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KASIREDDY INVEST IN HYDERABAD WITH THE HELP OF KAVITHA?

TPN, Correspondent Hyderabad, Mar 16 : Generally, many feels that Ex Chief Minister Mr. YS Jaganmohan Reddy is very commercial and he will plays with anybody regarding financial affairs. But, here surprisingly Mr. Kasireddy Rajasekhar Reddy, Ex-Advisor, IT for Government of Andhra Pradesh in the regime of YS Jagan, has played with Jagan, it seems. As per the report of accused Mr. Vasudeva Reddy in liquor scam, Mr. Kasireddy Ra-

jasekhar Reddy has taken away almost Rs.2500 Crores allegedly. The CID is investigating where that money was gone. Whether it has reached big boss and in what way? This is the question unanswerable as of now. Meanwhile, we heard that Kasireddy got a deal with a politician for Rs.200 Crores to get out of this case. Now, as per the sources of Hyderabad, we came to know that He has invested almost Rs.500 Crores in Hyderabad on a land of 52 acres located in Gutta-la Begumpet allegedly. The land

is in dispute for many years between a private party and the Government of Telangana. In 2022, Kasireddy has planned to get that land for Rs.500 Crores, which is more than Rs.5000 Crores value as per the market. For this deal, He has met Mrs Kavitha, MLC of Telangana allegedly.

Through Kavitha, he has moved the files and made Government to issue NOC in the court that land belongs to concerned private party only. So that after the clearance of the Court, Kasireddy planned to register by that private party to him. But, in a twisted manner, High Court of Telangana has questioned the Government that, How can you give a clearance like that after so many



years and asked for supporting documents. After that the High Court has demolished the order of the Government of Telangana and continued status quo on the land. Because of this twist, Kasireddy was unable to get that land and the amount was spent for this purpose already. The Political Circles and the officials known about this affair alleged-



ly. But, they don't know about Kasireddy at that time. But all of them were shocked when the liquor scam and the involvement of Kasireddy was came out in the recent. Now CID has to reach Hyderabad to knows the whereabouts of the money looted through liquor scam by Kasireddy allegedly.

The land at Gutta-la Begum-

pet comes under Jubilee Hills, a premium land. On 8th August 2022, the then Collector of Rangareddy District Mr. Amoykumar issued denotification of 52 acres in survey no.63, which is total 73 acres 29 guntas. Allegedly, Amoykumar was influenced by MLC Kavitha.

One more interesting thing is that, Mr. Kasireddy has invested much money in Dubai through real estate.

He has started a real estate company and surprisingly YS Jagan didn't know about this company, as per the YSRC circles itself. YS Jagan, who is known to be very rude at financial affairs, was cheated by Kasireddy as per this buzz. Few people said that "Mr. Kasireddy is friend of Dushyant Reddy of YS family.



Harish Rao's Strong Comments in Assembly

- Harish Rao criticizes Congress leaders' actions.
- Accuses Revanth Reddy of disrespecting KCR.
- Congress responsible for Krishna water issues.
- BRS sacrifices for Telangana's water needs.
- KCR's projects benefit Telangana agriculture significantly.

TPN, Correspondent Hyderabad, Mar 16 : In a recent assembly session, Telangana Minister Harish Rao made impactful statements re-

garding the political landscape and water distribution issues in the state. He criticized Congress leader Revanth Reddy, claiming that >> PAGE 2

KCR Took Salary but Left People to Their Fate: CM Revanth Reddy

- ◆ KCR received ₹57.84 crore in salary over 15 months but attended the assembly only twice.
- ◆ CM Revanth Reddy accused KCR of neglecting irrigation projects, causing water scarcity.
- ◆ He alleged that KCR reduced the Jurala project's capacity to benefit contractors.
- ◆ Revanth blamed KCR for the SLBC project delay and recent accidents in Nalgonda.
- ◆ He challenged BRS leaders to a discussion on Krishna river water projects.

TPN, Correspondent Hyderabad, Mar 16 : Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy launched a scathing attack on former CM KCR in the assembly, alleging that he avoided accountability despite drawing a hefty salary. He accused KCR of neglecting crucial irrigation projects and acting in favor of the Andhra Pradesh government during his tenure.

Revanth also made sensational claims about threats to his life from KCR's family.

Speaking in the assembly, CM Revanth Reddy questioned whether it was not true that KCR, as a Union Minister, allowed the expansion of the Pothireddy Padu project with the blessings of YS Rajasekhara Reddy. He criticized KCR for reducing the Jurala project's



capacity from two TMC to one TMC, allegedly to favor contractors. He further claimed that diverting water to Srisaillam resulted in a situation where irrigation needs remain unfulfilled despite the project's completion.

Revanth also held KCR responsible for the SLBC project delays, accusing him of neglecting Nalgonda district's

water needs for ten years. He alleged that KCR's inaction contributed to the recent SLBC accident that claimed eight lives. He questioned why projects in the Krishna basin were left incomplete for over a decade.

Slamming KCR's poor attendance, Revanth stated that the former CM attended the assembly only twice in 15 months despite receiving >> PAGE 2

BRS MLC Kavitha Criticizes CM Revanth Reddy's Actions

- ◆ Kavitha criticizes CM Revanth's decisions.
- ◆ Kaleshwaram project boosted rice production significantly.
- ◆ Demand for release of commission reports.
- ◆ Concerns raised over minority representation issues.



TPN, Correspondent Hyderabad, Mar 16 : In a recent assembly session, BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha expressed strong concerns regarding Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's approach, stating it adversely affects the sentiments of the Telangana populace. Kavitha pointed out that Reddy's decisions lack the spirit of Telangana, given his absence during the Telangana movement.

During discussions on the Governor's speech, she highlighted the significant achievements in agriculture attributed to the Kaleshwaram project, which reportedly increased rice production to 2.6 crore metric tonnes from just 64 lakh metric tonnes before its implementation. She criticized the Congress government for neglecting agriculture and questioned why the Krishna waters have not come under Telangana's control despite claims of

fighting for it.

Kavitha demanded the immediate release of reports from the BC Dedicated Commission and the Shamim Akhtar Commission on categorization, insisting that these details be shared with the assembly before discussing BC reservation bills. She also emphasized the need for a white paper on investments made in the state over the past 15 months, pointing out that >> PAGE 2

Strong Defense by Deputy CM on Loan Waivers

- Deputy CM defends loan waiver achievements.
- Congress government outperformed TRS in waivers.
- Detailed reports on welfare schemes promised.
- Investment in education and infrastructure emphasized.
- Focus remains on public welfare initiatives.



TPN, Correspondent Hyderabad, Mar 16 : In a spirited assembly session, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka addressed allegations from TRS legislator Palla Rajeshwar Reddy regarding the government's loan waiver initiatives. He firmly asserted that the current government has accomplished significant loan waivers in just three months,

contrasting with the TRS's five-year record.

Bhatti highlighted that while the TRS government had waived ₹124 crores in Janagana during its tenure, the Congress government managed to waive ₹263 crores in the same region within a mere three months. Similar comparisons were drawn for other regions, including Gajwel and Siddipet,

showcasing Congress's superior performance in loan waivers.

He emphasized the government's commitment to transparency, announcing that detailed reports on welfare schemes, including loan waivers, would be displayed in the assembly. Additionally, he mentioned initiatives like bonuses for farmers >> PAGE 2



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Harish Rao's Strong Comments in Assembly

wishing for the death of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, who has dedicated his life to Telangana, is inappropriate. Rao mentioned that this disrespect led to the decision to boycott the Chief Minister's speech.

He accused Uttam Kumar Reddy of spreading lies during a public meeting, asserting that the Congress party is responsible for the injustice in Krishna river water allocation to Telangana. Harish Rao pointed out that Congress's negligence resulted in the temporary allocation of 299 TMC (Thousand Million Cubic feet) of water, as no significant projects were developed to utilize this water effectively.

Rao highlighted that while Telangana's leaders sacrificed six ministerial positions for the cause, Congress leaders remained passive, only to engage in dining with Chandrababu Naidu after their inaction. He mentioned that KCR's administration successfully brought 573 TMC of water through Section 3 of the AP Reorganization Act, contrasting BRS's history of sacrifice against Congress's betrayal.

He further emphasized the adverse effects of Congress's policies on agriculture, particularly in Nalgonda, where crops have perished due to mismanagement of Krishna waters. Harish Rao praised KCR's efforts in constructing the Sitarama project, which has benefited various regions in Telangana, including Khammam.

In conclusion, Harish Rao's remarks not only defend the BRS government but also aim to highlight the historical failures of the Congress party regarding water management and political responsibility in Telangana.

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government salaries and allowances. He asserted that had the SLBC and Dindi projects been completed, Nalgonda's water crisis could have been resolved.

Revanth also threw an open challenge to KCR and BRS leaders, demanding a debate on Krishna waters. He claimed he was ready to prove his allegations with factual data and even apologize if proven wrong. He asked whether KCR was prepared for such a challenge.

Further attacking KCR's handling of interstate water disputes, Revanth accused him of remaining silent when neighboring states constructed projects capable of diverting 10 TMC per day. He mocked KCR's close ties with AP YCP leaders, alleging that he neglected Telangana's interests.

Making a shocking revelation, Revanth claimed that KCR's family members were threatening his life, forcing him to stay away from them. His remarks have sparked intense political debate in Telangana.

BRS MLC Kavitha Criticizes CM Revanth Reddy's Actions

industries are reportedly shifting to other states due to governmental inaction.

Addressing issues faced by minorities, she lamented the lack of representation in the current cabinet. Additionally, she criticized remarks made by Chairman Gutha Sukender Reddy, demanding the removal of the term "nuisance" used in reference to BRS members, highlighting ongoing disrespect towards them in the assembly.

Kavitha concluded by urging the government to celebrate the Dasarathi Shatajayanthi festival and promote Telangana's cultural heritage.

Strong Defense by Deputy CM on Loan Waivers

and free transportation for women.

On the education front, Bhatti noted the appointment of 12 vice-chancellors in state universities and investments in infrastructure, including ₹540 crores for new buildings. He stressed the importance of equipping students with necessary skills through the establishment of India Skill University and advanced technology centers in ITIs. Addressing criticisms regarding educational reforms, he defended Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's efforts in improving the education sector and highlighted the successful organization of a mega DSC with 11,000 teacher posts. Bhatti concluded by asserting that their focus remains on the welfare of the people, contrasting it with what he termed as the political selfishness of opposition leaders.

Minister Sridhar Babu Calls for Constructive Legislative Discussions

TPN, Correspondent
Hyderabad, Mar 16 : On Saturday, Minister Sridhar Babu addressed the Legislative Council, emphasizing the need for constructive discussions on public issues. He criticized BRS members for diverting the Assembly's focus with personal agendas instead of addressing the problems faced by the people. Sridhar Babu urged members to prioritize citizen concerns, assuring them that they are prepared for meaningful discussions on these matters. He pointed out that it is inappropriate to raise topics discussed by Chief Minister Re-

vanth Reddy in a political context within the Assembly.

He clarified that there is no intention to corner anyone personally, encouraging members to express their opinions after the Chief Minister speaks. In closing, the minister requested all members to participate actively in the discussion regarding the resolution thanking the Governor for his address. He stressed that the Assembly should function as a platform for addressing the issues that matter to the public, reinforcing the importance of unity and focus in legislative proceedings.

"Sitarama Project Completion Targeted in Three Years"

TPN, Correspondent
Hyderabad, Mar 16 : The Sitarama project, which aims to irrigate the Khammam district with Godavari waters, is set to become a crucial asset in the coming years, according to Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy and Tummala Nageshwar Rao. They emphasized the goal of completing the construction of the Sitarama Sagar barrage within the next three years.

In a meeting held at Minister Uttam's residence, discussions focused on the progress of the Sitarama project, including land acquisition, costs, quality, and future plans. The

ministers highlighted the importance of the project, especially if Krishna waters become a concern in the future, as the left canal of the Sagar will serve as a lifeline for irrigation.

The ongoing Sattupalli trunk work was reviewed, and the ministers examined the remaining tasks, project quality, expenditures, and work speed. They noted that once the Joolur Padu tunnel is completed and Godavari waters reach the Paleru reservoir, the Sitarama project will play a pivotal role in providing irrigation to the combined Nalgonda district in



the future. The meeting underscored the commitment to ensuring the project's timely and effective completion.

BRS Demands Revocation of Suspension for MLA Jagadish Reddy

TPN, Correspondent
Hyderabad, Mar 16 : The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has urged the Speaker to revoke the suspension imposed on MLA Jagadish Reddy. The party contends that Reddy did not behave disrespectfully towards the Speaker and that the decision to suspend him was unilateral.

BRS representatives expressed their concerns that the suspension was enacted without considering the opinions of the floor leaders or providing a chance for explanation from Reddy. They

accused the Congress government of taking a one-sided decision, neglecting the due process that should have been followed.

The BRS legislative party emphasized the importance of reviewing the suspension, stating that the actions taken against Reddy were not justified. They believe that reinstating Reddy would restore decorum and fairness in the legislative assembly.

In a formal request to the Speaker, the BRS articulated its stance, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach



to disciplinary actions within the assembly. This incident has sparked a dialogue about governance and the responsibilities of elected officials in maintaining a respectful and constructive environment in the legislature.

MLC Kavitha Criticizes Congress Government in Legislative Council

- Kavitha criticizes Andhra collaboration for anthem.
- Highlights lack of local talent engagement.
- Defends BRS achievements in agriculture sector.
- Demands transparency on investments and schemes.
- Questions minority representation in current cabinet.



TPN, Correspondent
Hyderabad, Mar 16 : In a recent session of the Telangana Legislative Council, MLA Kavitha expressed her discontent with the Congress government's actions, particularly regarding the composition and contributions to Telangana's cultural heritage. She questioned the decision to collaborate with an Andhra music director for a new version of the Telangana anthem, "Jaya

He Jaya He Telangana," highlighting the lack of local talent engagement. Kavitha pointed out that this move has sparked criticism on social media, suggesting that the government is sidelining Telangana's artistic community.

She also reflected on the emotional connection of the people with Telangana, emphasizing that the struggles during the statehood movement were for a unique iden-

tity, which seems to be diluted now. Kavitha criticized the government's handling of significant cultural symbols like Bathukamma and Bonalu, stating that their essence has been diminished without any special recognition.

Regarding agriculture, she defended the BRS government's achievements, noting that the significant yield of 2.64 crore metric tons of paddy is a direct result of the Kaleshwaram

project and BRS governance. Kavitha condemned the Congress government for neglecting the agricultural sector, pointing out the unmet promises of loan waivers and financial support to farmers.

Moreover, she called for transparency by demanding a white paper on investments and questioned the government's inconsistent stance on land regularization schemes. Kavitha lamented the absence of minority representation in the current cabinet and remarked on the lack of adequate time allocated for budget discussions.

Addressing issues within the council, she criticized the chair's remarks, calling for the removal of comments that undermine her party's dignity. Kavitha's passionate address underscores the ongoing tensions and challenges facing Telangana's governance and representation.

Discussions on Redistricting Convened with All Political Parties

- Meeting on constituency redistricting scheduled today.
- All political parties invited to participate.
- CM Revanth Reddy emphasizes population-based planning.
- Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka consults with leaders.
- Proposed venues include Ambedkar Secretariat or Phule Bhavan.

TPN, Correspondent
Hyderabad, Mar 16 : Important meeting will take place regarding the redistricting of constituencies in the state, in-

cluding participation from all political parties. Senior leader Jana and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka met to discuss the formation of a suitable platform for these discussions. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy emphasized the need for preemptive measures based on population demographics during the recent cabinet meeting.

In this context, the Chief Minister directed the Deputy Chief Minister and Senior Leader Jana Reddy to engage in talks with all political parties on this crucial issue. Following this directive, public invitations have already been sent out to various political entities.

During their meeting at Jana Reddy's residence, the Deputy Chief Minister highlighted the importance of maintaining state interests while keeping politics aside. To expedite the process, they decided to reach out to all party leaders by phone on Saturday, proposing Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat or Phule Praja Bhavan as potential venues for discussions that would not inconvenience any party.

These conversations are expected to facilitate effective and collaborative planning for



constituency redistricting, ensuring that the process reflects the needs and demographics of the state's population. The outcome of these discussions could significantly influence the political landscape and governance in the region.

Satyavati Rathod's Sensational Comments on CM Revanth Reddy

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : Telangana CM Revanth Reddy has come under fire from former minister and MLC Satyavati Rathod, who made sensational remarks regarding his conduct and statements. She accused him of relying on misleading YouTube media to rise to power, criticizing his false promises and claims. Rathod emphasized that while it's wrong for people to speak about society, Revanth's comments about her and her family are unacceptable. She questioned the significance of his statement regarding "stripping" fe-



male journalists, labeling it highly inappropriate and grotesque. She further challenged Revanth's ability to convey wisdom and deco-

rum, questioning whether he even understands the gravity of his words. Rathod pointed out that such behavior does not reflect the dignity expected from a leader in two esteemed assemblies. Citing the principle of karma, Rathod asserted that accountability and respect should be paramount in politics, calling for a more responsible approach from the CM. Her comments have sparked discussions on leadership standards and the treatment of women in the political arena, highlighting the need for change in the current political discourse.

Palla Rajeshwar Reddy Criticizes CM Revanth on Telangana Mother Symbolism



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : As the Telangana budget sessions resume, Janagam MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy sharply criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for his approach towards the symbolism of "Telangana Mother." He highlighted the contradiction between the CM's call for simplicity and the lavish lifestyle of his family members, who he claims adorn themselves with excessive jewelry. Rajeshwar Reddy stated that while the CM emphasizes that Telangana Mother should embody simplicity, his own family does not reflect these values. He condemned the government's attempt to separate the cultural significance of Bathukamma from Telangana Mother, suggesting that such actions disrespect the essence of Telangana's identity. The MLA's remarks underline the ongoing political tensions and highlight the need for consistency between rhetoric and practice in governance. He urged the government to uphold the true spirit of Telangana and respect its cultural symbols.

Chairman Gutta Serious on BRS MLA's Running Commentary



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : During ongoing assembly sessions, tensions escalated in the Telangana Legislative Council, particularly involving BRS MLA Tatha Madhu. Chairman Gutta Sukender Reddy expressed frustration over Madhu's frequent interruptions while MLA Kothandarama was speaking. He questioned, "Why are you creating nuisance with your running commentary every day?" The Chairman urged Madhu to wait for his turn to speak when the microphone is available. In response, MLA Kavitha expressed her displeasure at the Chairman's use of the term "nuisance" regarding her fellow member. She asserted that such language was inappropriate and requested its removal from the official records. This exchange highlights the contentious atmosphere within the assembly, where decorum and respect among members remain critical for productive discussions.

Minister Konda Surekha Issues Warning to BRS MLCs

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : In a recent session of the Telangana Legislative Council, Minister Konda Surekha expressed her frustration towards BRS MLCs, accusing them of evading the truth. She criticized the party for fearing reality and trying to suppress the mistakes made by BRS, asserting that the public is becoming increasingly aware of these issues. Konda Surekha pointed out that BRS members are obstructing CM Revanth Reddy from speaking in the council, which she deemed an attempt to avoid accountability. She urged the public to notice how BRS members are trying to sidestep the facts instead of addressing them directly. Emphasizing the importance of maintaining decorum in the assembly, she remarked that it is inappropriate for members to behave contrary to parliamentary traditions. She stated that while expressing dissent is acceptable, members should do so by walking out rather than yelling and chanting within the chamber. Prior to her comments, BRS MLCs staged a walkout in protest against CM Revanth Reddy's remarks about KCR. Their disruptive behavior during the session prompted Konda Surekha's stern warning, urging them to reconsider their approach in future proceedings.



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : In a recent assembly session, former minister Koppula Eshwar expressed strong criticism of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of misleading the public with false promises. He emphasized that the CM's remarks about Telangana's development under former CM KCR were unfounded and disrespectful. Koppula highlighted that KCR had significantly advanced the state during his tenure and questioned the rationale behind the current government's approach. He pointed out that if the state had amassed a debt of ₹1.58 lakh crores in just 15 months, the situation could worsen in the future.



KTR: This Sin Will Not Go Unpunished

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has heavily criticized the governance of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, claiming that the health system in Telangana is in a state of utter collapse under the current Congress administration. He expressed his concerns on Twitter (X), stating that the state has lost even the most basic healthcare services like fever tablets, and questioned why government hospitals continue to operate under such circumstances. KTR accused the Congress government of turning a blind eye to the suffering of the poor, alleging that whenever Congress comes to power, the destitute are left to sing a mourn-

ful tune about the state's healthcare system. He also pointed out the decline of the medical infrastructure set up by former CM KCR, including diagnostic centers and dialysis facilities, which have reportedly become non-functional. KTR lamented the situation, stating that during Indiramma's reign, the lives of the poor were left in shambles. He warned that such mismanagement would not go unpunished, claiming that the curse of the people and patients would eventually catch up with the government. KTR vowed to continue exposing the government's failures and fight for a better healthcare system for the people of Telangana.



Minister Seethakka Voices Concerns on Social Media

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : In a recent interaction within the Assembly lobby, Minister Seethakka expressed her frustrations regarding the impact of social media on her life. She stated that social media has caused significant distress, particularly through the morphing of her photos, leading to mental anguish. Seethakka emphasized that the challenges women face in politics are compounded by such negative portrayals online. She noted that while she has used social media as a tool for social service, it has often backfired, leaving her demoralized by certain posts. The minister pointed out that the misuse of social media by the BRS party for spreading falsehoods has further complicated the situation. She highlighted how such platforms can disrupt families and spread baseless rumors, particularly through body shaming and manipulated images. Seethakka lamented that these issues have become more prevalent over the past year, stating that even family members are sometimes mis-



represented. She called for a more responsible use of social media, advocating that it should serve as a means for good rather than harm. Furthermore, she asserted that the foundation of the BRS is built on lies, emphasizing that truth ultimately prevails. She concluded her remarks by stressing the urgent need for regulating social media to prevent the dissemination of false information and the defamation of individuals. Seethakka's comments shed light on the significant challenges faced by women in politics, particularly in navigating the complex landscape of social media.

Former Minister Vemula Launches Fiery Critique on Congress Government



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : Former minister Vemula Prasanth Reddy has strongly criticized the Congress government in Telangana, particularly targeting CM Revanth Reddy for his remarks about KCR, describing them as "grotesque." Speaking at a media point in the Assembly on Saturday, Prasanth Reddy expressed concern over the government's failure to provide clarity on the implementation

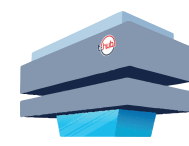
of the six guarantees promised by the Congress party. He emphasized that the importance of the Chief Minister in the Assembly should match that of the opposition leader, yet the Congress government has shown animosity towards KCR by denying the opposition leader a designated chamber. Reddy questioned the rationale behind assigning the PAC chairman position to a defector MLA, asserting that it undermines party integrity. While he acknowledged that the CM's speeches are grandiose, he criticized the lack of tangible action to back them up. Reddy recalled that the Congress party had promised to implement the six guarantees within the first hundred days of taking office, yet after 450 days, those promises remain unfulfilled. His comments underline the growing discontent within the opposition regarding the current government's performance and accountability.

Former Minister Koppula Criticizes CM Revanth Reddy's Claims

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He called out the CM for speaking without decorum and noted that such derogatory statements were unprecedented in his political career. Koppula also criticized the Congress government for reviving old practices, such as long waits for fertilizers, suggesting that they had not learned from past mistakes. Furthermore, he demanded the withdrawal of the suspension imposed on MLA Jagadish Reddy, asserting that the history of sacrifices made for Telangana's rights should not be forgotten. He urged the CM to address these critical issues in the assembly, emphasizing that the voices of the Telangana people cannot be silenced.



Telangana HC Orders Status Quo in Maheshwaram Bhoodan Land Case



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : The Telangana High Court has issued a significant ruling in a land dispute case involving the Bhoodan Yagna Board, emphasizing the importance of public interest in resolving such issues. The case concerns 50 acres of land in Nagaram, Maheshwaram Mandal, Ranga Reddy district, valued at hundreds of crores. The Bhoodan Yagna Board claims ownership of the land, stating it was donated to aid the poor. However, E.I.P.L. Construction has challenged the Board's claim, arguing that past land transactions, authorized by authorities, are now being deemed illegal. The company contends that these actions are attempts to unjustly seize the land. Justice CV Bhaskar Reddy, hearing the petition, noted that previous transactions violated Bhoodan Yagna Board regulations. The court emphasized that the land, originally donated for the welfare of marginalized communities, should be allocated to deserving individuals for farming. It also clarified that recipients of the land cannot sell it but can inherit it. The court ordered the Revenue Secretary to submit a detailed explanation and adjourned the hearing until March 27. It directed that the status quo be maintained on the disputed land until then, preventing any further actions.

Neera Café Expansion in Telangana: Goud Community Leaders Express Joy



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : The Telangana government has made a significant move by extending the Neera Café initiative to the Telangana Geetha Industrial Cooperative Society, a decision that has been met with widespread approval from the Goud community leaders. The Neera Café program, initially introduced during the previous BRS government, aims to provide employment opportunities to traditional workers, especially in the Gouth community. Former Minister Srinivas Goud had previously initiated the establishment of Neera Cafés across several locations in the state, providing livelihood support to the workers. Currently, the Neera Café at Necklace Road in Hyderabad is operational and continues to serve the public. Following the government's decision to introduce Neera Café at the Telangana Geetha Industrial Cooperative Society, Goud community leaders expressed their happiness, calling it a positive step for the welfare of the workers. The event was marked by a special ceremony at the Neera Café in Hyderabad's People's Plaza, where Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Ministers Ponnampetnam, Jupalli, TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud, and Rahul Gandhi's portrait were honored with a milk bath by the leaders. This move is seen as a step forward in providing sustainable employment and enhancing the socio-economic status of the Goud community.

Boys Shine in TGPSC Group III Results, Only Four Women in Top 50

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Hyderabad , Mar 16 : The Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) has announced the results for the Group III examination, revealing a significant gender disparity among the top ranks. A total of 2,49,557 candidates received general rankings, with boys dominating the results. The top male candidate secured 339.24 marks, while the highest-ranking female candidate scored 325.15 marks. Among the top 36 ranks, only one woman candidate made it, and just four women are included in the top 50 rankings. The Group III exams were conducted on November 17 and 18, 2024, for 1,365 posts across the state. Out of the 5,36,400 applicants, 2,69,483 candidates appeared for the exams, with 49.76% of applicants absent. TGPSC Chairman released the results, and candidates can check their individual scores by logging into their TGPSC accounts. The commission has already declared results for Group I and II, with Group III results released on March 14. The Hostel Welfare Officer results will be announced on March 17, and Extension Officer results are scheduled for March 19. TSPSC has urged all candidates to review their results online and stay updated on further announcements.



7 Held in LB Nagar Fake Note Scam, Key Accused Absconding

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : LB Nagar police have arrested seven individuals involved in a counterfeit currency racket. The operation, which involved exchanging legitimate currency for fake notes at a rate of 1:4, was busted following a tip-off. The arrested suspects include Chin-nolla Manikya Reddy, Malilla Janaiah, Bharath Kumar, Venkatesh, Satyanarayana, G Venkatesh, and K Shiva Kumar. The scheme began when Manikya Reddy, financially strained after the death of his wife, sought illegal ways to make money and connected with Suresh Bhai, a key operator from Ahmedabad. Reddy allegedly exchanged Rs 1 lakh for fake currency worth Rs 11 lakh. Subsequently, Suresh Bhai promised to refer customers to Reddy to expand the operation. Reddy, in turn, recruited five others, offering to trade Rs 1 lakh of genuine money for Rs 4 lakh in counterfeit notes. They also planned a similar scheme with fake gold biscuits. The police caught the gang in action when they were meeting at the Chinthalkunta checkpoint. Counterfeit notes and related materials were seized during the operation. The arrested suspects have been sent to judicial custody, while efforts continue to apprehend the prime accused, Suresh Bhai.

Search Operations Intensify to Find Missing Persons

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : The search operation to locate seven individuals trapped in the collapsed Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel has gained momentum as efforts continue to rescue the missing workers. Since the partial collapse on February 22, the operation has been running round-the-clock, with teams from the Army, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), and other agencies involved. On March 15, authorities deployed an 'autonomous hydraulic-powered robot,' which is equipped with special machinery designed to remove debris and soil from inside the tunnel. This robot, along with a 30 HP liquid ring vacuum pump and a vacuum tank machine, allows for efficient removal of 620 cubic meters of muck per hour, greatly accelerating the search. The missing individuals include Manoj Kumar (Uttar Pradesh), Sunny Singh (Jammu & Kashmir), Gurpreet Singh (Punjab), and



Sandeep Sahu, Jegta Xess, and Anuj Sahu (Jharkhand). These workers, who were part of the engineering and labor teams, became trapped after the tunnel collapsed.

While the body of Gurpreet Singh was recovered on March 9, efforts are ongoing to locate the remaining individuals. Authorities remain hopeful as de-watering operations continue in parallel to the search.

Drone Scare at Telangana Secretariat: Two Arrested



TPN , Correspondent

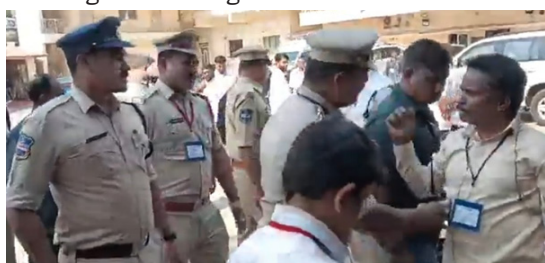
Hyderabad , Mar 16 : A drone incident has caused a stir near the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat in Hyderabad. On the night of March 11, two individuals flew a drone over the Secretariat premises, which led the authorities to file a complaint with the Saifabad Police. The police, after investigating the case, identified the suspects as Vamsi and Nagaraju. They were subsequently arrested by the Saifabad police. According to reports, the drone was used to capture images of the Secretariat's outpost and lawn area. The police are currently gathering more information from the suspects to determine the motive behind the drone flight. This incident has raised concerns regarding security at important government buildings. Further details about the investigation are expected to emerge soon.

Media Restrictions Imposed at Legislative Council Premises

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : During the ongoing Assembly session, the police have imposed restrictions on media coverage at the Telangana Legislative Council premises. The incident occurred when BRS MLCs, protesting in support of turmeric farmers, were reportedly obstructed from being covered by the media. Journalists were instructed by the police to record visuals only at the designated media point, and they were prevented from covering the protests inside the council premises. It was also reported that attempts were made to confiscate the cameras of the journalists who were covering the event. This move has raised eyebrows as such re-

strictions were not observed in the past. Journalists voiced their frustration by questioning the police about the sudden enforcement of these new restrictions and expressed anger over the manner in which they were being treated. The incident has drawn attention to the growing challenges faced by the media in covering events at government institutions.



Hyderabad Traffic Police Warns Against Ambulance Misuse

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 16 : Hyderabad Traffic Police have issued a stern warning regarding the misuse of ambulances, stressing strict action against drivers who misuse sirens for non-emergency purposes. The warning came during an awareness program held on March 15, aimed at educating people on the critical role of ambulances and the importance of adhering to traffic and safety regulations.

Joint Commissioner of Traffic Police, Joel Davis, expressed con-

cerns about violations by ambulance drivers, including the operation of ambulances without fitness certificates and failure to pay taxes. He highlighted that approximately 6,000 ambulances operate in Hyderabad, and even a 10% misuse rate could result in severe traffic congestion. Davis emphasized that sirens should only be used during genuine emergencies, and violators would face penalties. He also called for regular breathalyzer checks on ambulance drivers to ensure they are not under the influence of alcohol while on

duty. Additionally, the meeting proposed improved coordination between hospital management, ambulance agencies, and traffic police. A working group comprising doctors, ambulance providers, and hospital administrators will be formed to streamline operations. Hospital managements were also advised to notify the traffic control room for critical patient transfers to ensure smooth passage. Over 200 representatives from hospitals, ambulance agencies, and diagnostic centers attended the meeting.

Telangana's Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs Added to UNESCO Tentative List



TPN , Correspondent Narayanpet , Mar 16 : The Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs, located in Narayanpet district, Telangana, have been included in UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites. These standing stones represent one of India's largest and best-preserved megalithic astronomical observatories, showcasing a remarkable arrangement of boulder alignments, formations, and stone circles. The site features two distinct types of menhirs, adding to its uniqueness. Telangana now joins the ranks of other historic locations, with the Mudumal menhirs being one of six sites from India to make it to the prestigious

list. The inclusion marks a significant milestone, especially after the Ramappa Temple, which was added as the state's first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2021. The central government submitted the dossier for the Mudumal menhirs on February 11, 2025. This inclusion makes India's total count of tentative World Heritage Sites rise to 62. Other sites added along with the Mudumal menhirs include Kanger Valley National Park in Chhattisgarh and Ashokan Edict Sites across multiple states. This move is crucial for future nominations, as only properties on the Tentative List can be officially considered for inscription as World Heritage Sites.

64 Maoists Surrender in Bhadradi Kothagudem

TPN , Correspondent Kothagudem , Mar 16 : In a significant development, 64 Maoists surrendered before the police in Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Saturday, March 15. The individuals who laid down their arms are from the Bijapur and Sukma districts of Karnataka and Chhattisgarh, respectively. Among the surrendered, 48 are men and 16 are women, including an Area Committee Member (ACM). This surrender comes as part of a larger trend in which 122 Maoists have surrendered in the past three months. The surrender of these individuals, including some holding important positions within the Communist Party of India (Maoist), is being attributed to the Telangana gov-

ernment's sustained efforts to encourage the reintegration of Maoists into mainstream society. The police cited the various welfare measures and rehabilitation packages offered by the state government as a key factor in persuading these individuals to abandon violence. Multi Zone-1 Inspector General of Police (IGP) Chandrasekhar Reddy emphasized that the initiative had been successful in encouraging several members of the outlawed group to return to society. Among the surrendered Maoists, one person carried a cash reward of Rs 25,000. This move follows similar surrenders in the region, including a notable female Maoist leader in Warangal earlier this year, as well as others from



Kanker, Bijapur, Dantewada, and Sukma districts. The state continues to promote the "Operation Cheyutha" program, which focuses on the welfare of tribal communities and the rehabilitation of surrendered Maoists.

CM Revanth Reddy Promises Airport in Adilabad, Highlights Development Initiatives



TPN , Correspondent Hyderabad , Mar 16 : On March 15, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy assured the people of Adilabad that an airport would be developed in the region. Speaking in the Assembly, he took responsibility for bringing the airport to Adilabad and instructed officials to consider the details suggested by BJP MLA regarding the matter. The CM also declared that funds would be allocated for the development of Lal Darwaza, further underscoring his commitment to addressing various local issues. Revanth Reddy made a strong statement, assuring that he would resolve any problem raised, emphasizing that the responsibility for resolving issues lies with him and that he

would take credit for the positive outcomes. Additionally, CM Revanth Reddy strongly criticized the previous BRS government, claiming that it had caused the downfall of TGPS (Telangana Public Service Commission). He also pointed out the record number of government jobs provided under his leadership, with 57,924 jobs allocated since December 2023. This achievement, according to him, was unprecedented in the country's history. The CM also highlighted the reduction in unemployment rates, citing a drop from 22.9% between July and September 2023 to 18.1% in the same period for 2024, showcasing significant progress in addressing joblessness in the state.

Telangana Issues Orange Alert as Temperatures Rise

TPN , Correspondent Hyderabad , Mar 16 : Telangana is bracing for a heatwave as temperatures are expected to rise significantly in the coming days. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an orange alert, warning of extreme heat conditions across the state. From today, temperatures are predicted to soar by 4 to 5 degrees Celsius above normal, leading to intense heat across Telangana. The situation has been severe since yesterday, with a scorching hot climate affecting the region. The IMD has indicated that temperatures in eight districts could surpass 42°C,

prompting the orange alert. In northern Telangana, strong winds are expected to intensify the heat further. In Hyderabad, temperatures are nearing 40°C, with the heatwave showing no sign of relenting. The IMD has advised residents to avoid outdoor activities unless necessary and to take adequate precautions to stay safe. With the rising temperatures, citizens are urged to stay hydrated and seek shelter during peak heat hours. This warning highlights the need for vigilance and preparedness, as the heatwave poses potential health risks, particularly for the elderly and children.



12-Year-Old Boy Dies of Electric Shock While Saving Father in Jangaon



TPN , Correspondent Jangaon , Mar 16 : In a tragic incident in Jangaon, Telangana, 12-year-old Kanishk Vardhan lost his life while trying to save his father from an electric shock. The incident occurred on March 14 in the Vikasnagar area, where the family was constructing a new home. Sandel Venkateshwarlu, a conductor with the TGSRTC depot, was watering the walls of his new house when he accidentally came into contact with a live wire that had snapped nearby. His second son, Kanishk, who was at the scene during the Holi festival holiday, immediately rushed to his father's aid. Using a stick, Kanishk pushed his father away from the live wire, preventing further harm. However, while trying to help, Kanishk slipped and fell into the water, where he was electrocuted. Despite his father's attempts to save him, Kanishk tragically succumbed to the shock. Venkateshwarlu, who hails from Kurumavada in Jangaon, is a married man with three sons and a daughter. This heartbreaking incident has left the family and the community in deep shock.

CM Revanth Orders Release of Dues to Imams and Muezzins



TPN , Correspondent Hyderabad , Mar 16 : On March 15, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy instructed the finance secretary to immediately release the pending honorarium dues for Imams and Muezzins serving in mosques across the state. The issue was raised by AIMIM floor leader Akbaruddin Owaisi during his speech in the Assembly, who highlighted the long-standing delay in the payments. In his response, CM Revanth assured that the issue would be resolved promptly, directing the finance department to clear the outstanding dues without any further delay. Additionally, Owaisi requested the government to allocate land for the permanent campuses of minorities welfare residential schools. In his reply, CM Revanth directed Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka to meet with Owaisi to discuss and resolve the land allotment issue for these educational institutions. Revanth also addressed Owaisi's concern about the underground drainage project in Chandrayangutta, confirming that Rs 100 crore out of the sanctioned Rs 200 crore had already been released for the project. Furthermore, in response to Owaisi's request regarding displaced fruit traders from the Gaddiannaram fruit market, the Chief Minister allowed them to continue their operations until the new integrated fruit market in Koheda is ready for use.



Lathi Charge on BRS Leaders During Clash with Congress in Warangal

TPN , Correspondent Warangal , Mar 16 : Tensions between BRS and Congress leaders escalated recently in the Warangal district, leading to a lathi charge by the police. The incident took place at Girmi Bavi village in the Duggondi mandal during the Kommal Jatra festival. As the BRS leaders were proceeding towards the event,

carrying pink flags (representing their party), they were stopped by Congress leaders. This led to a heated argument between the two factions, which soon turned into a more intense confrontation. The situation became tense, prompting the police to intervene and use force to control the crowd. They resorted to lathi charge on the BRS leaders

to disperse the gathering and restore order. Visuals of the incident quickly went viral on social media, showcasing the clash between the two political groups. The incident reflects the growing political rivalry and heightened tensions between the BRS and Congress in the state, particularly in the run-up to upcoming elections.

Modi's Global Rise India's Unstoppable Diplomatic Power

Modi's decade-long stable government, marked by exceptional law and order, has significantly enhanced his global reputation.

Jawaharlal Nehru once went to the UN seeking intervention in India's internal matters, whereas today, the UN itself is looking to PM to help resolve the Russia-Ukraine conflict.



President Vladimir Putin's recent praise for Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi marks a pivotal moment in India's rise as a global power. Under Modi's leadership, India has strengthened its role as a true Vishwa Guru—a global teacher and guiding force—while emerging as a key advocate for peace. His transformative foreign policy has significantly advanced India's diplomatic standing, positioning the nation as a formidable force in international relations.

Throughout the Ukraine-Russia conflict, Modi demonstrated a steadfast commitment to peace, resisting intense pressure from major global powers, including the United States and several European nations, to align with Ukraine. His independent stance was met with considerable pushback, both domestically and internationally.

Well, critics accused him of undermining India's democratic values by not taking a stronger stand against Russia, while Western allies sought to sway India toward their geopolitical agenda. Despite this, Modi remained resolute, advocating for dialogue and negotiation over military confrontation. His diplomatic efforts underscored India's commitment to neutrality and peace, reinforcing its non-aligned stance in global conflicts.

Three years later, the U.S. President Donald Trump echoed a similar call for peace, urging an end to hostilities between Ukraine and Russia. His remarks reflected a growing realization among global leaders that prolonged warfare was unsustainable. The convergence of Modi's early peace advocacy and Trump's subsequent position played a crucial role in shaping diplomatic discourse surrounding the conflict. Ultimately, President Putin acknowledged Modi's essential contribution to seeking a resolution, recognizing India's growing influence on global affairs. Modi's foreign



Dr. Buragadda Srinadh

policy has effectively positioned India as a Vishwa Guru, a nation capable of influencing even the world's superpowers. India's rise as a global leader is in stark contrast to its position in the early years following independence. When India gained freedom from British rule in 1947, its first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, sought the United Nations' intervention in the Kashmir dispute, a decision that many historians argue limited India's strategic options in the region. Today, however, India no longer waits for global bodies to dictate terms; instead, major powers within the UN increasingly acknowledge and value India's proactive engagement in global matters. Whether it is mediating between warring nations, championing climate change initiatives, or advocating for economic partnerships, India now commands a seat at the high table of international diplomacy. Under Modi, India's foreign policy has undergone a fundamental transformation. His leadership has instilled a renewed sense of pride among Indians, reinforcing their country's stature on the world stage.

This shift is expected to have far-reaching consequences for India's relationships with neighboring countries, particularly as they begin to recognize India's true strategic and economic potential.

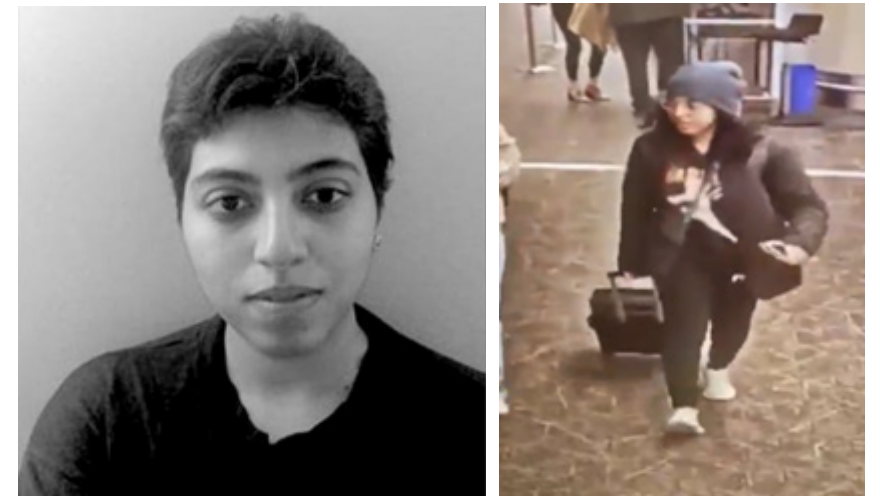
India's growing influence has not been without its detractors. Recent criticisms from the President of the Maldives appear to be diversionary tactics aimed at deflecting attention from his administration's shortcomings. However, such criticisms are unlikely to hold ground, as India's robust foreign policy continues to strengthen its alliances in the Indo-Pacific region. Similarly, long-standing tensions with Pakistan and Bangladesh may see a shift, with the potential for reduced Pakistani support for terrorism. A stable and assertive India could encourage its neighbors to reconsider their approach, fostering better diplomatic relations and regional stability.

On the international stage, India's firm stance is also compelling global organizations to rethink their habitual criticisms. Organizations that have frequently passed comments on India's human rights record may find their narratives increasingly challenged by India's undeniable diplomatic and economic progress. The era where India was seen as a passive participant in global affairs is over. Today, India is setting the agenda rather than merely responding to it.

With its foreign policy now firmly on an irreversible path forward, India's transformation into a global power is evident. Modi's leadership has not only strengthened India's strategic position but has also reaffirmed the country's role as a champion of peace and diplomacy. As nations worldwide acknowledge India's growing influence, it is clear that Modi's vision of India as a Vishwa Guru is becoming a reality, solidifying the country's place in the annals of global history.

Price for Reckless Activism

Columbia Student Loses Visa, Forced to Self-Deport



THE POINT DESK

Columbia University doctoral student Ranjani Srinivasan, an Indian national, was forced to leave the United States after her student visa was revoked for alleged support of Hamas. U.S. authorities took action on March 5, 2025, citing her participation in pro-Hamas protests at the university as grounds for "advocating terrorism." Rather than risk a forced military deportation, Srinivasan opted for self-deportation using the U.S. Customs and Border Protection mobile app, a rare but increasingly used method of voluntary departure.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security documented her exit through video and images at the airport as part of its enhanced monitoring of foreign nationals linked to extremist ideologies. Alongside Srinivasan, another student, Leqaa Kordia, was arrested for immigration violations in connection with similar protests at Columbia University.

A Price for Reckless Activism

Srinivasan's deportation raises important questions about the consequences of engaging in politically charged activism, particularly when it involves sensitive global security issues. As an international student in the U.S., her primary focus should have been academic excellence. However, her involvement in protests supporting a U.S.-designated terrorist organization led to the abrupt end of her studies and the loss of her visa privileges.

Her case serves as a cautionary tale for students who, despite having little expertise in geopolitics, insert themselves into movements they do not fully understand. While freedom of expression is a fundamental right, it does not extend to supporting groups with a history of violent extremism.

When Activism Goes Wrong

Srinivasan's parents sent her abroad for higher education, expecting her to build a successful career. Instead, she engaged in protests that led to severe legal consequences, not only disrupting her academic journey but also leaving a permanent mark on her immigration records.

This incident highlights a growing trend of students being drawn into ideological activism without fully grasping its implications. Universities, particularly in the West, have become hotbeds for political movements, with many students using their academic platforms for activism rather than intellectual growth. While political awareness is essential, reckless involvement in extremist-linked protests can have life-altering consequences.

In contrast, if Srinivasan were to continue her education in India at institutions like Jadavpur University or Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), she would likely face no repercussions for similar activism. Unlike the U.S., where authorities strictly monitor visa holders, India has historically allowed a broad spectrum of political expression on university campuses.

Srinivasan's self-inflicted downfall is a stark reminder: education is an opportunity, not a privilege to be wasted on reckless political posturing.

The UN's Troubling Stance

Siding with an Unelected Govt While Overlooking Minority Persecution

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The recent visit of United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres to Bangladesh has raised serious concerns about the UN's priorities and its silence on the country's worsening human rights situation. While Guterres and Bangladeshi Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus spoke extensively about the Rohingya refugee crisis, the event glaringly ignored a more pressing issue—the systematic persecution of Bangladesh's Hindu and Christian minorities under an unelected government that continues to evade democratic accountability.

Backing an Illegitimate Regime

One of the most disturbing aspects of Guterres' visit was the implicit legitimization of Muhammad Yunus, who holds power without a democratic mandate. Since Sheikh Hasina's government was forced out earlier this year, Bangladesh has been governed without an election, effectively making Yunus an unelected leader with no public legitimacy. The UN, an organization that claims to uphold democratic values, has chosen

to ignore the fact that the current Bangladeshi administration has not held free and fair elections. Instead of pushing for democratic restoration, Guterres' visit signals that the UN is comfortable working with an autocratic setup, so long as it aligns with its own agenda.

The Forgotten Persecution of Hindus and Christians

While Guterres shared an Iftar meal with 100,000 Rohingya refugees, he failed to acknowledge the brutal persecution of Hindus, Christians, and other non-Muslim minorities in Bangladesh. Over the past decade, attacks on religious minorities have surged, with Hindu temples vandalized, Christian missionaries harassed, and entire villages torched under the pretext of religious extremism.

Organizations that track religious freedom, such as the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), have repeatedly raised alarms over Bangladesh's deteriorating treatment of minorities. However, these voices find little space in UN-led discussions, which continue to prioritize refugees from



Myanmar while ignoring the suffering of native Bangladeshis who have been stripped of their fundamental rights.

Boasting About Harboring Illegal Migrants

Another alarming narrative pushed during the visit was the glorification of Bangladesh's role in sheltering illegal migrants. While Guterres praised the country's "solidarity" with Rohingya refugees, he made no mention of the impact this mass migration has had on neighboring India and Myanmar.

For years, illegal migration from Bangladesh has destabilized India's northeastern states, creating demographic shifts

that have led to ethnic tensions and resource conflicts. Indian intelligence agencies have repeatedly flagged security concerns arising from unchecked illegal migration, including the rise of extremist elements operating from within these refugee settlements. Yet, instead of addressing the geopolitical consequences of such movements, the UN continues to pressure India and Myanmar to accept more refugees, without holding Bangladesh accountable for failing to control its own borders.

Selective Outrage and the UN's Double Standards

Perhaps the most frustrating aspect

of the UN's stance is its blatant double standards. While it repeatedly criticizes countries like India for their policies on refugees and minority rights, it remains eerily silent when similar, or even worse, human rights violations occur in Bangladesh. The same UN that speaks out against religious intolerance in Western democracies has little to say when Hindus in Bangladesh face mob violence. The same UN that preaches about fair governance has no problem collaborating with an unelected administration that suppresses dissent and ignores calls for free elections.

This selective outrage is not just hypocritical; it actively undermines the credibility of international human rights institutions. By choosing to engage with an illegitimate government while ignoring its persecution of minorities, the UN is setting a dangerous precedent—one where political convenience takes priority over genuine justice.

Until these issues are acknowledged and acted upon, the UN's engagement with Bangladesh will remain one-sided, failing to address the real human rights crisis unfolding in the country.

BJP criticizes Karnataka's 4% Muslim Reservation



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has strongly criticized the Karnataka government's decision to grant a 4% reservation for Muslim contractors in public tenders under the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement (KTPP) Act. BJP leader and former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad accused the Congress of engaging in "vote-bank politics" and claimed the move was backed by Rahul Gandhi. Addressing a press conference in Delhi, Prasad alleged that Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah lacked the courage to make such a decision independently. "This reservation was introduced with the full patronage and approval of Rahul Gandhi. Siddaramaiah neither has the courage nor the political capital to announce it on his own," he said. Prasad further criticized Congress for setting what he called dangerous precedents in the name of reservations. "How far will this appeasement go? Will there be separate queues for Muslims in movies and train tickets?" he questioned. Referring to Congress' recent electoral setbacks, Prasad accused the party of failing to reassess its approach. He also cited former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's controversial remark that Muslims have the "first right" over the nation's resources and claimed Rahul Gandhi has "surpassed that." "He called Congress a party of Muslims, went to America and called the Muslim League a secular party. Jinnah is gone, but his politics remain," he remarked. The Karnataka cabinet had recently approved a 4% quota for Muslim contractors under the Category-II B classification. The decision, announced by Siddaramaiah on March 7 during the state budget presentation, is expected to be formalized through an amendment to the KTPP Act. Prasad also took a jibe at Rahul Gandhi's recent visit to Vietnam, questioning his absence during key political moments. "He visits Vietnam during the New Year and Holi but has not spent as much time in his Rae Bareilly constituency. He must explain his unusual fondness for Vietnam," he said.

Bhupesh Baghel Denies ED Notice To Son In Liquor Scam

- Baghel Alleges BJP is using agencies to defame opposition leaders.
- ED conducted raids at 14 locations, including Baghel's residence.
- Agency claims ₹2,161 crore illegal earnings from liquor trade in Chhattisgarh.

TPN Correspondent | Chhattisgarh

Former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has refuted claims that his son Chaitanya Baghel was summoned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with an alleged liquor scam. Baghel accused the ED of creating a media spectacle and claimed that no official notice had been served.

"No notice has been received, so there is no question of appearing anywhere. We will certainly appear once we receive a notice. ED's job is to create deliberate media hype. