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RG Kar Victim's Mother Seeks PM Modi's Intervention for Justice

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Her parents seek a meeting with PM Modi to appeal for justice.

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CBI's plea for the death penalty is pending in the Calcutta High Court.

TPN Correspondent | Kolkata
The mother of the 31-year-old junior doctor, who was raped and murdered at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, has sought a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to appeal for justice for her daughter. Speaking on International Women's Day, she also raised concerns over the safety of women in West Bengal. "I would like to meet the Prime Minister and request him to intervene in the matter. It has been seven months since my daughter was taken away from us, but where is justice? We do not even have her death certificate," she said. The tragic incident occurred on August 9 last year, sparking nationwide outrage. The victim was working as a junior doctor

at the state-run hospital when she was brutally assaulted and murdered. The case was initially handled by the Kolkata Police before the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) took over. The mother also questioned the security of women in workplaces. "If a woman doctor is unsafe in a hospital, then what about others? Where is the protection for women?" she asked. Reacting to her plea, BJP MLA Agnimitra Paul said, "There is a process to seek an appointment with the Prime Minister. I am sure he will listen to their appeal." Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader and state finance minister Chandrima Bhattacharya also responded, stating that

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Did Donald Trump face MASSIVE security breach?

Secret Service shoot armed man near White House

TPN Correspondent | Washington D.C.

A man was shot by the U.S. Secret Service outside the White House early Sunday after displaying a firearm. He was hospitalized, while former President Donald Trump was not at the location at the time of the incident.

According to the Secret Service, they were alerted by local authorities on Saturday about a suicidal person traveling from Indiana to Washington. The individual's vehicle was found a block away from the White House. As officers approached, the man brandished a firearm, prompting the Secret Service to open fire shortly after midnight. The suspect was immediately taken to a hospital, but his condition remains unknown. No Secret Service personnel were injured in the incident. Washington's Metropolitan Police is leading the investigation into the shooting. Previous White House Security Incidents



The White House has witnessed multiple security breaches over the years. In 2016, a man was shot after brandishing a handgun at a security checkpoint. In 2023, Indian immigrant Sai Varshith Kandula attempted to breach White House barriers using a rented truck. Former President Donald Trump himself survived an assassination attempt during his 2024 campaign in Butler, Pennsylvania, where he was wounded in the ear. A subsequent Secret Service review highlighted lapses in security coordination.

Holi is not just a festival of colors but a message of unity and brotherhood...

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta participated in the Holi Mangal Milan celebrations organized by the Religious Ramlila Committee at Lodhi Garden on Sunday. She highlighted the festival's significance as



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Pray For His Speedy Recovery

- PM Modi After Visiting Veep At AIIMS

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) this morning to inquire about the health of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, who was hospitalized late last night due to uneasiness and chest pain. Following his visit, the Prime Minister expressed his wishes for Mr. Dhankhar's speedy recovery. "Went to AIIMS and enquired about the health of Vice President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji. I pray for his good health and speedy recovery," PM Modi said in an online post. Union Health Minister JP Nadda also visited AIIMS earlier in the day to check on the Vice President's condition.



Mr. Dhankhar, 73, was admitted to the Critical Care Unit (CCU) at around 2 AM under the supervision of Dr. Rajiv Narang, Head of the Department of Cardiology. According to sources, he is currently stable and remains under observation by a team of doctors.

FPIs Pull Out ₹24,753 Crore from Equities in 1st Week of March

The total outflow in 2025 so far stands at ₹1.37 lakh crore.

Global trade tensions and weak corporate earnings drive sustained FPI selling.



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Foreign investors continue to exit the Indian equity market, pulling out ₹24,753 crore (approximately \$2.8 billion) in the first week of March. This follows heavy outflows of ₹34,574 crore in February and ₹78,027 crore in January, bringing the total outflow in 2025 to ₹1.37 lakh crore, according to depository data. This marks the 13th consecutive week of net outflows by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs). Since December 13, 2024, FPIs have offloaded equity shares worth \$17.1 billion, highlighting a prolonged sell-off trend. A mix of global and domestic factors is driving this massive FPI withdrawal. Market sentiment has been impacted by the escalation in global trade conflicts, including the US imposing higher tariffs on Mexico, Canada, and China. In response, retaliatory tariffs from several nations, including India, have further hurt investor confidence. Domestically, lacklustre corporate earnings have failed to meet investor expectations, reinforcing concerns about India's near-term growth potential. Himanshu Srivastava, Associate Director at Morningstar Investment, pointed out that weak earnings are prompting FPIs to adopt a cautious stance toward Indian equities.

A weaker rupee has reduced the attractiveness of Indian assets. Additionally, India's tax regime, with 12.5% tax on long-term capital gains and 20% tax on short-term gains, makes Indian equities less appealing compared to alternative markets with lower or zero tax environments.

