance on OTT plat-

forms. Other notable winners included Best Director Intiaz Ali for Amar Singh Chankila, Best Supporting Actor Deepak (Sector 36), and Best Web Series for Panchayat Season 3, which also earned Jitendra Kumar and Faizal Malik Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor awards respectively. The award ceremony continues over two days with various categories celebrating excellence in both films and digital content.

Chiranjeevi and Sisters Reflect on Mother's Lessons of Courage and Independence



In a heartfelt tribute to their mother, Anjanadevi, Megastar Chiranjeevi and his sisters, Vijayadurg and Madhavi, shared how she instilled in them valuable life lessons on courage and independence. On the occasion of International Women's Day, they recalled how their mother always encouraged them to stand on their own feet and face challenges without relying on others.

Vijayadurg mentioned how Anjanadevi taught them that true respect comes from facing adversity alone, without seeking help. Madhavi shared how her mother supported her during difficult times, offering unwavering reassurance. Chiranjeevi also reflected on how his daughter, Sreeja, found strength through his mother's advice during marital challenges. He emphasized the importance of following one's heart and living freely, regardless of external opinions. The siblings expressed immense gratitude for their mother's guidance in shaping their resilience and strength.

Shahid Kapoor Reacts to Reunion with Kareena Kapoor at IIFA Press Conference



Bollywood stars Shahid Kapoor and Kareena Kapoor Khan shared the stage at the press conference for the 25th edition of the International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) on Saturday. When asked about posing together at the event, Shahid casually responded, "It's nothing new, we keep running into each other here and there." He further added, "It's totally normal for us... If people felt nice, it's nice." Social media users quickly called it a reunion of their iconic "Jab We Met" characters, Aditya and Geet, after the two shared a warm hug and chatted at the event. The former couple, who dated in the early 2000s, have remained friendly over the years. Both are set to perform at the star-studded IIFA Awards, alongside Shah Rukh Khan.