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Father and Son have Nothing but Arrogance



- CM Revanth Reddy accuses KCR of mismanaging Telangana's finances.
- Calls for transparency on debts, says CAG report will expose failures.
- Criticizes BJP's neglect of Telangana, challenges Kishan Reddy for a debate.
- Vows to visit Delhi not just 39 times but 99 times if needed.

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy launched a fierce attack on BRS leaders KCR and KTR, accusing them of arrogance and misgovernance. He alleged that KCR had done nothing in the last ten years except accumulate debt and present manipulated financial figures. Speaking to the media, he stated, "I defeated KCR. What strength do KCR and KTR have except arrogance?" He also claimed that his government was allowing more time for the opposition to

speaking in the Assembly than the ruling party.

Taking aim at KTR, Revanth Reddy said, "Who is KTR? Where did he come from? He is only speaking out of frustration because he lost power." He added that criminals never fear cases, which is why KTR claims he is not afraid. He further accused KCR, KTR, and Harish Rao of failing the people, stating that CAG reports will soon reveal the financial mismanagement under the previous government.

Revanth Reddy also slammed BJP's neglect of Tel-

angana, questioning why the state was not treated on par with Gujarat. He accused Union Minister Kishan Reddy of failing to secure central funds for Telangana, challenging him to a public debate.

"If Kishan Reddy brings funds, I will honor him with a Gandapinderam (traditional turban)," he remarked. He also criticized BJP leaders Etala Rajender and K Laxman for obstructing land acquisition for projects.

The Telangana CM reiterated his commitment to fighting

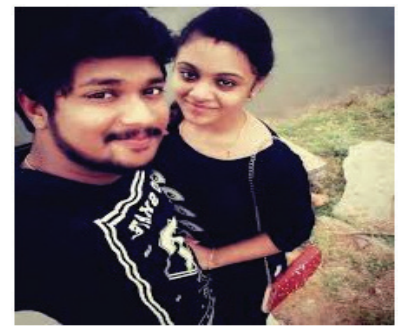
for the state's interests, asserting that he would go to Delhi not just 39 times but 99 times if needed. He emphasized that every visit would be to bring benefits to Telangana and that his recent Delhi trips had already resolved key issues.

On caste representation, Revanth Reddy claimed that all parties were now giving tickets to BC candidates due to the impact of caste enumeration. He also took a dig at Harish Rao, alleging that he lost the Graduate MLC elections due to electoral fraud.



Nalgonda honour killing case

- Death sentence for one, life imprisonment for seven.
- Court delivers final verdict in Pranay murder case.
- A2 Subhash Sharma sentenced to death.
- A1 Maruthi Rao, Amrutha's father, died by suicide in 2020.



TPN Correspondent | Nalgonda

The Nalgonda Special Court on Monday delivered its final verdict in the 2018 honour kill-

ing case of Perumalla Pranay Kumar, sentencing one accused to death and seven others to life imprisonment.

Pranay was >> PAGE 2



MLC candidates file nominations in Telangana

Congress fields Vijayashanti, Addanki Dayakar, and Shankar Nayak.

CPI's Nellikanti Satyam files nomination as part of alliance.

BRS nominates Dasoju Shrvan for its MLC seat.

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Congress leaders Vijayashanti, Addanki Dayakar, and Shankar Nayak filed their nominations as MLC candidates under the MLA quota on Monday. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, and several ministers attended the nomination process. CPI leader Nellikanti Satyam also filed his nomination as the party's MLC candidate, following the Congress-CPI alliance agreement. >> PAGE 2

KTR links Rahul Gandhi's remarks to Revanth, calls him a BJP covert

- Says Revanth of misusing TDR for large-scale corruption.
- By-elections are definitely coming in Telangana
- BJP is more on social media, less in society

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

BRS working president K T Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, accusing him of acting as a covert agent for the BJP within the Congress. He linked recent remarks by Rahul Gandhi—where the Congress leader hinted at BJP infiltrators within the party—to Revanth Reddy, further fueling political tensions in Telangana.

"Rahul Gandhi himself said that there are BJP coverts in Congress. Who else could he be referring to if not Revanth Reddy?" KTR questioned, intensifying the narrative that the Telangana Chief Minister is working in tandem with the BJP.

He also alleged that the Congress government was running a massive scam under the guise of Transferable Development Rights (TDR) and demand-



ed immediate transparency. "Revanth Reddy is opening a huge scam in the name of TDR. A white paper on TDR should be released immediately," KTR demanded. He accused the state government of misusing the TDR mechanism

to benefit select individuals at the cost of public assets.

KTR further claimed that by-elections were imminent in Telangana, which is why the BRS had decided to stay away from the >> PAGE 2



IT searches on Sri Chaitanya colleges across the country

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Income Tax officials launched extensive searches on Sri Chaitanya colleges across multiple states, including Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Chennai, on Monday. The educational group has been identified as engaging in large-scale illegal financial transactions and tax evasion.

According to sources, the institution allegedly collected cash payments from students while maintaining separate software >> PAGE 2



- MLA quota MLC election rush in Telangana
- Three candidates from Congress
- One each from BRS and CPI
- Addanki Dayakar's long-awaited opportunity
- Revanth Reddy backs Dayakar's candidature
- Dasoju Shrvan's political journey pays off

AT LAST THEY GOT IT

TPN | Katta Kishore

Telangana, Mar 11: The MLA quota MLC election process is in full swing in Telangana. The ruling Congress party has secured three seats, while its ally CPI has one, and the opposition BRS has another. Among the Congress nominees, Addanki Dayakar has been a long-time party loyalist who has patiently waited for his turn. Despite expectations of receiving a ticket in the last election, he was sidelined at the last moment by the high command. Since then, he has remained committed to the party, working diligently behind the scenes.

It is well known that Dayakar is part of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's close circle. His asso-

ciation with Revanth became evident when he confronted Komatireddy Venkat Reddy in the Assembly after the latter openly criticized Revanth's appointment as PCC chief. Despite being from the same district, tensions between Komatireddy and Dayakar were widely discussed within Congress circles. However, Revanth's influence has ensured that Dayakar finally gets his due. With the MLA quota guaranteeing victory, Dayakar is set to enter the Legislative Council for the first time.

Meanwhile, Dasoju Shrvan's political journey has taken an interesting turn as he secures an MLC seat through BRS. KCR has chosen Shrvan as the party's nominee despite initial

speculation that RS Praveen Kumar was also in the race. Shrvan was previously nominated for the governor's quota during the BRS regime, but then-Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan rejected the nominations. With the Congress government now in power, those seats were filled with Congress leaders. Though BRS fought a legal battle over the issue, it was unsuccessful. Now, KCR has sought to rectify the past by awarding Shrvan the lone BRS seat in the MLA quota, recognizing his potential to be a strong voice for the party in the opposition.

Shrvan's political career has seen multiple shifts. He initially started in the Praja Rajyam Party (PRP) as a close associate

of Pawan Kalyan but left after PRP supported a united Andhra Pradesh. He then joined BRS but did not secure a ticket due to the caste dynamics within the party. Later, he switched to Congress, contesting from Khairatabad but facing defeat. His relations with Revanth Reddy soured when the latter became PCC chief, prompting Shrvan to move to BJP. However, his stint in the BJP was short-lived, and he eventually returned to BRS.

Now, with KCR's backing, Shrvan's long-awaited dream is set to become a reality. The key question remains—will he justify KCR's trust and effectively represent the party's interests in the Legislative Council? Only time will tell.



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Nalgonda honour killing case

murdered on September 14, 2018, outside a hospital in Miryalaguda, allegedly on the orders of his father Maruthi Rao, who opposed his marriage to Amrutha Varshini. The prime accused, Maruthi Rao, died by suicide in March 2020 during the trial.

The SC/ST Second Additional Sessions Court sentenced A2 Subhash Sharma to capital punishment, while the remaining accused—Asgar Ali, Abdul Bari, MA Kareem, Shraavan, Shiva, and MA Nizam—were awarded life imprisonment.

The court conducted a thorough trial, examining 78 witnesses, including 17 scientific officers who analyzed mobile records to establish links between the accused. Crucial CCTV footage from Jyoti Hospital played a key role in the case. The testimonies of Amrutha Varshini and Pranay's mother Premalatha were instrumental, particularly in identifying Subhash Sharma as one of the assailants. The court appreciated the efforts of investigating officers, especially Miryalaguda DSP Rajasekhar Raju, for ensuring the accused did not get bail.

During the verdict, the accused pleaded for a reduced sentence, with Amrutha's father Shraavan Kumar arguing that they had no involvement and citing family responsibilities. However, the court upheld its judgment, relying on strong evidence and testimonies.

After the judgment, Pranay's family visited his grave and paid emotional tributes, placing garlands and flowers in his memory.

MLC candidates file nominations in Telangana

Based on the current MLA strength in the Telangana Legislative Assembly, Congress is set to secure four MLC seats, while BRS is expected to win one seat. Out of these four, one seat was allotted to CPI as part of the 2023 Assembly election alliance. At that time, CPI had demanded two Assembly seats, but Congress promised one Kothagudem Assembly seat and an MLC seat later, leading to Satyam's nomination. Meanwhile, BRS has nominated Dasoju Shraavan for its MLC seat.

There was considerable suspense surrounding Congress' MLC selections. While Addanki Dayakar's candidacy was expected, the inclusion of Vijayashanti and Shankar Nayak was unexpected. The Congress high command chose one SC, one ST, and one woman candidate, with Vijayashanti's nomination reportedly fulfilling an assurance given by AICC Telangana in-charge Manikrao Thakre before the Assembly elections.

Vijayashanti's return to active politics has drawn attention, as she had been inactive in party affairs for some time. She had joined Congress ahead of the Assembly elections after feeling sidelined in the BJP, with the party reportedly promising her a suitable position. The final candidate list was confirmed after a Zoom meeting with state Congress leaders and AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan. Congress is said to have prioritized loyalists and key figures while considering previous election contestants.

Following the nomination filing, the Congress MLC candidates met Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy, and Legislative Affairs Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu at the Speaker's Chamber in the Legislative Assembly building.

KTR links Rahul Gandhi's remarks to Revanth, calls him a BJP covert

MLC elections. "By-elections are definitely coming in Telangana, that is why we are staying away from the MLC elections," he said, hinting at potential political instability in the state.

Mocking the BJP's presence, KTR remarked, "BJP is more on social media, less in society," emphasizing that the saffron party lacked real public engagement despite its online propaganda. With these remarks, KTR has further escalated the war of words between the BRS and Congress, keeping the political atmosphere in Telangana heated.

IT searches on Sri Chaitanya colleges across the country

systems—one for tracking student transactions and another for reporting taxes to the government. The discrepancies in financial records have triggered a thorough investigation by IT officials.

In Hyderabad, eight IT teams are conducting searches at the administrative headquarters of Sri Chaitanya College in Madhapur. The scrutiny has gained political significance as the chairman of the institution is currently a minister in the Andhra Pradesh government.

Telangana to verify new ration card applications door-to-door

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad: The Telangana government has launched a door-to-door verification drive for new ration card applications submitted through MeeSeva centres. Officials from the Civil Supplies Department will conduct visits to validate applicants' details before approving the cards.

Over the past decade, 89.90 lakh ration cards have been issued in the state, benefiting 2.81 crore people. Recently, applications were invited through Prajapalana, Parjawani, Gram Sabha, and later, MeeSeva centres. The state government has promised fine rice and essential commodities under the newly issued ration cards.

As part of the verification process, officials will inspect households, check for vehicle ownership and electricity bill records, and contact applicants via phone if they are unavailable at home. So far, 2.50 lakh applications have been received through MeeSeva, with 1.35 lakh from Greater Hyderabad.

In addition to new applications, over 20 lakh requests for the addition and deletion of names on existing ration cards have been submitted.

The first phase of verification will focus on processing new applications to ensure the issuance of ration cards by Ugadi, as per the government's plan.

₹ 1.5 Lakh Crore Debt in 15 Months

- Kavitha Slams Revanth Govt



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

BRS MLC K Kavitha has demanded that the Congress government present a white paper on the utilization of ₹1.5 lakh crore loans taken over the past 15 months, during the upcoming budget session. She accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of misleading the public and damaging Telangana's reputation to cover up his government's failures.

Kavitha criticized Revanth Reddy for claiming that Telangana is in a financial crisis, stating that RBI data shows the State generates ₹18,500 crore in monthly revenue, out of which ₹6,500 crore is spent on salaries and recurring expenses, leaving ₹12,000 crore available. She questioned why, despite these funds, the Congress government borrowed ₹1.5 lakh

- Kavitha demands a white paper on ₹1.5 lakh crore loans.
- Accuses Revanth Reddy of harming Telangana's image.
- Slams Congress for failing to fulfill election promises.

crore, with only ₹3,000 crore spent on capital expenditure.