FPI Investment in Debt Market

Despite the significant equity sell-off, FPIs invested ₹2,405 crore in the debt general limit, while withdrawing ₹377 crore from the debt voluntary retention route. The current ₹1.37 lakh crore outflow in 2025 starkly contrasts with the ₹1.71 lakh crore net inflows in 2023, which were fueled by optimism over India's strong economic fundamentals. In 2022, FPIs had withdrawn ₹1.21 lakh crore, mainly due to aggressive rate hikes by global central banks. With mounting uncertainties, investors are now shifting focus to domestic consumption-driven sectors like financials, telecom, hotels, and aviation, while reducing exposure to externally linked sectors. The decline in the US dollar index is also expected to influence fund flows, potentially impacting global investment patterns in the coming months.

Atishi slams BJP over Mahila Samridhi Yojana, calls it a 'jumla'

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly, Atishi, on Saturday criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP government over the Mahila Samridhi Yojana, calling it an empty promise. She alleged that despite Modi's guarantee of depositing ₹2,500 into the bank accounts of eligible women on March 8, no funds were credited, and the scheme itself remains non-existent.



"What did they get instead? A four-member committee. Is this what PM Modi had pledged? The gap between promise and reality couldn't be starker," Atishi said, slamming the BJP for failing to fulfill its commitment. On International Women's Day, the newly elected BJP government in Delhi cleared the Mahila Samridhi Yojana during a Cabinet meeting. To oversee its

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Mother taking leave for kids will be good for society: President Murmu on Women's Day

- calls for a supportive environment for women's independent choices
- Highlights mothers' societal contributions, urges structural changes
- Advocates gender equality for national progress
- Stresses collective responsibility to empower women

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

President Droupadi Murmu emphasized the importance of increased female participation in India's workforce, stating that society must create a conducive environment for women to make independent decisions about their lives, free from pressure or fear. Speaking at the National Conference on 'Nari Shakti Se Viksit Bharat' organized by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to mark International Women's Day, Murmu underscored the crucial role women play in the progress of society.

She highlighted the significant contributions of mothers, particularly when they take leave to care for their children, not-



ing that this decision benefits society as a whole. "If a mother takes leave to take care of her children, it is for the greater good of society," Murmu said. She emphasized that empowering women and encouraging their involvement in the workforce is a key step toward creating a more prosperous and inclusive nation.

The President further stressed the need for structural changes that ensure women are supported in every aspect of their lives. She called for initiatives that not only encourage women's participation in economic activities but also ensure they can work

without facing discrimination or societal pressures. She urged the government, institutions, and communities to create spaces where women are respected, heard, and given opportunities to thrive.

Murmu's message on International Women's Day echoed the call for gender equality and empowerment, reinforcing the idea that women's growth is integral to the country's development. She called for collective efforts to build a society where women are provided with equal opportunities to succeed, make decisions independently, and contribute to the nation's progress.

People Of Pak-Occupied Kashmir Will Push For Joining India': Rajnath Singh

TPN Correspondent | Bhubaneswar

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently expressed strong views on various political issues, including the future of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), the proposed delimitation exercise, and the importance of maintaining healthy relations with neighboring countries like Bangladesh.



Regarding PoK, Singh firmly stated that it was, is, and will remain a part of India. He predicted that the region's eventual integration into India was inevitable, citing the economic growth of India and the increasing global stature of the country. According to Singh, the people of PoK, who are increasingly aware of their developmental prospects in India, may push for assimilation without Pakistan's consent. He emphasized that while Pakistan would not voluntarily relinquish PoK, the pressure from the region's people could force its integration into India.

On the issue of delimitation, Singh addressed concerns raised by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, who feared that the exercise could result in an increase in the number of seats in North India. Singh reassured that delimitation would benefit all states, including Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala, leading to an increase in their representation as well. He encouraged Stalin to raise any concerns in the appropriate forums but stated that the process was vital for fair representation.

In terms of India's relationship with Ban-

gladesh, Singh reiterated the importance of maintaining good relations with neighboring countries. He referred to the wisdom of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who said, "We can change friends but not our neighbors," underscoring India's commitment to fostering peace and cooperation with Bangladesh.

Singh also expressed strong support for the One Nation, One Election (ONOE) initiative, calling it long overdue. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for introducing the bill and highlighted the potential savings in time, money, and governance efficiency by conducting elections simultaneously at various levels.

Finally, Singh appreciated the Delhi government's Mahila Samridhi Yojana, which offers financial assistance to poor women, emphasizing that the BJP remains the only party in India committed to delivering on its promises.

Sign of bigger things to come: Jaishankar on new consulate in Manchester

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar inaugurated the new Consulate General of India in Manchester on Saturday, emphasizing its significance in strengthening ties with the growing Indian diaspora in the region. Jaishankar highlighted that the new consulate represents both the expanding presence of India in the UK and the potential for further collaboration, particularly in light of ongoing discussions for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and the UK.

Speaking at the event, Jaishankar noted that the growing Indian community in the region was central to the development of bilateral relations between the two nations. He emphasized that the consulate's opening marks an important milestone in the broader strategic partnership, adding that it would serve as a hub for promoting India's interests in the region and facilitating closer ties between the two countries.

In a nod to progress in gender equality, Jaishankar also pointed out that

Vishakha Yaduvanshi's appointment as India's new Consul General was particularly fitting, as it coincided with International Women's Day. The appointment is seen as a reflection of the Indian government's commitment to putting women's issues at the forefront of policy. Jaishankar praised the government's efforts to empower women and promote their role in leadership positions.

The inauguration of the new consulate comes at a time when India and the UK are strengthening their



economic and cultural ties, with the prospect of the India-UK FTA offering a significant opportunity for both countries to expand trade, investment, and people-to-people exchanges. Jaishankar's remarks underscored the im-

portance of this growing relationship, noting that the new consulate would play an essential role in supporting Indian nationals in the region and enhancing diplomatic relations.

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"any citizen has the right to seek a meeting with the Prime Minister." However, she defended the state government's role, asserting, "It was our leader Mamata Banerjee who ensured the swift arrest of the accused. Even the investigating agency could not contradict our findings." A sessions court in Kolkata sentenced the accused, Sanjay Roy, a Kolkata Police civic volunteer, to

life imprisonment till death on January 20. Both the CBI and the West Bengal government have filed appeals before the Calcutta High Court, seeking capital punishment for Roy. On February 7, the High Court refused to admit the state government's appeal while accepting a similar plea from the CBI. The case is currently under judicial review.

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a symbol of mutual love, harmony, and social unity. "Holi is not just a festival of colors but a message of unity and brotherhood. Let us celebrate happiness together and continue this series of love," CM Rekha Gupta said, as she joined the festivities, experiencing the vibrant cultural spirit of the occasion.

Later in the day, the Chief Minister visited Bhanwar Singh Camp in Vasant Vihar, where she interacted with women and discussed various community issues. Deputy Chief Minister Parvesh Verma and Delhi BJP Chief Virendra Sachdeva were also present during the interaction.

Atishi slams BJP over Mahila Samridhi Yojana, calls it a 'jumla'

implementation, a committee led by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has been formed, with senior ministers Ashish Sood, Parvesh Verma, and Kapil Mishra as members. CM Gupta stated that a web portal would soon be launched for

registrations under the scheme. However, Atishi and the AAP leadership have accused the BJP of misleading women and failing to provide immediate financial relief as promised.

Delhi identifies 7,000 'end-of-life' vehicles in NCR, asks govts to act

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The Delhi government has successfully identified around 7,000 End of Life Vehicles (ELVs) in the past six months as part of its ongoing initiative to reduce pollution and improve road safety, officials said on Saturday.

In Delhi-NCR, vehicles are categorized as ELVs if they are petrol-powered and older than 15 years or diesel-powered and older than 10 years. As part of this drive, authorities have been monitoring and collecting data on older vehicles across the region.

The transport department initiated a pilot project across various areas, with a notable success rate. Officials revealed that around 25 lakh exclusive vehicle number plates were recorded during this test, with approximately 7,000 of them identified as ELVs.

To ensure efficient enforcement, a system has been put in place whereby fuel station staff are alerted in real-time about ELVs

through audio messages. "This system will ensure that fuel stations are immediately aware of such vehicles and can prevent them from refueling," a transport department official explained.

In a major move to curb the use of ELVs, Delhi's Environment Minister Manjinder Sirsa announced that fuel stations in the capital will be prohibited from providing fuel to these vehicles after March 31. The government has been installing cameras at fuel stations to help identify such vehicles, and the installation process is nearing completion.

This crackdown on ELVs is part of the Delhi government's broader strategy to improve air quality and reduce the environmental impact of older, more polluting vehicles in the region. The new measures, including the identification and restriction of fuel sales to ELVs, aim to contribute to the government's long-term goal of creating a cleaner, healthier environment for Delhi's residents.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar Hospitalised Late Last Night, Stable Now



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi early Sunday morning after experiencing chest pain and uneasiness, sources confirmed. The 73-year-old leader was rushed to the hospital around 2 AM for immediate medical attention.

Upon arrival, Vice President Dhankhar was placed under the care of the Critical Care Unit (CCU), with Dr. Rajiv Narang, the Head of the Department of Cardiology at AIIMS, overseeing his treatment. According to sources, his condition is stable, and he remains under observation by a dedicated medical team that is closely monitoring his health.

Union Health Minister J P

Nadda also visited AIIMS to inquire about the Vice President's condition. The visit was part of the ongoing support and attention being provided to Dhankhar during this health concern.

Doctors at AIIMS have assured that the Vice President is receiving the best possible care, and his condition remains under regular assessment. Though specific details about the underlying cause of his discomfort have not been disclosed, sources have emphasized that his condition is stable at present.

As a prominent figure, Vice President Dhankhar's hospitalization has garnered attention, and officials are closely monitoring the situation. The incident has raised concerns, with many expressing their well wishes for his swift recovery.

Digvijaya Singh Reflects on Gujarat Campaign, Criticizes RSS for Misleading Hindus



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Congress leader Digvijaya Singh on Sunday recalled being instructed not to criticize the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) during his campaign in Gujarat, out of fear that speaking against the organization might "anger Hindus." His comments came a day after Rahul Gandhi made a strong statement addressing the issues within the Gujarat Congress, calling for the removal of leaders and workers allegedly aiding the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

During his address to Congress workers in Ahmedabad on Saturday, Gandhi had emphasized the need to distinguish between two groups of Congress members: those who are committed to the party's ideology and the public, and

those who, according to him, have disconnected from the public and are aligning themselves with the BJP. Gandhi had warned of strict action, including removals, against those involved with the BJP.

In a social media post on Sunday, Digvijaya Singh applauded Rahul Gandhi's firm stance, sharing his own experience during his campaign in Gujarat. Singh recalled being told not to speak against the RSS during his visits to avoid upsetting Hindu voters. He added, "I remember when I went to Gujarat to campaign as the Chief Minister of MP, I was instructed not to speak against the RSS. Hindus will get angry."

Singh, a former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and current Rajya Sabha MP, went on to criticize the RSS-led Sangh

Parivar for misleading and exploiting Hindus under the guise of religion. He pointed out that the RSS does not represent the true essence of Hinduism, which, according to Singh, has been upheld by religious leaders like the Shankaracharyas for thousands of years. He further asked, "Which Shankaracharya among them is a supporter of the BJP or RSS today?" Singh described the BJP as a group of "exploitative elements" with the singular goal of gaining power by manipulating religion and looting the people.

The former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister's remarks reflect growing tension between Congress leaders and the BJP's ideological allies, with an increasing focus on the BJP's manipulation of religion for political gain.

BJP's Main Goal is to Serve People, Not Gain Power: J.P. Nadda in Tripura

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

2024 Lok Sabha elections.

At a public rally in Agartala on Sunday, March 9, 2025, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) national president and Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda emphasized that the primary goal of the BJP is to "serve the people, not just gain power." Nadda highlighted the party's dedication to the welfare of citizens, which he said has resulted in the BJP's repeated return to power with the support of the people.

The rally was organized to commemorate the completion of the second year of the BJP-led government in Tripura. During his speech, Nadda recounted the BJP's accomplishments in the state and thanked the electorate for their support in electing BJP candidates during the 2019 and

Nadda asserted that the BJP's focus on marginalized communities would continue to ensure its success. He also criticized the opposition for not contributing to public welfare. Citing positive changes in Tripura under the BJP government, Nadda noted a 20% decrease in crime rates and significant improvements in governance through digitization. He contrasted the BJP's efforts with the alleged violence and corruption under the previous Left government in the state.

As part of the party's focus on the welfare of women and children, Nadda also announced two new state-level schemes for Tripura. The 'Mukhyamantri Balika Samridhi Yojana' will provide bonds to support

girls born in Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, while the 'Chief Minister Kanya Atmanirbhar Yojana' will offer free scooters to top-performing female students.

Chief Minister Manik Saha joined Nadda in celebrating the achievements of the BJP-led government, emphasizing that the people of Tripura had moved away from the "oppressive culture" of the previous Left government. He criticized past administrations for fostering deprivation and promised that the BJP would continue its transparent work for the public good.

The rally was also attended by former Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb, state BJP president Rajib Bhattacharjee, Rajya Sabha MP, and other senior party leaders.



Mamata Banerjee showing remarkable restraint over Jadavpur University protests: TMC MP



TPN Correspondent | Kolkata

TMC MP Saayoni Ghosh, representing the Jadavpur constituency, voiced serious concerns over the deteriorating situation on the Jadavpur University (JU) campus, warning that the institution's reputation could suffer irreparably if the current unrest continues.

In a statement to reporters on Saturday,

Ghosh emphasized that the ongoing disruptions by Left-wing student groups were damaging the campus's once-sterling reputation for academic excellence and liberal values. She stated, "If the situation on the campus continues as it is, the reputation of the varsity will slide to a point of no return."

Ghosh also lauded West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for her measured response to the unrest. She praised Banerjee's "remarkable patience and restraint" despite the provocations from certain student factions. The MP pointed out that while tensions had escalated on campus, the CM's restraint had kept the police from entering the university grounds, even following an attack on a minister.

"Due to the patience shown by the CM, police are not entering the campus despite the attack on the minister," Ghosh said, acknowledging the delicate balance the state government is trying to maintain. She also emphasized the importance of Jadavpur University, which has long been known for its commitment to liberal values and high academic standards.

Ghosh's comments reflect her growing concerns over the challenges the university is facing in maintaining its academic integrity and peaceful environment. As tensions rise, the MP's remarks suggest that the university's future reputation may depend on how quickly the current unrest is addressed and brought under control.

Congress Condemns Vandalization of Hindu Temple in California, Calls for Action

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The Congress party on Sunday, March 9, 2025, strongly condemned the vandalism of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Chino Hills, California. In a statement, Congress's media and publicity department head, Pawan Khera, called the act "utterly unacceptable," stressing that such displays of hatred and intolerance had no place in a civilized society.

The BAPS temple, which is part of the Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) organization, was defaced with anti-India graffiti by unknown individuals. This attack follows a disturbing pattern of similar incidents targeting Hindu religious spaces in the United States.

The Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Chino Hills, located in San Bernardino County, was reportedly desecrated, sending shockwaves through the local Hindu community. Reacting to the incident, Khera stated on social media, "The Indian National Congress condemns in the strongest possible terms the vandalism of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Chino Hills, California."

He further added, "Such acts of hatred and intolerance are utterly unacceptable and have no place in any civilized society."



Khera highlighted that the Congress party, over generations, has championed the principle of 'Sarva Dharma Sambhav' (equal respect for all religions), a vision deeply rooted in Mahatma Gandhi's teachings. He also called for immediate action to bring the perpetrators of the vandalism to justice.

In a statement shared on social media, BAPS Public Affairs echoed similar sentiments, expressing the Hindu community's unwavering resolve in the face of such hostility. "In the face of another Mandir desecration, this time in Chino Hills, CA, the Hindu community stands steadfast against hate," the statement read. It also emphasized that the community in Chino Hills and Southern California would stand united to ensure that hate does not take root.

The statement concluded, "Our common humanity and faith will ensure that peace and compassion prevail," reinforcing the community's commitment to overcoming hatred with love and unity.

Yogi Adityanath Clarifies His Political Future: "I Am Not an Heir"

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath recently addressed speculation about his political future, asserting that he does not view himself as a successor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Speaking at the India Today Conclave on Saturday, Adityanath emphasized his role as a "yogi dedicated to public service" and his primary responsibility to serve the people of Uttar Pradesh.

When asked about his future within the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and whether he sees himself as the next in line to lead the country, Adityanath firmly denied the notion. He stated, "I am not an heir to anyone. I want to work as a yogi

As a servant of Bharat Mata, I have been given the responsibility of the people of Uttar Pradesh, and I am fulfilling my duty in that capacity." His comments reflect his focus on his current role as the Chief Minister and his dedication to the welfare of the people of Uttar Pradesh.

Adityanath also expressed his preference for returning to Gorakhpur, the seat of the Gorakhnath Math, over pursuing a potential move to Delhi. He said that, should the opportunity arise, he would rather return to his roots in Gorakhpur, underlining his commitment to the region that has played a significant role in his life and career.

The Chief Minister's comments are a



clear message that, despite the growing speculation around his political future, his priorities remain firmly rooted in his service to the people of Uttar Pradesh. By distancing himself from any notion of political succession, Adityanath reinforces his focus on governance and his ongoing commitment to the development of the state he leads.

Marginalised to be empowered by budget: Delhi Minister



- Minister Ravinder Singh consults experts for policy recommendations
- Focus areas include employment, pensions, and economic empowerment
- Proposals shared with CM Rekha Gupta for finalization

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Minister of Social Welfare Ravinder Indraj Singh announced on Saturday that the upcoming Delhi Budget for 2025 will be formulated with input from intellectuals and experts, aiming to uplift the poor and marginalized sections of society.

Singh made the announcement during a meeting with professors from Delhi University, social welfare institutions, and representatives from both government and non-government organizations that work for the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). The meeting, held at the Delhi Secretariat, was convened to gather suggestions for the budget, which will focus on social welfare and empowerment initiatives.

"The suggestions we are receiving are being shared with Chief Minister Rekha Gupta. Key topics discussed include the improvement of social welfare schemes,

employment generation, pension schemes, cooperative schemes, and economic empowerment for the Scheduled Castes, Tribes, and women," Singh said.

The minister emphasized that the long-term goal for a developed Delhi can only be realized by making economically disadvantaged and marginalized groups self-reliant. He added that the upcoming budget would be designed to benefit the people, incorporating these valuable suggestions to create meaningful and effective policy measures.

By focusing on policies that foster economic empowerment, the budget will aim to provide better opportunities for those who have been historically underrepresented, including women, SCs, and STs. Singh expressed his confidence that with targeted initiatives in the budget, the government would take a significant step toward improving the livelihoods and welfare of the most vulnerable in the capital.

Soon, hot-air balloon rides may come to Delhi

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is planning to launch hot-air balloon rides in a bid to enhance tourism and provide a unique experience of Delhi from the skies. The DDA has invited interested agencies to apply for the opportunity to arrange these rides, with a special focus on the Yamuna floodplains.

As part of the initiative, the DDA has proposed locations like Baansera and Asita parks along the Yamuna riverfront for the rides. Additional sites may be added depending on demand. The rides will be tethered, meaning the hot-air balloons will be anchored with ropes to ensure safety while providing visitors a scenic view of the city.

"This initiative aims to introduce a sustainable and innovative tourism activity, offering visitors a memorable and safe recreational experience while enhancing the appeal of these parks as prime urban recreational destinations," a statement from the DDA read.



To manage this activity, the DDA is seeking experienced agencies that specialize in aviation-based recreational activities or aviation sports. Preference will be given to agencies with a solid track record in safety, certification, and compliance with aviation standards. Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena will finalize the agency and locations.

Interested agencies have been asked to submit their applications by March 10, with the expectation that they hold valid licenses and certifications for hot-air balloon operations. This new venture is seen as a way to increase tourism, generate revenue, and offer Delhiites and tourists an opportunity to experience the city from a fresh and exciting perspective.

Delhi's Air Quality Improves to Moderate Zone with Rise in Wind Speeds



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Delhi's air quality improved on Saturday, moving back into the "moderate" zone after a drop into the "poor" category on Friday. The improvement was attributed to a sudden increase in wind speeds, which helped disperse pollutants that had accumulated over the previous days.

On Friday, Delhi's air quality index (AQI) had worsened to 202, falling into the "poor" category due to a decrease in wind speeds. This marked the first time in seven days that the air quality had deteriorated. However, by Saturday, the winds picked up again, reaching speeds of 10-15 kmph, with occasional gusts of 20 kmph, providing much-needed ventilation to the city's atmosphere. As a result, the AQI improved to 158, moving

the air quality back into the "moderate" zone.

Mahesh Palawat, vice president at Sky-met, explained that the wind speed on Saturday was sufficient to aid in the dispersal of pollutants, thereby improving the air quality. This is a significant relief for the residents of Delhi, who had been dealing with poor air quality in recent days.

In addition to the improvement in air quality, the city experienced a noticeable rise in temperatures. The minimum temperature on Saturday was recorded at 13.4°C, which was 3.2°C higher than Friday's minimum of 10.2°C. However, this temperature was still slightly below the normal range for this time of year, with a difference of 0.6°C.

As the winds continue to blow through the region, residents are hoping for further improvements in air quality. Despite the improvement, authorities continue to monitor the situation closely, as Delhi's pollution levels fluctuate depending on weather conditions.

Hit-And-Run Ended Delhi Teen's Inspiring Journey, How Cops Cracked Case



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Nineteen-year-old Rishal Singh, a dedicated Delhi University student, was working tirelessly to build a better future for himself and his family. Every morning, he distributed newspapers to fund his education and support his family. However, his inspiring journey came to a tragic end when a car, driven recklessly, struck his bicycle during his morning route in northwest Delhi's Rohini area. The driver did not stop to help, and Rishal succumbed to his injuries shortly after being rushed to the hospital.

A week after the heart-wrenching incident, the Delhi Police successfully solved the blind hit-and-run case. They tracked down the car and its occupants just before they could destroy critical evidence. Pankaj Gupta (40) and his nephew Saurabh Gupta (26) were arrested for their involvement in the accident.

The accident occurred on March 1 at approximately 6 a.m. when Pankaj and Saurabh, returning from a temple in Kashmiri Gate, were speeding through Ro-

hini's KN Katju Marg. Saurabh was driving the blue Hyundai Venue, which collided with Rishal's bicycle, throwing him onto the car's windscreen. The force of the crash caused Rishal to be dragged under the vehicle before the car sped away, leaving him dead on the spot.

The police launched an extensive investigation, reviewing footage from over 150 CCTV cameras. After piecing together the evidence, they traced the vehicle to a garage in Haryana's Panipat. The windscreen and bonnet of the car were damaged, and the accused attempted to repair the vehicle to cover up the crime. Before they could complete the repairs, the police intervened and seized the car.

Rishal, a resident of Budh Vihar, supported his family, which includes his father, a laborer, and four siblings. Despite the hardships, Rishal was determined to continue his studies at Delhi University's School of Open Learning. His tragic death not only extinguished his dreams but also shattered his family's hopes for a better future. The family now seeks justice for their beloved son and brother.

Delhi Police Unravels International Mobile Theft Syndicate, Arrests Accused

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The Delhi Police has successfully dismantled an international mobile theft syndicate with the arrest of a man who was attempting to flee with 48 high-end stolen mobile phones intended for resale in Bangladesh. The arrested individual, identified as Abdush (24), was apprehended while attempting to transport the stolen devices, valued at approximately Rs 20 lakh, to West Bengal, police officials reported on Sunday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime), Aditya Gautam, revealed that organized gangs have been targeting commuters across Delhi-NCR, particularly at metro stations, buses, and crowded marketplaces. These gangs would quickly smuggle the stolen phones out of Delhi, making it difficult for law enforcement to track them down, he added.

Abdush, who was arrested on a tip-off, had purchased the stolen mobile phones for Rs 2,000-3,000 each. He was planning to transport the

phones to West Bengal, where they were to be modified and then sold in Bangladesh for Rs 8,000-10,000 each, the police stated. Abdush was apprehended near Salimgarh Bypass with a consignment of 48 high-end mobile phones.

During questioning, Abdush admitted to smuggling over 800 stolen phones in the last 18 months. Initially involved in scrap trading, Abdush was lured into the illegal mobile theft business by operators Sameer and Salim, who connected him to the larger network. The police's Cyber Cell is currently working to track down Abdush's associates and dismantle the entire syndicate operating across Delhi, West Bengal, and Bangladesh.

Further investigations are ongoing to determine the smuggling routes and uncover additional members of the international network. The police are also looking into the methods used by the syndicate to evade detection and apprehension over an extended period.



Appeal For Justice: RG Kar Victim's Mother Seeks To Meet PM Modi



- Questions women's safety in workplaces, demands accountability
- Convicted civic volunteer sentenced to life imprisonment
- State and CBI appeal for the death penalty; High Court rejects state's plea

TPN Correspondent | Kolkata

The mother of a 31-year-old junior doctor from RG Kar Hospital in Kolkata, who was brutally raped and murdered on August 9, 2024, is now calling for justice and requesting to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Speaking on International Women's Day, the grieving mother raised concerns about the safety and security of women in West Bengal and particularly questioned the safety of female professionals in workplaces.

"My daughter had big dreams. We never thought she would face such a tragic end. It's been seven months since she was taken from us, yet where

is the justice? We still haven't received her death certificate," the mother stated in her emotional appeal. She added, "If a woman doctor isn't safe at her workplace, where is the security?"

The horrific murder of the young doctor at the state-run hospital sent shockwaves throughout the nation and sparked widespread outrage. The case has highlighted growing concerns about the safety of women, especially in professional settings.

The family continues to fight for justice, and the mother has expressed her desire to meet the Prime Minister directly to appeal for intervention in the

case. "I would like to meet the PM and ask him to intervene in the matter and help us seek justice for our daughter," she said.

In response to her appeal, BJP MLA Agnimitra Paul said, "There is a process to seek an appointment with the Prime Minister. I am sure that Prime Minister Modi will give them time and listen to their request for justice." Trinamool Congress leader and state finance minister Chandrima Bhat-tacharya added that anyone in the country has the right to seek an appointment with the Prime Minister, but emphasized that it was Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who took the first steps in securing the arrest of the perpetrator. Bhat-tacharya also defended the investigation, asserting that the findings were valid.

On January 20, 2025, the sessions court sentenced Sanjay Roy, the convicted civic volunteer from Kolkata Police, to life imprisonment for the rape and murder. Both the state government and the CBI have filed appeals for a death sentence. On February 7, 2025, the Calcutta High Court rejected the state's plea for capital punishment, while accepting the CBI's.

The family remains determined to ensure justice is served and hopes that their plea to meet Prime Minister Modi will draw more attention to the case.

Protester killed as clashes erupt with security forces in Manipur



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One person was killed and at least 40 others, including women, were injured in violent clashes between protesters and security forces in Manipur on Saturday. The unrest followed the Centre's directive to open roads and highways in the state, which had been blocked by various groups in protest against the government's move.

The protests were primarily led by Kuki groups, who have been demanding a separate Union Territory (UT) for tribal-majority areas in the state. These groups began blocking roads in Kangpokpi and Sen-

apati districts on the morning of March 8, marking the first day of the Centre's initiative to restore free movement in the state. The police and security forces responded by firing multiple rounds of teargas shells and using lathicharge to disperse the crowds.

As protesters blocked state transport buses and raised slogans, violence escalated, with a bullet injury reported at Keithenmanbi village in Senapati district, where one person was killed during a skirmish with security personnel. Tensions also increased in Kangpokpi as protesters continued blocking the National Highway-2 route, which disrupted essential

transportation.

In response to the clashes, the Kuki-Zo Council, the apex body of tribal communities in the region, announced an indefinite shutdown in all tribal-dominated areas, demanding the formation of a separate Union Territory. The Centre has, however, firmly stated that such demands are non-negotiable.

The unrest was sparked by the resumption of inter-district bus services in Manipur, which had been suspended for two years due to ethnic violence. The resumption marked the first attempt to restart public transport services since the violence broke out. The situation was further exacerbated when a mob pelted a state transport bus with stones in Kangpokpi district.

Meanwhile, a Meitei peace march was halted in Imphal West district, as it coincided with the Centre's initiative to restore free movement. Security forces were deployed to maintain control and prevent further disruptions.

Hizbul Mujahideen Terrorist, On The Run Since 2008, Arrested By UP Police



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A terrorist belonging to the Hizbul Mujahideen group, identified as Ulfat Husain, was arrested after 17 years by a joint operation conducted by the Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) in Saharanpur and Kathgarh Police. The operation took place in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir. Husain, who had been previously arrested in 2002, was presented in court following his capture.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Ranvijay Singh revealed that Husain was initially arrested in 2002 along with four other individuals. A significant amount of explosives, detonators, and firearms were recovered from him at the time. However, Husain was released on remand in 2008. Despite the issuance of several summons and warrants against him, he failed to appear in court. Authorities placed a reward of Rs 25,000 for information lead-

ing to his arrest, and a permanent warrant was issued against him, valid for the next 50 years.

The police and ATS had been working on tracing Husain's whereabouts for years, and based on intelligence received, they were able to capture him in Poonch. The investigation is ongoing as officials work to gather further information on his activities and connections.

In a related development, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) attached the property of Hizbul Mujahideen operatives involved in the 2022 targeted killing of Adoora-Kulgam Sarpanch Nasir Rashid Bhat. The property, a residential house located in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district, was seized under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1947. The NIA's action is part of efforts to curb the group's influence and prevent acts of terror in the region.

Ganga's water quality deemed safe for bathing at Maha Kumbh: CPCB report

TPN Correspondent | UP

A report by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), submitted to the National Green Tribunal (NGT), has confirmed that the water quality of the Ganga during the recently concluded Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj was deemed fit for bathing. The report, uploaded on the NGT's website on March 7, analyzed water quality data collected during the event and concluded that the river met the Primary Water Quality Criteria for bathing on the auspicious days of the Maha Kumbh 2025.

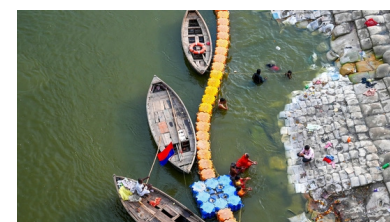
The CPCB conducted water monitoring twice a week starting from January 12, including on key bathing days, at five locations along the Ganga and two locations on the Yamu-

na. This extensive monitoring helped assess water quality at different points in the rivers during the mega event. The report highlighted that, based on statistical analysis, the water quality at these sites was suitable for bathing.

However, the CPCB report also noted significant "variability in data" across different days and locations. Water samples collected from the same locations on different dates and even from different locations on the same day showed vary-

ing results. Several factors, including the influence of sewage drains, tributary inflows, and fluctuating weather conditions, were cited as reasons for this variability.

Despite these variations, the report concluded that the water quality on the main bathing days met the required standards for safety and hygiene. The findings provide reassurance to the millions of devotees who participated in the Maha Kumbh, underlining the importance of ongoing water quality monitoring during large-scale religious events. The report also serves as a reminder of the challenges faced in maintaining consistent water quality, especially in areas where multiple environmental factors come into play.



Olive Ridley Turtles Return to Odisha's Eakakulanasi Island After 33 Years



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Endangered Olive Ridley turtles have returned to Eakakulanasi Island in the Gahirmatha marine sanctuary, Odisha, for mass nesting after an absence of 33 years. This rare and exciting development was hailed as an "exceedingly positive" sign for the turtle protection efforts being carried out by the Odisha Forest Department.

Assistant Conservator of Forests Manas Das shared that the island had previously experienced sea erosion, which caused the beach to shorten.

However, since 2020, the beach has been naturally accreting, or growing, making it a more suitable environment for the turtles to nest.

The last recorded mass nesting on the island occurred in 1992, when around 300,000 turtles laid their eggs there. This year, the beach hosted approximately 170,000 turtles in just two days. The change in the beach's profile, which has extended from 4 kilometers to 8 kilometers due to natural sediment accumulation, has contributed significantly to this positive shift.

The resurgence of nesting on Eakakulanasi Island adds to the list of vital nesting sites for the Olive Ridley turtles, alongside Nasi-2 beach. In total, over 263,000 turtles have already emerged on Nasi-2 beach to dig nests and lay eggs.

Every year, Olive Ridley turtles gather in the millions for mass nesting along Odisha's coast. The Gahirmatha beach in Kendrapara district is renowned as the world's largest-known nesting ground for these turtles. In addition to Gahirmatha, turtles also return to the Rushikulya river mouth and the Devi river mouth to lay eggs.

After laying their eggs, the turtles leave the beach, and hatchlings emerge 45-50 days later. This incredible natural phenomenon sees the baby turtles grow without any maternal care, as they make their way into the sea waters independently. The return of the turtles to Eakakulanasi Island marks a significant victory for conservation efforts in Odisha.

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.

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.



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.



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.



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.



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

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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

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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

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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



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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

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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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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. Mazdock 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.



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.

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



Rites



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

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 solar 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.

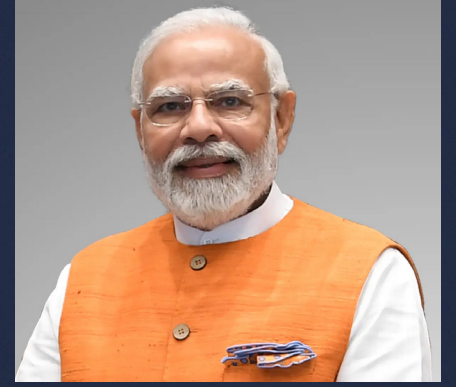
Exceptional Game, Exceptional Result

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.

India remained unbeaten in the tournament, further cementing their dominance as the world's top-ranked ODI team.



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



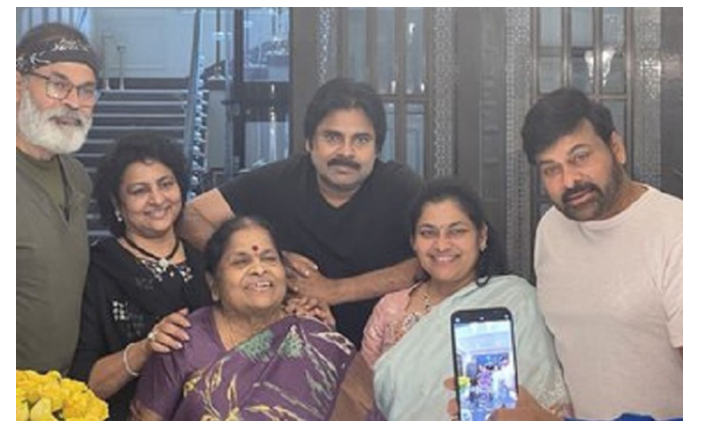
the competition. Contestant Rajiv Adatia reflected on the difficulty of the challenges, stating, "With so many talented chefs and celebs around, it just keeps getting harder. The Phool Aur Kaante challenge was no joke, but hope keeps us going." He emphasized the importance of creativity and perseverance,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