The BRS leader also pointed out contradictions in Revanth Reddy's statements, noting that while he claimed the government lacked ₹500 crore for capital projects, he also boasted that Telangana's development was competing with New York. She criticized the Congress for failing to implement its election promises, including ₹2,500 monthly aid, one tola gold under Kalyana Lakshmi/Shaadi Mubarak, electric scooters for

women, and ₹4,000 social security pensions.

Kavitha further compared the financial management of the BRS and Congress governments, stating that while the BRS borrowed ₹4.3 lakh crore, it created wealth worth ₹50 lakh crore.

She demanded clarity from the Congress government on the allocation of funds, urging Revanth Reddy to provide a concrete blueprint for the remaining 45 months of his tenure instead of making excuses.

Intense efforts on to trace remaining 7 missing men in SLBC tunnel

One body, identified as Gurpreet Singh from Punjab, was recovered on Sunday.

7 workers from UP, Jammu and Kashmir, and Jharkhand remain missing.

Rescue teams continue operations in the last 70 metres of the tunnel.

Robotic technology has been deployed to assist in the search

₹25 lakh ex-gratia announced for Gurpreet Singh's family.



TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad: A day after recovering one body from the debris, rescue teams intensified efforts to locate the remaining seven missing workers in the SLBC tunnel in Telangana's Nagarkurnool district on Monday.

Rescue teams from multiple agencies, including rat miners from Uttarakhand, Singareni Collieries miners, and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), are working at another point identified by cadaver sniffer dogs from Kerala. The search operation entered its 17th day, focusing on the last 70 metres of the 14-km-long tunnel, where the workers were

trapped after the collapse of a Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) on February 22.

Gurpreet Singh's body was shifted to the government hospital in Nagarkurnool for medical and legal formalities before being transported to his hometown in Punjab. The missing workers have been identified as Manoj Kumar and Sri Niwas from Uttar Pradesh, Sunny Singh from Jammu and Kashmir, and Sandeep Sahu, Jegta Xess, Santosh Sahu, and Anuj Sahu from Jharkhand.

The operation faces challenges due to the massive debris from the TBM and the large accumulation of muck. Technicians from South Cen-

tral Railway (SCR) have so far cut about 60 metres of the TBM, but its head portion remains buried under rocks and silt. The final stretch of the tunnel is still filled with 3 to 9 metres of slush, posing significant risks to the rescue workers.

To assist in locating the bodies, the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) has provided ground probing radar (GPR) scanning data. Two highly trained cadaver dogs from Kerala were also brought in by a special helicopter three days ago. These Belgian Malinois dogs can detect human remains up to 15 feet deep.

Multiple agencies, including the Indian Army, Navy, SDRF,

Singareni, SCR, and others, are involved in the search operation. Following Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's visit to the site on March 2, robotic technology has been deployed to speed up the rescue efforts. The robots, equipped with cameras, infrared sensors, and robotic arms, are assessing the conditions and assisting in debris removal.

Expressing grief over the death of Gurpreet Singh, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy announced ₹25 lakh ex-gratia for his family. The authorities are hopeful of locating the remaining missing workers soon.

Telangana PSC releases Group-I Main provisional marks

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad: The Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) on Monday released the paper-wise marks of candidates who appeared for the Group-I Main exams held from October 21 to 27, 2024.

The marks, released by TGPSC Chairman Burra Venkatesham after a special Commission meeting, are available on the TGPSC website (www.tspsc.gov.in) and can be accessed through individual login credentials until March 16. Candidates can check their marks by entering their TGPSC ID, hall



ticket number, date of birth, and OTP sent to their registered mobile number.

The Commission has al-

lowed recounting requests from March 10 to 24 (5 PM) at a fee of ₹1,000 per paper. After the recounting process, total

marks and the General Ranking List (GRL) will be published on the website, following which candidates shortlisted for certificate verification will be informed.

A total of 31,403 candidates qualified for the Main exam based on the preliminary test results, with 21,093 appearing for all seven papers. The marks of candidates admitted as per High Court directions were withheld as per court orders.

For technical assistance, candidates can contact 040-23542185 / 040-23542187 or email helpdesk@tspsc.gov.in.



TG EdCET 2025 notification released

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad: The Telangana Education Common Entrance Test (TG EdCET-2025) will be conducted by Kakatiya University, Warangal, for admissions into two-year B.Ed. regular courses across Telangana for the 2025-26 academic year. The exam is scheduled to be held in two sessions on June 1, 2025.

Kakatiya University Vice-Chancellor K. Pratap Reddy, along with Registrar V. Ramachandram and EdCET-2025 Convener Venkatram Reddy, released the notification on Sunday at the KU campus.

Eligible candidates can register and submit applications online from March 12. The application fee is ₹750 for gen-

eral category candidates and ₹550 for SC/ST/PH candidates. The fee can be paid at TG Online Centres in Telangana or through the Payment Gateway.

The last date for registration with a late fee of ₹500 is May 24. The examination will be conducted in two sessions on June 1.

Prioritized Work over Positions in Congress

States her past goal was to unseat the KCR government.
Urges party members without positions to remain patient.
Asserts Congress leadership decides on responsibilities at the right time.

TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad: Senior Congress leader Vijayashanti has stated that she never sought positions in the party despite actively working for it in the past. Speaking after filing her nomination as an MLC candidate, she emphasized that her primary goal earlier was to bring down the KCR-led government, not to secure positions for herself. Vijayashanti mentioned that she rejoined Congress at the invitation of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and that she has always believed in working first before expecting any role. "The party high command told me earlier not to push for positions, and I followed their advice," she remarked.



Addressing concerns of those within Congress who were overlooked for positions, she advised them to remain patient, stating that the party leadership makes decisions at the right time. She added that Congress has a well-structured system where everyone is expected to contribute to the party's mission. Vijayashanti also highlighted the Congress government's commitment to welfare schemes, asserting that their initiatives were implemented with careful planning to benefit the people of Telangana. She reiterated her commitment to working towards addressing public issues under the party's leadership.

Etala Rajender meets PM Modi with family

Fueling speculation on BJP Telangana chief post



TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Senior Telangana BJP leader and Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender met Prime Minister Narendra Modi today in Delhi, accompanied by his family. The meeting has sparked speculation that Etala has been finalized as the next Telangana BJP president. Adding to the buzz, the Prime Minister was seen presenting chocolates to Etala's grandson, with the pictures quickly going viral on social media. The BJP high command is in the final stages of selecting a new state president for Telangana, with Etala Rajender, Ra-

ghunandan Rao, Dharmapuri Arvind, and DK Aruna among the frontrunners. However, reports indicate that the leadership is leaning towards Etala Rajender, considering his strong BC (Backward Class) support base and his ability to unite different factions within the party.

Good news for Etala from BJP leadership?

An official announcement regarding the Telangana BJP chief post is expected in the coming days. Against this backdrop, Etala's meeting with PM Modi along with his wife and children has intensified discussions within political circles. Sources suggest that Etala may have already received confirmation from the high command and that today's visit was a gesture of gratitude to the Prime Minister.

While BJP has yet to make an official statement, Etala's growing prominence in Telangana politics and his recent meeting with Modi indicate a crucial shift in the party's leadership dynamics.

Telangana govt lying on interest-free loans: Harish Rao

BRS MLA demands white paper on ₹21,000 crore loans
Rao accuses Congress of misleading women



TPN Correspondent

Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLA T. Harish Rao on Sunday accused the Telangana government of misleading the public regarding interest-free loans. He alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka falsely claimed during Women's Day celebrations that ₹21,000 crore worth of loans were entirely interest-free.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Harish Rao demanded the release of a white paper to clarify details of the loans and the interest component. He asserted that only loans up to ₹5 lakh were interest-free, as per a 2015 order issued by the previous KCR administration, while loans beyond this amount carried a 12.5% interest rate imposed by banks.

The former Telangana finance minister criticized the Congress government for allegedly mismanaging women's self-help groups and misleading the public. He also accused the government of falsely claiming an increase in stitching charges for school uniforms from ₹25 to ₹75 per set, stating that only ₹50 was actually being paid. Harish Rao condemned Revanth Reddy for what he called a pattern of making misleading statements, both as an opposition leader and now as the chief minister. He reiterated the demand for transparency in the government's financial policies.

KCR to attend assembly budget session: KTR

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has announced that former Chief Minister KCR will attend the upcoming budget session of the assembly starting March 12. Speaking to the media on Monday, KTR also launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, accusing CM Revanth Reddy and his team of mismanaging Telangana's finances and engaging in diversion politics.

Since the BRS's defeat in the assembly elections, KCR has largely remained out of the public eye, making only a brief appearance in the assembly. His absence has fueled speculation, with BRS activists and state citizens awaiting his return to the legislature. KTR confirmed that KCR, in his role as the Leader of the Opposition, will be present for the budget discussions.

KTR made these remarks while attending the nomination filing of BRS MLC Dasoju Shraavan, criticizing the Congress-led government for financial mismanagement and misplaced priorities.

"Shraavan was nominated as MLC in 2023 itself, but BJP deliberately blocked him. If he had left BRS, he would have been in the legislature long ago. However, he remained loyal to us," KTR said.



He also accused CM Revanth Reddy's administration of driving Telangana into financial trouble.

"The private exploitation by Revanth and his team is increasing, while the state's revenue is shrinking. They are artificially inflating Telangana's debts to justify their actions. Revanth, who boasts of good relations with the Centre, should disclose how much funding he has secured from the BJP government. Has the Congress government fought for Telangana's interests at all in the last 15 months?" KTR questioned.



Taking a dig at the state government's initiatives, KTR criticized the organization of the Miss World pageant in Hyderabad, questioning its benefits.

"They spent ₹200 crore on this event. What has Telangana gained from it? How many jobs were created? This is nothing but a diversion tactic. The Congress government's budget is an utter failure," he remarked. KTR reiterated that KCR would actively participate in the budget discussions, signaling the BRS's intent to challenge the Congress government on its policies and financial decisions.

Shocked after the announcement of MLC candidates



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Senior Congress leader and former Sangareddy MLA Jagga Reddy has expressed deep shock over the announcement of MLC candidates by the party. Speaking to the media, he admitted that he was taken aback by the decision and was left speechless.

"I was shocked after the announcement of MLC candidates. My mind went blank, and I can't say anything at this moment. You will know in the future why I was shocked, and I will speak when the time comes," he stated.

Jagga Reddy also revealed that he had sought an appointment with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to discuss his concerns. However, he could not meet him as Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, and KC Venugopal were not in Delhi when he visited.

His statements have sparked speculation about internal dissatisfaction within the Congress party over the selection of MLC candidates. However, Jagga Reddy refrained from making further comments, hinting that he would share his views at an appropriate time.

Stop Exam Results Until SC Classification: Mandakrishna Madiga

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

With the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGpsc) releasing the provisional mark list for Group 1 exams, MRPS President Mandakrishna Madiga has strongly objected to the move. He demanded that all job exam results be halted until the SC classification issue is resolved, reminding Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of his promise to apply the classification system to previous recruitment notifications. Mandakrishna pointed out that the exam results were delayed due to the MLC election code and were released today after the code ended. He also noted that Group 2 general rank cards are set to be released tomorrow, further fueling concerns about whether the classification policy will be applied.

Criticism of the Government's Stand
Mandakrishna Madiga criticized the Telangana government for ignoring the SC classification demand. He referenced the SC Classification Act introduced during Chandrababu Naidu's tenure in the united Andhra Pradesh, arguing that Clause 4 of the Act mandates that classification should be applied to all previous job notifications.

He accused the government of deliberately delaying the implementation of classification while hastily releasing exam results, calling it a betrayal of the Madiga community. He challenged CM Revanth Reddy to show the same commitment that Chandrababu Naidu had in the past, ensuring classification in all job appointments.

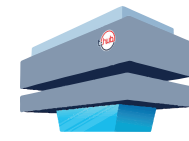
Call for Intensified Protests

Warning of statewide protests, Mandakrishna announced that MRPS will intensify its agitation against the Revanth Reddy government. He said:

- All job recruitment results, including Group 1, 2, 3, Hostel Warden, and Extension Officers, should be put on hold.
- Peaceful dharnas and protests will be organized across Telangana.
- Offices of Tahsildars and Collectors will be besieged if the demand is ignored.

With growing pressure from MRPS and the SC community, the Revanth Reddy government faces a political challenge in handling the SC classification issue while balancing recruitment processes.





Hyderabad erupts in celebration after India's Champions Trophy victory



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Hyderabad witnessed massive celebrations as cricket fans took to the streets after Team India's thrilling victory over New Zealand in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 final in Dubai. Crowds gathered in large numbers at

Dilsukhnagar and near the Telangana State Secretariat, waving flags, bursting crackers, and chanting slogans in jubilation. The streets turned into a sea of blue as passionate supporters celebrated, leading to significant traffic congestion, particularly around

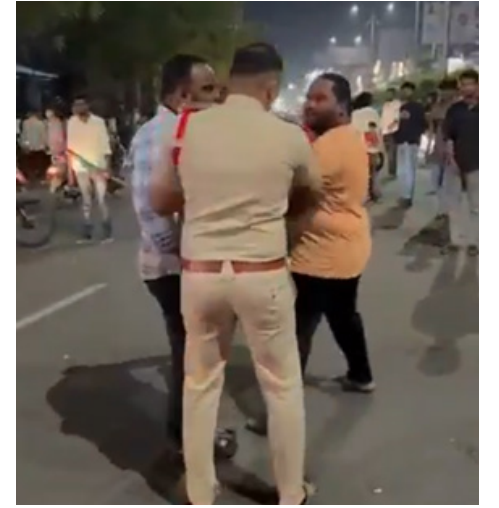
Tank Bund. However, the excitement soon led to chaos as fans blocked highways and attempted to enter metro stations, disrupting public movement. Hyderabad police had to intervene with a mild lathi charge to disperse the crowds and restore order. Despite this, the celebrations continued online, with social media flooded with videos and pictures capturing the charged atmosphere. Fans hailed Team India's triumph as a historic achievement, marking yet another glorious moment in the country's cricketing history.

Police baton-charge fans in some parts of the state

Hyderabad police resorted to a baton charge on Sunday night to disperse large crowds celebrating India's Champions Trophy victory. The incident occurred in Dilsukhnagar and was met with strong criticism from

BJP leaders. BJP IT Cell head Amit Malviya shared a video of the lathi charge on X, questioning the Telangana Congress government's motives. He wrote, "Hyderabad police used lathicharge in Dilsukhnagar to stop citizens from celebrating India's Champions Trophy victory. Similar scenes were reported in Karimnagar as well. Is this the new playbook in Congress-ruled states? Who exactly are they trying to appease?"

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar, who is also the Karimnagar MP, condemned the police action and sought an explanation from Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. He alleged that in Karimnagar, people carrying Indian flags were forced to vacate the streets. "How does celebrating India's victory become a communal issue?" he questioned. Following India's dominant win over New Zealand in the Champions Tro-



phy final on March 9, cricket fans across Hyderabad and Karimnagar took to the streets in celebration. However, police intervention in several areas, including Karimnagar, resulted in a baton charge on crowds. Accusing the Congress government of suppressing public celebrations, Bandi Sanjay questioned the Director General of Police (DGP) over the rationale behind police action. He claimed the police were creating law and order problems instead of managing the festivities peacefully.

Bandaru Vijayalaxmi Visits Jagannath Temple, Meets Odisha Governor Dr. Hari Babu



TPN Correspondent | Odisha
BJP Telangana spokesperson Smt. Bandaru Vijayalaxmi marked her birthday on March 10, 2025, with a spiritual visit to Shree Jagannath Temple in Puri, Odisha, along with her family members. She offered special prayers at the temple and sought the divine blessings of Lord Jagannath. Following her temple visit, Smt. Vijayalax-

mi called on Dr. Hari Babu, the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, at Raj Bhavan in Bhubaneswar. She, along with her family, took his blessings on the occasion of her birthday and exchanged pleasantries. Her visit to Odisha, combining both spiritual devotion and a courtesy meeting, has drawn attention among political circles.

Water supply hit in parts of Hyderabad due to Chandanagar leakage

HMWSSB working to restore normal supply by Tuesday



TPN Correspondent Hyderabad: Water supply in several areas of Hyderabad has been disrupted due to a major leakage detected in Chandanagar on Sunday night.

The leakage occurred in a 1500 mm diameter PSC pumping main under Manjira Phase 2, near Mughal Restaurant on the Old Bombay Highway. As a result, water supply has been affected in Beeran-

guda, Aminpur, Miyapur, Dipti Sri Nagar, KPHB Housing Board, Nizampet, Hyder Nagar, Moosapet, and Erragadda, covering divisions 6, 9, 17, and 22.

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) has taken up urgent repair works, which are expected to be completed by 5 PM on Monday. Normal water supply is likely to be restored by Tuesday.

HMWSSB Managing Director Ashok Reddy reviewed the situation and instructed operations, maintenance, and transmission officials to coordinate efforts efficiently. Meanwhile, Executive Director Mayank Mittal has deployed additional teams to speed up the restoration process.

To mitigate inconvenience, water tankers are being sent to affected areas.

Man sentenced to 3 years for harassing, threatening former colleague

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad: A 29-year-old private company employee, Krishna, was sentenced to three years in prison on Sunday, March 9, for harassing, threatening, and stalking his former colleague.

According to police, Krishna persistently pressured the victim to marry him, even after she had quit her job following her marriage. He continued his harassment despite being arrested and released from jail earlier.

The victim filed a complaint in

February, accusing Krishna of stalking, making threatening calls, using abusive language, and trying to force her to leave her husband. In July 2023, he circulated a letter with offensive remarks and a photocopied image of her in her village.

Based on her complaint, the Maheshwaram police booked Krishna under multiple sections, including stalking, criminal intimidation, and insulting a woman's modesty under the IPC, along with charges under the SC/ST (Prevention of



Atrocities) Act. Public prosecutor Gongura Bhadradi presented the case before the court, leading to Krishna's conviction.

Gold, diamond jewelry worth ₹75 lakh stolen in Jubilee Hills

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad: A theft of gold and diamond jewelry worth ₹75 lakh was reported at a businessman's residence in Jubilee Hills on Sunday, March 9. The victim, GV Shekhar Reddy, a real estate businessman, resides on Road Number 22 in Jubilee Hills. At the time of the incident, Reddy and his family were attending a wedding. Upon their return, they discovered the almirah open

and the jewelry missing. Additionally, the thieves made away with some foreign currency from the house. The Jubilee Hills police registered a case based on Reddy's complaint and launched an investigation. The family suspects the involvement of three women helpers, who have been missing since the incident. Authorities are examining CCTV footage and other leads to track down the culprits.

Hyderabad air quality worsens, AQI at 117 on Sunday

City ranks 538th among most polluted cities globally

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad: The city's air pollution levels remained poor on Sunday, March 9, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) recorded at 117, posing health risks to sensitive groups. The worst air quality was observed in Vittal Rao Nagar (150 AQI), Kokapet (137), Somajiguda (127), and Banjara Hills (124), while areas like Koti (99) and New Malakpet (86) had a moderate AQI. Hyderabad currently ranks 538th among the most polluted cities globally.

AQI fluctuates between poor and moderate in Feb-March. Hyderabad saw several 'poor' air quality days in February and March. The highest pollution levels were recorded on:

- February 10 (132 AQI), February 12 (130), and February 9, 14, 22 (131 each)
- March 8 recorded 120 AQI, the highest for the month so far.

The lowest AQI was recorded on March 2 (99), marking the least polluted day in this period.

Pollutants driving Hyderabad's pollution crisis

The rise in pollution levels is attributed to multiple pollutants, including:

- PM2.5 & PM10: Fine particles from vehicle emissions, construction, and industrial activities.
 - Carbon Monoxide (CO): Released from vehicle exhaust and fuel combustion.
 - Sulfur Dioxide (SO2): Produced by burning fossil fuels in industries.
 - Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2): Emitted from factories and power plants.
 - Ozone (O3): Formed by chemical reactions between pollutants under sunlight.
- With rising pollution levels, experts advise citizens, especially those with respiratory conditions, to take precautions.

Ola, Uber, Rapido drivers to boycott Hyderabad airport trips



TPN Correspondent Hyderabad: Ola, Uber, and Rapido cab drivers have announced a boycott of Hyderabad airport trips in protest against the low fares set by aggregator companies, which they claim have severely impacted their earnings. The Telangana Gig and Platform Workers' Union

(TGPWU) is leading the campaign, demanding fair and uniform fare policies from the government and transport authorities.

TGPWU president Shaik Salauddin stated, "Our members have repeatedly raised concerns about exploitative fare structures that undervalue their time and efforts. The government must act immediately to implement a standardized pricing policy that is fair to both drivers and passengers."

The union has outlined three key objectives behind the boycott:

- Refusal of airport trips until fares are revised.
 - Raising passenger awareness about the financial struggles of gig and platform workers.
 - Pushing for government intervention to regulate aggregator pricing policies.
- TGPWU has urged both drivers and the public to support their demand for fair pay and just treatment, warning that without standardized fare regulations, cab drivers will continue to face financial hardships.

Major Accident Averted at Hyd Airport

Indigo flight forced to take off again after spotting another aircraft on the runway
ATC clearance issue raises concerns among passengers
Flight circles for ten minutes before safely landing

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

A major accident was narrowly avoided at Hyderabad's Shamshabad Airport due to the quick thinking of an Indigo Airlines pilot. According to airport officials, the incident involved Indigo flight 6E 6973, which was en route from Goa to Visakhapatnam via Shamshabad. The Air Traffic Control (ATC) had granted permission for the flight to land at Shamshabad Airport. As the pilot prepared the aircraft's hydraulic gear for landing, he noticed another plane on the runway, ready for takeoff. Acting swiftly, he immediately pulled up and circled the aircraft for about ten minutes before safely landing. The incident raised concerns among passengers, who questioned the ATC's decision to allow another landing while an aircraft was still on the runway. Despite the confusion, the pilot's quick response successfully averted a disaster. After the brief delay, the flight continued its journey to Visakhapatnam.



Tribal girl's suspicious death sparks outrage in Adilabad

TPN Correspondent | Adilabad

A Class IX student, Lalithya (13), studying at an Ashram school run by the tribal welfare department in Ichoda mandal, died under suspicious circumstances on Monday. The school staff informed her parents that she had passed away due to epileptic seizures and asked them to collect her body. Lalithya, a native of Morkandi village in Bazarhathnoor mandal, was found lifeless in her hostel room. However, her grieving parents expressed doubts over the cause of death and accused the school authorities of negligence. They confronted the headmaster, demanding strict action against those responsible and seeking compensation for their daughter's death.



BRS working president K T Rama Rao blamed the Congress government, calling the incident a result of the ruling party's incompetence. He pointed out

that 83 students had died in Gurukuls in the last 15 months, terming it a "dark chapter in India's history." He demanded that cases be filed against the state government under charges of culpable homicide.

KTR also condemned the police for allegedly arresting Lalithya's father instead of offering support to the bereaved family. He criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, stating that his failure as an Education Minister had extended to his role as Home Minister.

Turmeric farmers stage protest in Nizamabad

TPN Correspondent | Nizamabad

Hundreds of turmeric farmers staged a massive protest at the Nizamabad bus stand on Monday, demanding immediate intervention from the district administration over the non-purchase of turmeric and the steep fall in its price. The agitating farmers insisted that the district collector address them and provide clarity on the situation. The protest erupted after reports surfaced that turmeric prices had been drastically reduced, leaving farmers in distress. Earlier in the day, tensions



flared at the market yard when farmers, frustrated with the lack of buyers and low prices, reportedly faced lathi-charge from the authorities. Enraged by the incident, they took out a massive rally from the market yard to the bus stand, raising slogans

against the government's negligence in ensuring fair prices for their produce. Farmers expressed anger over the government's inaction, stating that they had invested heavily in turmeric cultivation, expecting stable returns. However, with traders re-

fusing to purchase at reasonable rates, they are now facing severe financial distress. They demanded that the government step in to either procure turmeric at a fair minimum support price or take immediate measures to regulate the market to prevent exploitation by traders. Despite repeated pleas to authorities, farmers claim their concerns have gone unheard. The protest disrupted traffic in the area for several hours, and police were deployed to prevent any untoward incidents. The farmers have warned of intensified agitation if their demands are not met.

BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy Visits CLP Office

Wishes Congress MLC Candidate



TPN Correspondent | Telangana

As the nomination process for MLC elections concludes today, three Con-

gress candidates—Addanki Dayakar, Shankar Nayak, and Vijayashanti—are set to file their nominations. The candidates arrived at the Assembly, where Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is expected to join them at 11 AM to participate in the nomination filing ceremony.

In a surprising move, BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy visited the CLP office in the Assembly this morning and personally extended his wishes to Congress MLC candidate Shankar Nayak. His visit and gesture have sparked political curiosity amid the ongoing MLC election process.

Tearful Pranay's parents pay tribute at his grave



TPN Correspondent | Nalgonda

The Nalgonda court on Monday delivered its verdict in the 2018 Pranay honor killing case, sentencing A2 to death and the remaining six accused to life imprisonment. Following the verdict, Pranay's parents visited his grave, paying tribute with tearful eyes.

Honor killings must stop: Pranay's father

Speaking to the media, Pranay's father, Perumala Balaswamy, expressed hope that this verdict would serve as a lesson to society and that honor killings must end. He urged that those committing such crimes should face strict punishment.

Recalling the immense loss his family has suffered, he said, "Amrutha lost her husband, my grandson lost his father. No one can understand our pain."

Balaswamy also thanked the DSP and the investigative team for their cooperation in the case. He praised the then SP Ranganath for his commitment, ensuring a strong charge sheet with 100 witnesses and 1,600 pages to convict the accused. He also acknowledged Advocate Darshan Narasimha, who fought the legal battle without succumbing to pressure.

Despite the verdict, Pranay's father emphasized that nothing can compensate for the loss of his son, but he hopes justice will serve as a deterrent against such crimes in the future.

Bird flu crisis: Mysterious disease kills lakhs of chickens

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

The bird flu outbreak has triggered panic in Andhra Pradesh, leading to the death of lakhs of chickens. While Telangana was initially believed to be unaffected, poultry farmers across several districts are now witnessing massive losses due to an unknown disease. Farmers are demanding immediate government intervention, alleging negligence by authorities. Poultry farms in Sangareddy and Medak districts are facing severe losses as thousands of chickens perish daily. While officials are collecting samples, farmers claim the response is too slow. In the past three days alone, 20,000 chickens have died in Pulkal and Chautukur mandals, forcing many farms to shut down.

In Medak district, farmer Prasad from Lingapur village, Narsapur mandal, lost 3,500 out of 6,000 domestic chickens to an unknown disease, incurring losses of ₹8 lakh. He suspects that his chickens



were infected due to a nearby broiler farm. Meanwhile, lakhs of broiler chickens have already died across Sangareddy and Medak districts, with officials yet to confirm the cause.

On Sunday, 12,200 broiler chickens perished due to VVND (Venus Viral Disease) in Nanaknagar, Yacharam mandal, Rangareddy district. Poultry farmer Challa Krishna Reddy, who suffered

a ₹20 lakh loss, broke down in tears, pleading for government compensation. Just days earlier, 7,000 chickens died in the farm of Mutyala Venkata Reddy, causing losses of ₹10 lakh.

In Chinnashankarampet mandal, Medak district, 10,000 chickens died on Saturday in Gavvapalli and Jangarai villages. Farmers Sangem Janardhan, Aare Yadagiri, and Minipuri Bhupal Reddy

reported that chickens have been dying continuously for the past week. The deceased chickens have been buried, but farmers are devastated, citing losses in crores and urging immediate financial assistance from the government. With bird flu concerns escalating and poultry farms shutting down, farmers fear irreparable financial damage unless the government intervenes swiftly.

Three-Day Holiday Streak

A Relief for Software Employees Amid Scorching Heat

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

With the summer heat intensifying across Telangana, employees and students are struggling with the soaring temperatures. However, software employees are in for a treat, as they are set to enjoy a three-day holiday streak this weekend.

The Holi festival falls on Friday, March 14, which is a public holiday for government offices, private firms, and educational institutions. This will be followed by Saturday (March 15) and Sunday (March 16) as regular weekend offs, giving many IT professionals an extended break.

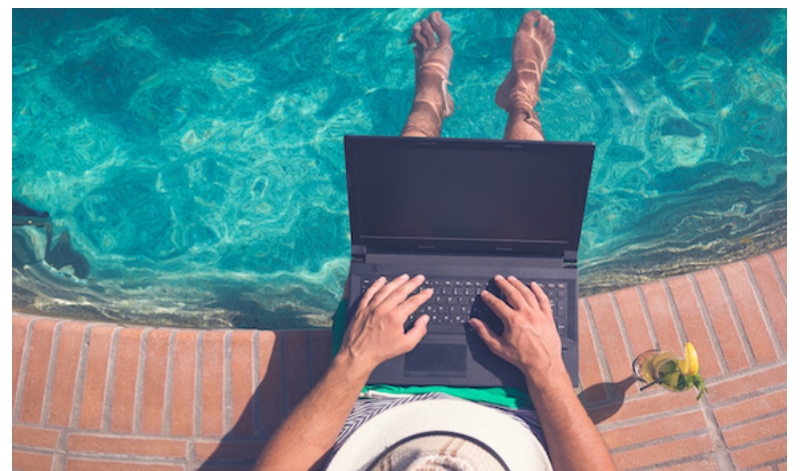
Perfect Time for a Getaway

With the three-day weekend, many software professionals and corporate employees are planning short vacations with family and friends. The break comes as a much-needed relief from the extreme heat affecting the state.

Additionally, some corporate schools are likely to declare continuous holidays for students due to the festival. Apart from Holi, the month of March is packed with other major festivals like Ugadi and Ramzan, ensuring additional holidays for em-

ployees and students alike.

As Telangana continues to reel under rising temperatures and heatwaves, these breaks will help people recharge and relax before heading back to work.





Regulating Speech

Balancing Accountability and Free Expression

The Point Desk

The debate over free speech and state intervention has intensified in India, particularly in the digital space. The recent controversy involving Ranveer Allahbadia and Samay Raina highlights the complex relationship between public outrage, legal interpretation, and regulatory oversight. While offensive remarks deserve criticism, the question remains—should they be treated as crimes?

The State's Response: Crime or Control?

Governments across the world often respond to legal ambiguities with overreach rather than measured regulation. Instead of clarifying existing laws, they resort to preemptive action, ensuring that potential disorder is controlled before it manifests. This tendency stems from a fundamental fear—not of crime itself, but of losing authority over unpredictable situations.

This pattern is evident in how authorities reacted to the Allahbadia-Raina episode. Multiple FIRs were lodged in different states under laws related to obscenity, prompting Allahbadia to seek legal relief. The Supreme Court granted him interim protection but imposed strict conditions, including the surrender of his passport. While the court's intervention prevented excessive legal harassment, its remarks during the hearing reflected a moralistic stance rather than a neutral legal evaluation.

Judiciary's Role: Upholding Law or Enforcing Morality?

The Supreme Court's sharp criticism of Allahbadia's statements extended beyond legal scrutiny, veering into subjective condemnation. Terms like "perverted mind" and "societal shame" framed the issue in moral



rather than constitutional terms. This raises concerns about the judiciary's role—should it adjudicate based on clear legal principles or enforce societal norms through personal interpretations?

Indian free speech jurisprudence has long emphasized that restrictions must align with Article 19(2) of the Constitution, which permits limitations only on specific grounds like public order, defamation, and incitement to violence. If speech does not clearly violate these principles, treating it as a criminal offense risks creating a precedent where subjective morality dictates legal outcomes.

Regulating Digital Content: The Need for a Balanced Approach

The controversy has reignited discussions on digital content regulations, with lawmakers calling for stricter controls on online speech. However, heavy-handed regulation risks stifling creativity, innovation, and open discourse. Instead, a structured yet flexible approach can ensure accountability without suppressing expression.

1. Platform Responsibility Without Excessive Criminalization

Social media platforms should en-

force content policies aligned with Indian laws but retain some intermediary protections if they adhere to best practices. A system of graded accountability—where platforms are incentivized to self-regulate rather than penalized excessively—can be more effective.

2. Transparent and Reviewable Content Moderation

Platforms should establish clear, predictable takedown policies with user appeal mechanisms. Instead of arbitrary removals, an independent review process can prevent unfair censorship.

3. A Non-Intrusive Regulatory Body

A neutral industry-led body, similar to Ofcom in the UK, can oversee digital content moderation without direct government intervention. Its role should focus on guidance, compliance monitoring, and dispute resolution rather than enforcement. Regulating digital speech requires a nuanced approach—one that ensures accountability without enabling state overreach. A framework based on transparency, platform responsibility, and measured intervention will help strike the right balance between free expression and social accountability.



India's Champions Trophy Triumph Exposes Pakistan's Decline

The Point Desk

As India lifted their third ICC Champions Trophy, a glaring absence loomed over the celebration—Pakistan, the official hosts, were nowhere to be seen. Beyond their logo on television screens, there was no Pakistani representation at the trophy ceremony. The stage was dominated by Indian officials, with ICC President Jay Shah leading the proceedings. The absence of any Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) official, including Chairman Mohsin Naqvi, was both baffling and telling. Despite being the official hosts, Pakistan failed to make their presence felt, either on the field or off it.

A Host in Name Only

Pakistan's hosting rights for the tournament were already a compromised affair, with all matches played in the UAE instead of their home soil. Yet, the total absence of PCB representatives at the final added to the embarrassment. An ICC spokesperson clarified that no PCB official was present in Dubai for the match. Naqvi, who also serves as Pakistan's Interior Minister, cited pressing commitments at home, but surely, a high-profile event like this warranted at least some representation? Hosting an ICC event after nearly three decades should have been a moment of pride, but Pakistan failed to seize the moment, further accentuating the widening gap between them and India.

The Diverging Cricketing Fortunes of India and Pakistan

India's journey to the title was one of absolute dominance—five wins in five matches, a flawless campaign that reflected their standing as the best limited-overs side in world cricket. In contrast, Pakistan's campaign was dismal, crashing out without a single victory. Once considered fierce competitors, the Pakistani team now struggles to keep pace with India, both in terms of skill and consistency.

The gulf between the two teams is not just about this tournament; it reflects the larger trajectories of the two nations. While India has evolved into a global powerhouse—both in cricket and beyond—Pakistan continues to grapple with internal turmoil, financial instability, and administrative chaos. The PCB reportedly spent PKR 12.8 billion on stadium renovations, yet the tournament saw underwhelming attendance figures, highlighting deeper structural issues within Pakistan's cricketing ecosystem.

India's Supreme Command of the Rivalry

Historically, Pakistan held the upper hand in ODI encounters, particularly in the '80s and '90s. However, the balance has tilted significantly in India's favor in recent years. The last bilateral ODI series between the two teams was in 2012-13, with India winning 2-1. Since 2010, India has claimed victory in 13 of the 17 ODIs against Pakistan, including a dominant six-wicket win in this very tournament. Legendary Indian cricketer Sunil Gavaskar even stated that Pakistan would struggle against India's second-string team—an assertion that no longer seems far-fetched.

Shahid Afridi, a former Pakistan all-rounder, summed it up aptly: "India has more match-winners. A match-winner is someone who knows how to win a game single-handedly. Right now, we don't have such players." This candid admission speaks volumes about Pakistan's cricketing struggles.

India's Imperious Run in ICC Tournaments

India's performance in the last three ICC white-ball tournaments has been nothing short of extraordinary—23 wins in 24 completed matches, with the sole defeat coming in the 2023 ODI World Cup final. Their Champions Trophy campaign was a textbook demonstration of control, with even their closest contest—the final—ending with an over to spare.

Gautam Gambhir, in his first major tournament as India's head coach, can take a sigh of relief, as this win silences critics questioning India's ability to finish ICC events on a high. Tactically, India was spot-on, including the bold decision to field five spinners, which paid rich dividends. Ravindra Jadeja's winning runs were a poetic conclusion, given his immense contributions over the years.

Pakistan's Search for Direction

As India basks in the glory of another ICC triumph, Pakistan is once again in a state of flux. In the wake of their Champions Trophy disaster, the PCB made sweeping changes, removing Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan from the T20I squad. A new captain has been appointed, but whether these changes will bring stability remains uncertain.

For now, the contrast between India and Pakistan in cricket is stark. Once a fierce rivalry, the contest has turned lopsided, with India miles ahead. The arch-rivalry remains a major attraction in global cricket, but its competitive edge is diminishing. Until Pakistan finds a way to address its structural deficiencies, the chasm between the two sides will only widen.

India, much like the dominant Australian teams of the past, has set a benchmark that others, including Pakistan, can only aspire to reach.

Empowering Women Legislatively Is A Must

March 8th, International Women's Day, is a strong reminder of the need to support women's rights and empowerment in our society. Under the leadership of Mr. Revanth Reddy, the Telangana Government has launched several schemes to uplift women. Adding to these efforts, the recent passage of the Women's Reservation Bill 2023, is a significant step forward for gender equality in India.

The bill, approved by both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, reserves one-third of the seats in the Lok Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies, and the Delhi Assembly for women. It also includes seats reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). This important legislation aims to increase women's representation in politics, giving them a bigger role in shaping the nation's future. The Women's Reservation Bill 2023, also known as the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, has been passed by both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, marking a historic step towards gender equality in India. The bill, which is the 128th Constitutional Amendment, reserves one-third of the seats in the Lok Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies, and the Delhi Assembly for women. It also applies to seats reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs), promising a significant boost to women's representation in Indian politics.

Currently, women make up only 15.2% of the Lok Sabha and 13% of the Rajya Sabha. While this is an improvement from the 5% representation in the first Lok Sabha, it is still lower than many other countries. According to the United Nations, Rwanda (61%), Cuba (53%), and Nicaragua (52%) lead in women's representation.



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Even Bangladesh (21%) and Pakistan (20%) have better female representation in their parliaments compared to India.

The new bill introduces key changes by inserting Article 330A into the Constitution, reserving one-third of Lok Sabha seats for women, including those reserved for SCs and STs. It also adds Article 332A to ensure similar reservations in state legislative assemblies and amends Article 239AA to extend these provisions to the Delhi Assembly. The reservation will be in effect for 15 years, with the option to extend it based on a law made by Parliament. Reserved seats will rotate after each delimitation exercise.

However, there are some challenges. The reservation will only start after a fresh delimitation based on the next census, leaving uncertainty about when women will begin to benefit. Moreover, the bill does not provide reservations in the Rajya Sabha and State Legislative Councils, where women's representation is still low.

For the bill to make a real impact, the government must ensure that the census and delimitation process is completed on time. Extending reservations to the Rajya Sabha and Legislative Councils could also help achieve balanced representation across all legislative bodies.

On International Women's Day, this bill brings hope for a brighter future where women have a stronger voice in governance. It is not just about increasing numbers but enhancing the quality of democracy by bringing diverse voices to the forefront. As a society, everyone must contribute to empowering women not only through laws but also by creating an environment where women can thrive and lead.

Visit to Mauritius, a key partner in Indian Ocean, will open new chapter: Modi

- **Modi to Visit Mauritius to Strengthen Ties and Celebrate National Day**
- **Visit highlights India's strategic engagement in the Indian Ocean region**
- **PM Modi to inaugurate India-funded civil service college and health centre**

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to embark on a two-day state visit to Mauritius on March 11, 2025, to attend the island nation's 57th National Day celebrations as the chief guest. During his visit, India and Mauritius are expected to sign several agreements aimed at enhancing economic, security, and cultural cooperation between the two countries.

PM Modi's visit comes at a time of deepening bilateral ties, with India and Mauritius having a strong partnership, especially in the areas of maritime security, trade, and development. The visit will be marked by significant events, including the participation of an Indian armed forces contingent, the Indian Navy warship, and the Akash Ganga skydiving team in the National Day celebrations.

Mauritian Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam welcomed PM Modi's visit, highlighting it as a testament to the close relations between the two nations. He expressed gratitude for Modi's presence despite his packed international schedule.

Key agreements to be signed include an MoU on maritime cooperation, enhancing white shipping information exchange to improve maritime security. Additionally, both nations will sign agreements in areas such as capac-



ity building, financial crime prevention, and promoting small and medium enterprises. India's Enforcement Directorate and Mauritius' Financial Crime Commission will also collaborate on combating money laundering.

During his visit, PM Modi and PM Ramgoolam will inaugurate a civil service college and a health centre built with Indian grants. Modi is also expected to meet with political leaders, dignitaries, and members of the Indian-origin community in Mauritius.

Mauritius, home to a large Indian-origin pop-

ulation, shares strong historical and cultural ties with India. The trade between the two countries has grown significantly, with India being one of Mauritius' largest trading partners. Both nations continue to work closely on issues of maritime security, with India aiding in the development of strategic infrastructure on Agalega Island.

PM Modi's visit to Mauritius underscores India's commitment to strengthening ties in the Indian Ocean region, balancing relations with Mauritius and its economic cooperation with China.



Maharashtra budget: 3rd airport in Mumbai, night landing in Shirdi

TPN Correspondent | Maharashtra

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Ajit Pawar presented the state budget for the financial year 2025-26 in the state assembly on Monday, unveiling several ambitious proposals aimed at boosting the state's infrastructure and economic growth.

A significant proposal in the budget is the plan for a third airport in Mumbai, which is expected to be operational by 2030. This new airport will be located near Vadhvan Port, strategically positioned with the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train station nearby. Additionally, domestic flights are set to commence at Navi Mumbai International Airport next month, with 85% of the construction already completed and successful trial runs carried out.

Pawar also announced the introduction of a night landing facility at Shirdi Airport, a major pilgrimage destination, which will enhance connectivity for travelers visiting the region.

In terms of infrastructure development, Maharashtra plans to invest in expanding its road network, with the construction of 1,500 kilometers of new roads and the upgrading of 7,000 kilometers of existing roads to cemented roads. These initiatives are aimed at improving transportation across the state and boosting economic activity.

The state's economy is projected to see substantial growth, with Mumbai's economy expected to grow from \$140 billion to \$300 billion. The Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) is being developed as a major growth hub, and Pawar outlined the vision for MMR to have a USD 1.5 trillion economy by 2047.

Additionally, the state aims to generate 50 lakh new employment opportunities over the next five years. This will be supported by Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth ₹15.72 lakh crore, signed with 56 companies at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Pawar also announced the upcoming metro service linking Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport with Navi Mumbai International Airport, enhancing connectivity between these key transport hubs. These budget proposals reflect Maharashtra's focus on long-term economic growth, infrastructure development, and improved connectivity.

Grape expectations: Italy sniffs wine opportunity in India

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Italy is strategically focusing on the growing Indian market for its premium wines, with Vinitaly, the country's flagship wine roadshow, making its debut in New Delhi over the weekend. The event brought together a variety of exhibitors from Italy's top wine-producing regions, including Apulia, Tuscany, Veneto, Campania, and Abruzzo, aiming to establish business opportunities and forge collaborations with local distributors and wine enthusiasts.

The Italian wine industry sees immense potential in India, a market



that is rapidly growing in terms of demand for luxury and niche products. Despite the ongoing negotiations for an India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which have seen wine tariffs emerge as a key sticking point, Italy remains committed to expanding its footprint in the Indian wine market. Vinitaly served as a

platform for showcasing Italy's renowned wines, which range from prestigious reds to unique white varieties, appealing to India's growing segment of affluent consumers and connoisseurs.

Italy's wine industry is betting big on India as a new hub for premium wines, with the event aimed

at educating the Indian market on the distinct characteristics of Italian wines. Participants were given an opportunity to explore the diversity of Italian wines through tastings and discussions, with a special focus on the craftsmanship behind Italy's wine-making heritage. The event also highlighted the significance of the FTA discussions, where wine tariffs remain a crucial issue for both India and the EU. The Italian government hopes to reduce these tariffs, making Italian wines more accessible and appealing to Indian consumers, ultimately boosting exports and strengthening bilateral trade relations.

Mumbai To Have \$1.5 Trillion Economy By 2047: Ajit Pawar



TPN Correspondent | Mumbai

In the state budget for 2025-26, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar outlined ambitious plans aimed at significantly boosting the state's economy. Aimed at increasing Mumbai's economic value from USD 140 billion to USD 1.5 trillion by 2047, the state government has proposed the development of at least seven international-standard business centres across the city.

Pawar announced that business hubs will be established in strategic locations including Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC), Kurla-Worli, Wadala, Goregaon, Navi Mumbai, Kharghar, and Virar-Bhoisar. These centres are set to transform the Mumbai Metropolitan Region into a thriving economic hub.

Another major announcement was the development of Vadhavan port, in which the state government holds a 26% share. This massive project, valued at Rs 76,220 crore, will have an annual cargo handling capacity of 300 million metric tonnes—three times the capacity of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT). Expected to start cargo operations by 2030, Vadhavan

port will be connected to the Mumbai-Nagpur Samruddhi Expressway and a third Mumbai airport, in addition to the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train station.

Maharashtra is also working on enhancing its transportation network. Pawar revealed that a metro project connecting Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport to the Navi Mumbai International Airport is set to begin soon. Additionally, the newly developed Navi Mumbai airport, with 85% of its construction complete, will be ready to handle domestic flights by April and is expected to cater to 90 million passengers annually.

The state has also earmarked significant resources for expanding its metro network, with 64.4 km of metro lines planned for inauguration in Mumbai and Pune next year. Over the next five years, a total of 237.5 km of metro lines will be operational, further boosting connectivity.

The upgrades to Nagpur's Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport and the development of new airports in Amravati and Gadchiroli will further stimulate regional growth, particularly in Vidarbha.

India Imposes Anti-Dumping Duty on Chemical Imports from China and Japan



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

India has imposed an anti-dumping duty of up to \$986 per tonne for five years on "Trichloroisocyanuric acid," a chemical used for water treatment, imported from China and Japan. The decision, announced through a Finance Ministry notification, aims to protect the domestic industry from the negative impact of cheap imports flooding the market.

The move follows recommendations from the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), an investigative arm of the Commerce Ministry, which conducted a probe into the alleged dumping of the chemical by both countries. The DGTR concluded that the domestic industry had suffered material injury due to these below-cost imports, leading to the imposition of the duty.

According to the notification, the anti-dumping duty will be enforced for a period of five years, unless revoked or amended earlier. The two countries—China and Japan—are among India's

key trading partners, and the decision is expected to have a significant impact on trade relations.

The DGTR is responsible for investigating claims of dumping, while the Finance Ministry ultimately decides whether to impose the recommended duties. In this case, the duty was imposed within three months of the DGTR's recommendations.

Anti-dumping duties are typically levied when a country believes its domestic industries are being harmed by imports that are being sold at unfairly low prices. This practice, known as dumping, is seen as a threat to local businesses that cannot compete with cheaper goods, potentially leading to financial losses or even closures. India's decision aligns with global trade practices under the World Trade Organization (WTO) framework, which allows countries to impose such duties to ensure fair competition and provide a level playing field for domestic industries. Importantly, anti-dumping measures are not intended to restrict trade or arbitrarily increase costs but to counteract unfair trade practices.

"Don't Think Zelensky Is Grateful": Trump Jibe Follows Elon Musk's Warning

- Claims Biden administration made it too easy for Ukraine to receive funding
- Asserts Russia would not have invaded Ukraine if he were president
- Defends his tough stance on Russia and sanctions during his presidency

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Former US President Donald Trump has once again criticized Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, accusing him of lacking gratitude for the billions of dollars in aid the United States provided to Ukraine under the Biden administration. In a recent interview with Fox News, Trump compared the US's \$350 billion aid to Ukraine to "taking candy from a baby," suggesting that it was too easy for Zelensky to accept such a substantial amount of support.

The remarks came after a series of tensions between the US and Ukraine, particularly following a contentious meeting in the Oval Office on February 28, where President Biden halted military funding to Ukraine. Zelensky later issued an apology for



the diplomatic fallout. Speaking to Maria Bartiromo on Sunday Morning Futures, Trump reiterated his frustration, stating that Zelensky's behavior was not reflective of the significant aid received by Ukraine since Russia's invasion in 2022.

Trump acknowledged Zelensky's intelligence and toughness but maintained that the Ukrainian leader's attitude towards US aid was one of entitlement. "He took money out of this country under Biden like taking candy from a baby. It was so easy with that same attitude," Trump re-

marked.

Trump also defended his own record on Russia, asserting that no one had been tougher on Moscow than him, citing his sanctions on Russia and the halt of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline during his presidency. He claimed that if he had been president in 2022, Russia would not have invaded Ukraine, and other global conflicts, such as Hamas' attack on Israel in October 2023, would not have occurred.

In response to questions about the US-Ukraine mineral deal, Trump said he believed it would still proceed. His interview follows a warning from Elon Musk, who suggested that Ukraine's defense system could collapse if he were to shut off his Starlink satellite services, which have been crucial for military communications.



New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon to visit India

TPN Correspondent | Auckland

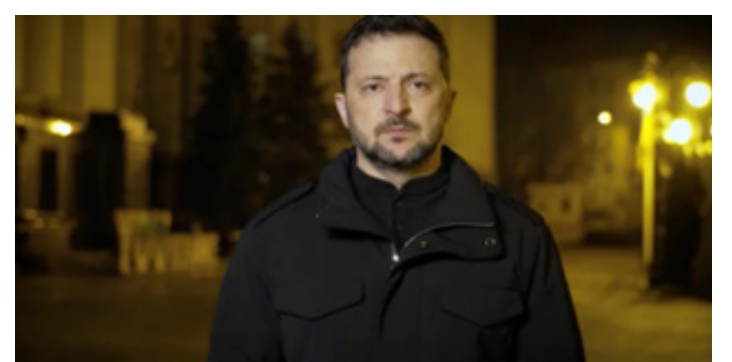
Tech billionaire Elon Musk has once again sparked global debate over the ongoing war in Ukraine with a series of provocative tweets. Musk, the CEO of SpaceX, claimed that his Starlink system plays a critical role in supporting Ukraine's military operations, suggesting that the entire front line of Ukrainian 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.



Ukraine Set For Crucial Talks With US On Ending War With Russia

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is set to arrive in Saudi Arabia on Monday ahead of high-stakes talks aimed at resolving the ongoing conflict with Russia. The talks, scheduled for Tuesday in the Red Sea port city of Jeddah, will bring together US and Ukrainian officials for the first time since Zelensky's tense White House visit last month.

Zelensky confirmed he would meet with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Monday and then participate in discussions with the American team the following day. US Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff has emphasized that Washington hopes to establish a framework for a peace agreement and an initial ceasefire.

While Zelensky expressed Ukraine's commitment to constructive dialogue, he made it clear that Ukraine's interests must be prioritized. "We hope for results, both in terms of bringing peace closer and continuing support," Zelensky stated in his evening address.

The Ukrainian delegation will include key figures such as Foreign Minister Andriy Sybiga, Defense Minister Rustem Umerov, Chief of Staff Andriy Yermak, and military commander Pavlo Palisa. Zelensky mentioned Ukraine is in "constant contact" with the US team ahead of the talks.

Trudeau's Successor, Mark Carney, Signals Big Diplomatic Shift In India-Canada Ties

Mark Carney Plans to Rebuild Strained Ties Between Canada and India

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Mark Carney, the newly elected leader of Canada's ruling Liberal Party and future Prime Minister, has expressed his intention to "rebuild" the strained relationship between Canada and India. Under Carney's leadership, Canada aims to diversify its trade relations with New Delhi, which suffered under the leadership of his predecessor, Justin Trudeau.

Carney secured a decisive victory in the Liberal Party leadership race, receiving 85.9 percent of the votes. In his first statements as leader, he addressed the challenges Canada faces due to US tariffs and indicated that diversifying trade with like-minded countries, including India, would be a priority for his government. "There needs to be a shared sense of values around that commer-



cial relationship, and if I am Prime Minister, I look forward to the opportunity to build that," Carney said.

Carney's knowledge of economic ties between Canada and India gives him an edge. Having previously served as the Governor of both the Bank of Canada and the Bank of England, and as the head

of Brookfield Asset Management, Carney is familiar with the significant investments Canada has made in India, particularly in real estate, renewable energy, and infrastructure. He stepped down from his position at Brookfield in January 2025.

India, particularly, may welcome Ottawa's efforts to improve

bilateral ties, especially given the ongoing tariff issues with the US. Carney's efforts could provide an opportunity for India to raise concerns regarding Canada's immigration restrictions and tightened visa norms, particularly as Canada remains one of the top destinations for Indian migrants. The relationship between India and Canada hit a low point in September 2023, when Trudeau accused India of involvement in the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. India strongly rejected these allegations, calling them "baseless." In the aftermath, both countries expelled each other's top diplomats, and Ottawa paused the Early Progress Trade Agreement, which was supposed to be concluded in 2023. Carney's leadership offers a potential path forward to restore and strengthen ties.

Won't Negotiate Under "Intimidation": Iran Rejects US Talks Amid Tensions

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Iran has firmly stated it will not negotiate under "pressure" or "intimidation," following US President Donald Trump's decision to end a sanctions waiver that allowed Iraq to purchase electricity from Iran. The waiver's termination is part of Trump's renewed "maximum pressure" campaign aimed at crippling Iran's economy, particularly its oil industry.

Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, took to social media to reject any talks driven by external pressure, asserting that Tehran's nuclear program is purely peaceful. He stated, "We will NOT negotiate under pressure and intimidation. We will NOT even consider it, no matter what the subject may be."

Despite a previous statement



from Iran's mission to the United Nations suggesting potential openness to discuss US concerns over the "potential militarization" of Iran's nuclear program, Araghchi emphasized that such discussions were off the table unless they focused solely on Iran's peaceful intentions. Tehran made it clear that any talks aiming to dismantle Iran's nuclear program—an objective they say former President Obama failed to achieve—would be cat-

egorically rejected.

The US decision to end Iraq's sanctions waiver, which had been in place since 2018, is aimed at depriving Iran of economic relief, specifically in energy revenues. Iran supplies a significant portion of Iraq's gas and electricity, contributing to the Iranian economy. The US Embassy in Baghdad urged Iraq to reduce its reliance on Iranian energy imports, with the State Department

reiterating that the sanctions pressure is meant to curb Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile programs, as well as its support for terrorist groups.

The sanctions waiver for Iraq was introduced as part of a deal negotiated during Obama's administration, which lifted sanctions on Iran in exchange for limiting its nuclear program. Since Trump's withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear deal, Iran has gradually scaled back its commitments, leading US officials to estimate that Iran could produce a nuclear weapon in just a few weeks if it chose to.

The ending of the energy waiver is expected to exacerbate Iraq's power shortages, especially during the upcoming summer months, with experts predicting challenges in maintaining electricity supplies.

GST Tax Evasion Detection Hits ₹1.95 Lakh Crore in 25,397 Cases

Central GST officers have detected tax evasion of ₹1.95 lakh crore in 25,397 cases during the April-January period of the current fiscal year, according to data shared in Parliament on Monday. The total number of GST evasion cases detected by central officers over the past five years has reached 86,711, with the total amount of tax evaded surpassing ₹6.79 lakh crore.

In the current fiscal year up to January 2025, the total number of evasion cases detected stands at 25,397, with the total detection amount of ₹1,94,938 crore. During this period, a voluntary deposit of ₹21,520 crore was made in relation to tax evasion cases.

Additionally, there were 13,018 cases of Input Tax Credit (ITC) frauds detected in the current fiscal year, involving a total of ₹46,472 crore. As part of the investigation, a voluntary deposit of ₹2,211 crore was made to settle the fraud cases.

The GST Investigation Wing's data for the 2023-24 fiscal year revealed that 20,582 evasion cases were detected, amounting to ₹2.30 lakh crore in evaded taxes. These figures highlight the government's ongoing efforts to combat GST tax evasion and enhance compliance across the country.

The government's crackdown on tax evasion continues to focus on large-scale frauds and has led to significant voluntary deposits, indicating an increased willingness among businesses to settle tax issues proactively. The focus on ITC fraud cases also underscores the need for stricter monitoring of input tax claims to prevent fraudulent practices.

Overall, the detection of such a large number of GST evasion cases reflects the government's commitment to tackling financial irregularities, ensuring greater transparency, and securing vital revenue for the economy.



India's Thermal Coal Imports Drop for Sixth Consecutive Month

India's imports of thermal coal, primarily used for power generation, continued their downward trend in February, marking the sixth consecutive month of decline. According to ship tracking data, the drop in imports is attributed to slower growth in coal-fired power generation, which has been impacted by a slowdown in manufacturing activity. This marks the longest such streak since February 2022, when imports had declined for eight straight months.

India, the world's second-largest importer of coal, saw its thermal coal imports decrease by 15.3% to 12.16 million metric tons in February. This follows a broader trend, as the country's total thermal coal imports fell by 20% to 77.3 million metric tons in the six months leading up to February 28.

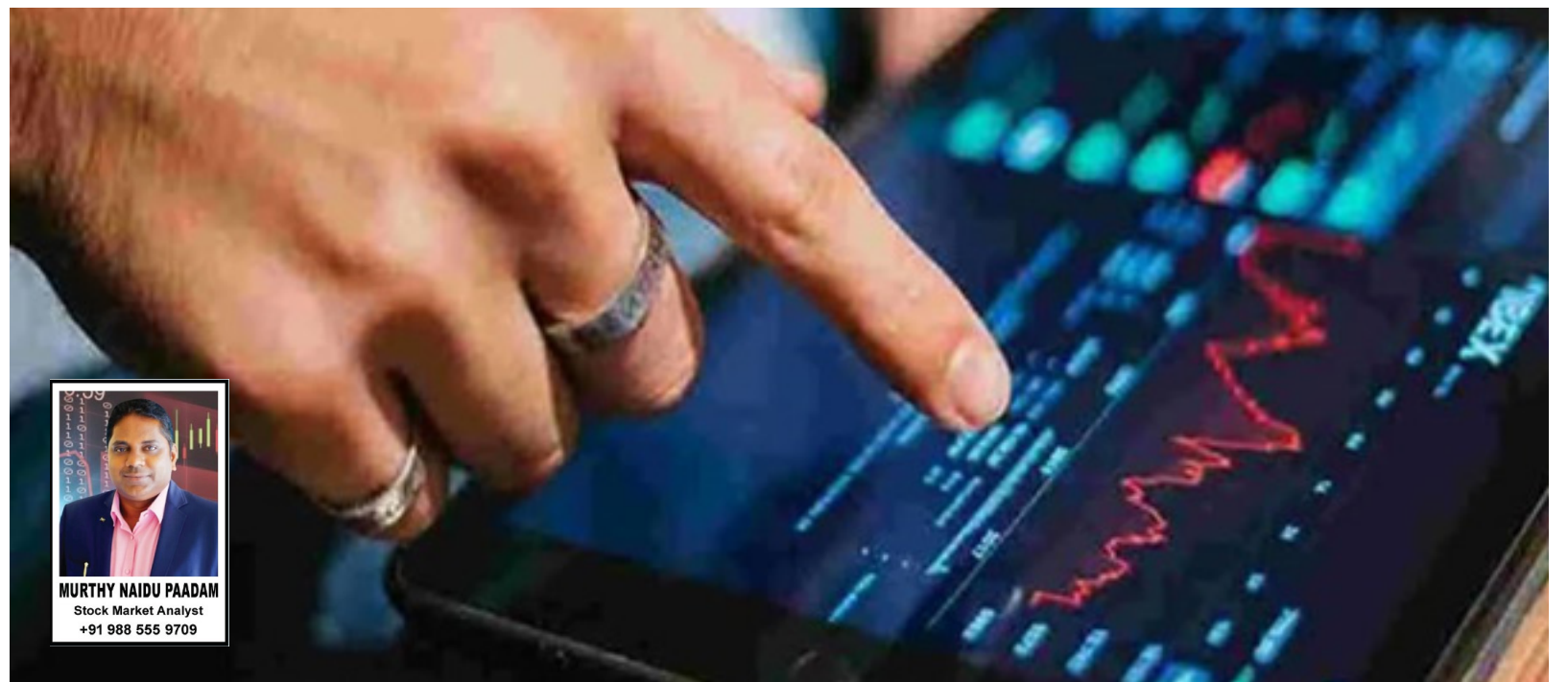
The slowdown in manufacturing activity in India has played a significant role in reducing the demand for seaborne coal. With industrial output cooling to its weakest pace in over a year, the country's need for coal has also diminished. The decline in thermal coal imports further contributes to the global trend of falling coal prices, exerting additional pressure on an already declining market.

India's reduced coal imports are part of broader efforts to cut dependence on imported fossil fuels. The country has increasingly turned to renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, which are expected to play a more significant role in meeting energy demands in the future.

Despite these efforts, coal still plays a crucial role in India's power generation mix, and the recent import decline highlights the ongoing challenges the country faces in balancing energy demand with its transition to cleaner energy sources. The trend also signals the need for sustained investment in renewable energy infrastructure and technology to reduce reliance on thermal coal imports in the long term.



Domestic Markets Slide on US Shutdown Fears Sensex Down 217, Nifty 92



Domestic stock markets fell on Monday. The indices, which started with huge gains in the morning, plunged into losses due to negative signals from international markets and negative sentiment. The reasons for this are concerns about the US economy and the shutdown situation. In addition to this, the market breadth turned red as investors started selling shares of all sectors. Except for FMCG, all sectoral indices fell. Nifty 92 and Sensex lost 217 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 74,332 in the previous session, started at 74,474 on Monday. It touched an intraday low of 74,022. It reached an intraday high of 74,741. Finally, it closed at 74,115, losing 217 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 22,521, touched a low of 22,429 and a high of 22,676. It closed at 22,460, down 92 points. The Nifty Bank lost 280 points and settled at 48,216. The burden of medicines required by diabetes patients will decrease. Domestic pharma companies are preparing to produce the generic version of Empagliflozin soon. GR Infra Projects has declared an interim dividend of Rs. 12.50 per share.

In Nifty50, 9 companies gained while 41 lost. FMCG shares rose. Realty, PSU bank, oil and gas, consumption, energy, auto, manufacturing, metal, healthcare, pharma, and bank indices rose. PowerGrid, Hindustan Unilever, Infi, SBI Life, Nestle, Asian Paints were the top gainers. ONGC, Trent, IndusInd Bank, Bajaj Auto, Eicher Motors were the biggest losers. Market breadth on NSE today shifted in favour of sellers. Out of 2988 stocks traded, 607 gained and 2308 lost. 15 stocks touched 52-week highs. 90 stocks touched 52-week lows. 138 stocks touched the upper circuit and 162 touched the lower circuit.

Rupee weakened by 45 paise to settle at 87.33 against the dollar. Fitch has given a negative outlook rating to Adani Ener-

gy in the wake of the US probe. IndusInd Bank Jefferies maintains Buy rating, reducing target price from Rs 1200 to Rs 1080. 10 lakh shares changed hands in Infosys. Sun Pharma to acquire Check Point Therapeutics. Hudco declares second interim dividend of Rs 1.05 per share. Thermal coal imports fall for sixth consecutive month. HFCL gets Rs 44.36 crore order from Indian Army. RailTel gets Rs 28.29 crore work order from Northern Railway. 14 lakh shares changed hands in Varun Beverages. Zerodha Fund House launches Silver ETF. Tata Power signs MoU with AP Government.

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (POWERGRID)



Power Grid is India's premier electric power transmission company, responsible for managing and expanding the country's high-voltage transmission network. Poised to benefit from ongoing government initiatives in grid modernization and integration of renewable energy sources, offering long-term stability and moderate growth.

Emami Ltd (EMAMILTD)

Emami Ltd is a diversified FMCG company with a robust portfolio in personal care, health, and wellness products. It is known for its strong brand presence and innovative product offerings. With an expanding distribution network and growing consumer demand in both urban and rural markets, Emami is well-positioned for sustained long-term growth.



Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL)

ZEEL is a leading media and entertainment company in India, operating across television broadcasting, digital content, and film production.



It holds a significant market share in Indian TV and rapidly growing digital platforms. As digital consumption accelerates and international markets expand, ZEEL is set to benefit from the growing demand for high-quality content and new distribution channels.

Solar Industries India Ltd (SOLARIND)

Solar Industries is a prominent manufacturer specializing in industrial explosives, ammonium nitrate-based fertilizers, and other chemical products, serving both agricultural and industrial sectors. With sustained demand in both agriculture and industry, Solar Industries offers moderate growth potential, although it remains exposed to commodity price volatility and market cyclicality.



JSW Energy Ltd (JSWENERGY)

Part of the JSW Group, JSW Energy is involved in power generation through a mix of thermal and renewable energy projects. The company is actively expanding its renewable energy portfolio, particularly in solar and wind power. Benefiting from India's policy push toward renewable energy and environmental sustainability, JSW Energy is well-positioned for long-term growth, though short-term performance may be influenced by fuel price volatility and regulatory shifts.



India's Wheat Production Estimated to Reach Record 115.3 Million Metric Tonnes in 2024-25

India's wheat production is projected to reach a record 115.3 million metric tonnes for the 2024-25 season, marking a 2% increase from the 113.3 million tonnes produced in 2023-24, according to the Second Advance Estimates released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare on Monday.

This year's estimated production surpasses the 2022-23 production of 110.05 million tonnes and the 2021-22 output of 107.7 million tonnes, highlighting a steady increase in wheat yields over recent years. The record wheat output is crucial as the government aims to procure 31 million tonnes of wheat during the upcoming rabi marketing season (2025-26), ensuring adequate supply for both domestic consumption and strategic reserves.

Wheat is the second-largest crop in India after paddy, contributing significantly to the country's agricultural output. The expected rise in production reflects the ongoing improvements in farming techniques, the adoption of higher-yielding wheat varieties, and favorable climatic conditions in several wheat-growing regions of the country.



The estimates of bumper wheat production are welcomed by both the agricultural community and government officials, who see it as a crucial factor in addressing food security and ensuring stable wheat prices in the domestic market. Additionally, the expected rise in procurement during the rabi marketing season will further support India's wheat stock-

piles, helping to maintain the country's strategic reserves.

As India continues to play a vital role in global agricultural markets, the record wheat output is a positive development not only for the nation's food security but also for its position as a key exporter of wheat in the global market.

Best Hydrating Foods and Drinks for a 30-Day Fitness Challenge



Staying hydrated is essential for maintaining energy, muscle function, and overall well-being, particularly during a 30-day fitness challenge. While water is the primary source of hydration, consuming the right foods and drinks can enhance electrolyte balance, aid muscle recovery, and prevent dehydration-related issues. The World Health Organisation (WHO) emphasises the importance of adequate fluid intake for optimal physical performance and body temperature regulation. Similarly, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) highlight hydration's role in endurance, cardiovascular health, and preventing cramps.

Hydrating Drinks for Fitness

1. Coconut Water – A natural source of potassium and sodium, helping replenish lost electrolytes.
2. Lemon Water – Rich in vitamin C and electrolytes, aiding digestion and hydration.
3. Herbal Teas – Caffeine-free options like chamomile and hibiscus support hydration with added health benefits.
4. Aloe Vera Juice – Promotes gut health while providing a cooling, hydrating effect.
5. Homemade Electrolyte Drinks – A mix of water, salt, honey, and citrus juice creates a natural hydration booster.

Hydrating Foods for Fitness

1. Watermelon – Composed of 92% water,

offering hydration along with vitamins and antioxidants.

2. Cucumber – A high-water-content vegetable that helps balance electrolytes.
3. Oranges – Rich in vitamin C and fluids, enhancing hydration and immunity.
4. Leafy Greens – Vegetables like spinach contain water, fibre, and minerals essential for muscle recovery.
5. Yogurt – A probiotic-rich food that supports digestion and hydration.

Tips for Staying Hydrated During Exercise

- Drink water before, during, and after workouts to prevent dehydration.
- Consume electrolyte-rich foods like bananas and avocados to replenish minerals.
- Avoid excessive caffeine and sugary beverages that may contribute to dehydration.
- Monitor urine colour, as pale yellow indicates proper hydration.
- Eat water-dense foods to naturally supplement fluid intake.

Hydration is crucial in achieving fitness goals and maintaining endurance throughout a 30-day fitness challenge. Experts from WHO and CDC stress the importance of fluid balance for both physical and cognitive performance. By making mindful dietary choices, individuals can stay hydrated, energised, and healthy during their fitness journey.

Gill's Father Does 'Bhangra' With Rishabh Pant Viral Video Breaks The Internet

Amid India's celebrations after winning the ICC Champions Trophy, vice-captain Shubman Gill's father, Lakhwinder, was seen performing bhangra with wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant. The joyous moment, captured in a viral video, has taken the internet by storm. India clinched their third Champions Trophy title on Sunday, March 9, defeating New Zealand by four wickets at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. Despite not playing a single match in the tournament, Pant joined the post-match celebrations, dancing with Lakhwinder Gill. A video posted by the BCCI also showed Lakhwinder sharing a similar moment with his son, Shubman Gill, as pacer Arshdeep Singh joined in the festivities. Shubman Gill played a crucial role in India's campaign, starting the tournament with a century in the opening match against Bangladesh on February 20. However, his subsequent performances saw moderate scores of 46, 2, 8, and 31.

Following the victory, Gill reflected on India's triumph and praised captain Rohit Sharma's leadership and aggressive batting approach. "Felt amazing. For most of the time, I sat back and enjoyed Rohit's batting. He told me it doesn't matter how far ahead or behind we are; the goal was to bat till the end. We missed

out in 2023, so it feels great to win eight ODIs back to back. Seeing his intensity and approach is incredible. He keeps telling us to give it our all, and he backs it up," said Gill in the post-match presentation.

He also lauded New Zealand's competitive spirit, acknowledging their consistency and ability to execute plans under pressure.

"New Zealand are very consistent and execute their plans well. We know they give it their all, and they showed it tonight with their resilience," he added.

Meanwhile, speculation about Rohit Sharma's future was put to rest as the India captain clarified that he has no immediate plans to retire. "No future plans, jaise chal raha hain, chalta rahega (the way it is going, it will continue that way). One more thing—I'm not retiring from this format, just to ensure no rumours are spread moving forward," Rohit stated at a press conference.

With this victory, India became the most successful team in Champions Trophy history, surpassing Australia with three titles. The team previously shared the trophy with Sri Lanka in 2002 and won their second title under MS Dhoni in 2013.



iQOO Z10 Series May Launch in April; Key Features Leaked



The iQOO Z10 series is expected to launch in China soon, with reports suggesting multiple variants, including the iQOO Z10, Z10 Turbo, Z10 Turbo Pro, and Z10x. A recent leak has revealed key details about the upcoming smartphones, including processor choices and battery specifications.

Launch Timeline and Specifications
According to a now-edited Weibo post by tipster Digital Chat Station, the iQOO Z10 and Z10 Turbo could debut in April, while the Z10x variant may arrive in the third quarter of 2025. The previous iQOO Z9 series was introduced in

April 2024, making this a likely timeframe for its successor. The base iQOO Z10 is rumored to feature a Snapdragon 7 Gen 4 SoC and a 1.5K OLED display. Meanwhile, the Z10 Turbo may be powered by MediaTek Dimensity 8400, and the high-end Z10 Turbo Pro is expected to come with a Snapdragon 8s Elite chipset. While iQOO has yet to confirm the details, the rumored specifications indicate a performance-focused lineup with high battery capacities and fast charging capabilities. More information is expected to surface as the official launch approaches.

Seasoning vs. Flavouring: What's The Difference?



The taste of food is shaped by the ingredients and techniques used in cooking. While both seasoning and flavouring enhance a dish, they serve different purposes in bringing out its best flavors.

Have you ever followed a recipe precisely, yet something still felt off? You added all the right ingredients, but the dish lacked depth. Then, with just a pinch of salt or a dash of spice, the flavors suddenly came alive. That's the magic of seasoning and flavouring—but did you know they're not the same thing?

Many people use these terms interchangeably, but they play distinct roles in enhancing food. Whether you're new to cooking or just looking to refine your understanding, here's what sets them apart.

What is Seasoning?

Seasoning amplifies the natural taste of ingredients without altering their original flavor. It enhances, rather than transforms, the dish. The most common seasoning is salt—it doesn't add a new taste but brings out

the existing flavors. A bowl of dal or khichdi, for instance, tastes bland without salt but becomes instantly more flavorful with just the right amount.

Other examples of seasoning include pepper, cumin (jeera), and asafoetida (hing), which subtly boost a dish's taste without overpowering it. Seasoning ensures that food tastes its best without changing its inherent profile.

What is Flavouring?

Flavouring, on the other hand, introduces a new taste to a dish. Unlike seasoning, which enhances, flavouring transforms. For example, adding cardamom (elaichi) to chai gives it a distinct aroma and taste, while a few drops of vanilla extract completely alter the flavor of a plain cake batter.

Flavouring ingredients such as kasuri methi, ginger, garlic, tamarind, and saffron define a dish's signature taste. Can you imagine butter chicken without kasuri methi? It simply wouldn't be the same. These ingredients are strong and shape the final taste of the dish, making flavouring a

Hidden Supermassive Black Hole May Lurk in Large Magellanic Cloud

A hidden supermassive black hole may be lurking within the Large Magellanic Cloud (LMC), a satellite galaxy of the Milky Way, according to new research. Scientists believe the discovery of hypervelocity stars—stars moving at extraordinary speeds—may provide evidence of a massive, yet-undetected black hole in the LMC.

Evidence from Hypervelocity Stars

Using data from the European Space Agency's Gaia satellite, researchers tracked 21 hypervelocity stars at the edge of the Milky Way. While many were propelled by Sagittarius A* (Sgr A*), the black hole at the center of our galaxy, a significant number appeared to have originated from the LMC. This unexpected trajectory led scientists to theorize that a supermassive black hole within the LMC may have been responsible for accelerating these stars.

Jesse Han, an astrophysicist

at the Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian (CfA), called the possibility of another supermassive black hole so close to the Milky Way a striking revelation. He also noted that black holes are notoriously difficult to detect, making this discovery particularly significant. Potential Mass and Implications

Estimates suggest that this hidden black hole could have a mass of around 600,000 times that of the Sun—smaller than Sagittarius A* (4.3 million solar masses) but still within the expected range for supermassive black holes.

Scott Lucchini, another researcher at CfA, pointed out that these findings challenge the idea that the Milky Way is the only nearby galaxy ejecting hypervelocity stars due to a supermassive black hole. The results align with previous theories suggesting that the LMC could host a powerful, unseen gravitational force.



Rohit Sharma Clears Air on 2027 World Cup Plans After Champions Trophy Triumph



India captain Rohit Sharma has put to rest all speculation regarding his ODI future after leading the team to a historic unbeaten triumph in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025. Following the victory, Rohit categorically dismissed retirement talks, saying, "I am not going to retire from this format. Just to make sure no rumours are spread moving forward."

However, when asked about his participation in the 2027 ODI World Cup, the 38-year-old stated that he prefers to take things one step at a time. "Right now, I am taking things as they come. It wouldn't be fair for me to think too far ahead. At this moment, my focus is on playing well and maintaining the

right mindset," Rohit said on Jio Hotstar. Reflecting on India's flawless campaign in the Champions Trophy, Rohit took immense pride in the team's consistency. "We went undefeated despite losing all five tosses, yet we still won the trophy. Winning a tournament without a single defeat is a massive achievement," he said. Shifting the Mindset for Success Rohit credited India's triumph to a change in mindset, shifting focus from individual milestones to collective success. "Before the 2023 World Cup, we had discussions about not prioritizing personal achievements. I learned this the hard way in 2019—I

scored five centuries, but in the end, we didn't win the trophy. That's when I realized, it's all about the team's success." He also highlighted how preparation played a key role. "After the Australia tour, we had 20-25 days to analyze conditions. We studied T20 matches to assess the pitches and picked our squad accordingly." Looking ahead, Rohit made it clear that he wants India to be seen as an indomitable force. "I don't want to dictate how other teams should see us. The only thing I want is for them never to take us lightly. Even if we are five wickets down, we have the ability to fight back and turn the game around."

Who Is RJ Mahvash? Mystery girl shares photos with Chahal after India's win



India's thrilling victory against New Zealand in the Champions Trophy 2025 final not only brought joy to cricket fans but also sparked online speculation surrounding cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal and YouTuber RJ Mahvash. Their joint appearance at the Dubai stadium has fueled fresh rumors about their relationship. Chahal, who is currently going through a divorce with his wife Dhanashree Verma, was seen enjoying the match alongside Mahvash. After India's win, Mahvash shared photos and videos from the stadium, captioning them, "Kaha tha na jita ke aungi (Told you I'd make India win) I am good luck for team India!" The post quickly gained traction, adding to the ongoing speculation. This isn't the first time the duo has been spotted together. In December, pictures of them celebrating Christmas together had already set social media abuzz. At the time, Mahvash dismissed the dating rumors as baseless, while Chahal requested fans to respect their privacy, stating that such speculations had caused emotional distress to

his family. **Who Is RJ Mahvash?** RJ Mahvash, a popular content creator known for her prank videos and humorous takes, hails from Aligarh. The 28-year-old, whose name means "Beautiful like the moon" in Persian, celebrates her birthday on October 27. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Aligarh Muslim University and a Master's in Mass Communication from Jamia Millia Islamia in New Delhi. Mahvash initially started as a radio jockey but gained massive recognition through her digital content. Despite receiving offers from Bigg Boss 14 and Bollywood, she chose to focus on her social media career. While neither Chahal nor Mahvash has confirmed any romantic relationship, their frequent public appearances continue to keep social media buzzing with reactions. One user humorously commented, "Hum jeet gye aur Chahal bhai v pighal gye (We won, and Chahal got impressed)," while another added, "Jindagi toh Chahal bhai jee rahe hai (Chahal is winning at life)."

Barcelona vs Osasuna La Liga Match Called Off Minutes Before Kick-Off



Barcelona's La Liga match against Osasuna was postponed on Saturday, just 20 minutes before kick-off, following the sudden death of first-team doctor Carles Minarro Garcia. The tragic incident led the club to reschedule the fixture for a later date. "Barcelona is sorry to announce the sad news of the death of first-team doctor Carles Minarro Garcia this afternoon," the club said in a statement. "For this reason, the match between Barcelona and Osasuna has been postponed until a later date." Barcelona president Joan Laporta expressed his grief, calling the news

"heartbreaking and shocking." "We contacted his mother and his wife to express our condolences and support them in this incredibly painful time. It is our duty to stand by them," he said. The 53-year-old doctor leaves behind his wife and two children. Players and fans were stunned by the sudden development. Barcelona midfielder Pedri shared his disbelief on Instagram, writing, "I still can't believe it. A big hug to the family and friends of Carles." Osasuna president Luis Sabalza fully supported the decision to postpone the game. "Life is the most important thing.

You can't play a match when someone so close to the team is no longer there," he told DAZN. Osasuna also expressed their condolences on social media, writing, "Osasuna wishes to convey its deepest condolences to the family of doctor Carles Minarro Garcia and send a big hug to all the staff of Barcelona, as well as their fans. May he rest in peace." This is the second La Liga fixture to be postponed in recent days. On Monday, Villarreal's match against Espanyol was also called off due to a heavy rain alert in the region.

"India Would Have Won Anywhere" Wasim Akram Shuts Down Champions Trophy Debate

Pakistan cricket legend Wasim Akram has dismissed the debate surrounding India's Champions Trophy 2025 triumph, asserting that India would have won the tournament regardless of the venue. India played all their matches in Dubai, avoiding travel to Pakistan, which led to discussions about whether they had an unfair advantage. However, Akram made it clear that India's dominance was undeniable. "This Indian team would have won it anywhere in the world," Akram said on the Dressing Room show on Sports Central. "Yes, people talked about India playing in Dubai, but even if they had

played in Pakistan, they would have won there as well." Akram highlighted India's back-to-back ICC title victories, pointing out that they remained unbeaten in both the T20 World Cup 2024 and the Champions Trophy 2025. "Winning two global tournaments without losing a game shows their depth and leadership," he added. Despite setbacks in Test cricket—including series losses against New Zealand, Australia, and Sri Lanka—India stuck with their leadership duo of Rohit Sharma and Gautam Gambhir. Akram praised this decision, saying, "There was pressure to change the captain and

coach, but BCCI backed them. Now, they are champions of the champions."



Max Verstappen Eyes Fifth Title in F1's 75th Anniversary Season, Hamilton Joins Ferrari



The 2025 Formula One season promises high-intensity battles as the sport celebrates 75 years since its inception in 1950. With 24 races on the calendar, the competition is set to be fierce, with Max Verstappen aiming for his fifth consecutive title, while Lewis Hamilton's move to Ferrari adds a major twist to the championship. The season kicks off in Australia this Sunday, featuring six rookies eager to make their mark. Seventy-five years after Giuseppe Farina won the first-ever F1 title, Max Verstappen begins his quest to join Michael Schumacher as the only driver to win five consecutive world championships. The Dutchman dominated early in 2024 but suffered a 10-race winless streak, allowing McLaren, Mercedes, and

Ferrari to close the gap. Despite this, he clinched his fourth title in Las Vegas with two races to spare. However, Lando Norris is seen as a major threat in 2025, with betting odds placing him as the title favorite over Verstappen. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc and new signing Lewis Hamilton are also expected to challenge for the crown. Testing in Bahrain provided mixed signals, with Mercedes, Williams, and McLaren topping different days. Ferrari looked strong, while Red Bull's Verstappen showed promise on the final day. McLaren CEO Zak Brown believes the field is tighter than ever, stating, "I can see it being super competitive. Last year, four teams won multiple races—this year, it could be even more."



Rajinikanth's Jailer 2 Begins Filming "Muthuvel Pandian's Hunt Begins"



The highly anticipated sequel to Rajinikanth's blockbuster Jailer has officially gone on floors. Titled Jailer 2, the film marks the superstar's second collaboration with director Nelson Dilipkumar and is produced by Kalanithi Maran's Sun Pictures. Announcing the shoot, Sun Pictures unveiled a striking new poster on Instagram with the caption, "Muthuvel Pandian's hunt begins! #Jailer2 shoot starts today."

A Grand Sequel in the Making

The makers had previously confirmed Jailer 2 in January with an announcement teaser featuring Nelson Dilipkumar and music composer Anirudh Ravichander. The video, shot inside a Goa beach house, showed the duo discussing their next project, ultimately revealing the return of Rajinikanth as Muthuvel Pandian.

While the cast of Jailer 2 remains under wraps, the film is expected to continue the legacy of its prequel, which was one of Tamil cinema's highest-grossing films of all time. Released in 2023, Jailer followed the story of a retired jail warden who embarks on a deadly mission after his son goes missing.

The first installment featured Vinayakan, Ramya Krishnan, Vasanth Ravi, and Yogi Babu, with special appearances by Mohanlal, Shiva Rajkumar, and Jackie Shroff. Actress Tamannaah Bhatia, who made waves with her hit song Kaavaalaa, had previously praised Rajinikanth, calling him "the most humble superstar" in an interview. Apart from Jailer 2, Rajinikanth is also working on Coolie, directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj. He was last seen in Lal Salaam, directed by his daughter Aishwaryaa Rajinikanth.

"Blaming Women...": Dhanashree Verma's Cryptic Post



Choreographer and social media influencer Dhanashree Verma has once again grabbed attention amid her ongoing divorce case with Indian cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal. Following weeks of speculation and media reports, she posted a cryptic message on Instagram that read, "Blaming women is always in fashion." The post came just a day after Chahal was spotted at the Champions Trophy 2025 final in Dubai alongside YouTuber

RJ Mahvash. This has led to fresh speculation, with some social media users linking her statement to Chahal, while others believe it refers to the online trolling she has faced in recent times. Rumors of Chahal and Dhanashree's separation have been circulating for months, with reports suggesting that their divorce had already been finalized. However, Dhanashree's lawyer, Aditi Mohan, dismissed these claims, stating, "I have

no comments to make on the proceedings. The matter is currently sub judice. The media should fact-check before reporting, as a lot of misleading information is being circulated."

One of the most viral claims alleged that Dhanashree had demanded ₹60 crore as alimony. In response, her family issued a strong statement, completely rejecting these reports.

"We are deeply outraged by the baseless claims about the alimony figure. Let me be absolutely clear—no such amount has ever been asked, demanded, or even offered. Reckless reporting like this only causes harm, and we urge the media to fact-check before spreading misinformation and respect everyone's privacy," the statement read.

While neither Chahal nor Dhanashree has officially confirmed their divorce status, their cryptic social media posts continue to fuel public curiosity.

Chhaava Telugu Scores Big at Box Office Despite CT Final



Telugu audiences have once again proven their love for good cinema as Chhaava, the historical epic directed by Laxman Utekar and produced by Dinesh Vijan, continues its strong run at the box office. Released in Telugu by Geetha Arts, the film has performed exceptionally well despite competition from the Champions Trophy final.

While the opening two days saw impressive numbers, Day 2 surpassed Day 1, setting high expectations. Many predicted a dip on Sunday due to the cricket final, but Chhaava Telugu maintained its momentum, collecting nearly the same as Day 2. The film has grossed ₹9.46 crore in three days, proving that strong word of mouth is driving audiences to the-

aters despite being a dubbed release. Renowned production house Geetha Arts took up the challenge of completing the dubbing in record time, ensuring the film reached Telugu audiences with high-quality localization. Their dedication is now yielding big rewards at the box office. Viewers are showering praise on the performances of Vicky Kaushal, Rashmika Mandanna, and Akshaye Khanna, while the film's authentic portrayal of the unsung Maratha warrior king, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, is earning widespread acclaim.

With its phenomenal box office numbers, Chhaava Telugu is poised to set new benchmarks for Hindi-dubbed films in the Telugu market.

When Roshan meets Sheela



The IIFA Awards stage witnessed a euphoric moment when Katrina Kaif made a rare appearance and joined Kartik Aaryan to perform the hookstep of the Bhool Bhulaiyaa title track. The moment turned even more special as Kartik

took on the role of a dance instructor, guiding Katrina through the iconic steps that have become a signature of the horror-comedy franchise.

Kartik, who won the Best Actor award for his performance in Bhool Bhulaiyaa

3, looked dapper in a midnight blue formal suit, while Katrina stunned in an ivory-hued outfit. Their electrifying stage presence and effortless chemistry left fans in awe, making it one of the most talked-about highlights of the event.

Samantha's New Pic With Raj Nidimoru Sparks Dating Buzz



Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu is once again making headlines over her personal life after a picture of her with director Raj Nidimoru went viral on social media. The duo, who worked together on the Amazon Prime series Citadel: Honey Bunny, were seen attending a friend's birthday brunch, fueling fresh dating

speculation. In the widely circulated picture, Samantha is seen wearing a stylish green dress, while Raj Nidimoru keeps it casual. Their chemistry has become a talking point, especially after another viral moment from February 1, when Samantha shared photos from the World Pickleball League match. One of

the pictures showed her holding hands with Raj Nidimoru, adding to the rumors. Samantha was previously married to Naga Chaitanya, but the couple announced their divorce in 2021. Recently, Naga Chaitanya tied the knot with actress Sobhita Dhulipala on December 4, 2024, in a traditional Telugu ceremony, bringing

renewed attention to Samantha's past relationship. Samantha's Professional Front Samantha was last seen in Citadel: Honey Bunny, co-starring Varun Dhawan. On the big screen, she appeared in Kushi (2023) alongside Vijay Deverakonda.

Raj Nidimoru, best known as one half of the director duo Raj & DK, has helmed successful projects like The Family Man, Guns & Gulaabs, and Farzi. He has also directed films such as Shor In The City and Go Goa Gone. While neither Samantha nor Raj Nidimoru have addressed the dating rumors, their repeated public appearances have kept fans speculating.

Hrithik Roshan Injured During Song Rehearsals With Jr NTR

Bollywood superstar Hrithik Roshan has suffered a leg injury while rehearsing for a song in War 2, where he shares screen space with Jr NTR for the first time. The injury has forced the actor to take a four-week break, leading to a postponement of the song shoot to May 2025. Originally, the film's team planned to complete the song shoot before proceeding with the remaining talkie portions. However, with Hrithik's injury, the schedule has been altered. Despite the delay, the makers remain committed to releasing the film on August 14, 2025.

Sources reveal that Hrithik pushed himself beyond limits during rehearsals, leading to a niggle in his leg. After a medical evaluation, doctors advised him to rest for a month to ensure a full recovery. Though the setback is disappointing, fans can

expect Hrithik to return with renewed energy. Current Status of War 2 Most of the talkie portions have been completed, and the team is now focusing on marketing strategies ahead of the theatrical release. Directed by Ayan Mukerji, War 2 is one of the most anticipated films of 2025, bring-

ing together Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR in a high-octane action spectacle. Yash Raj Films (YRF) is producing the sequel as part of its spy universe, following the massive success of War (2019). War 2 is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on August 14, 2025.

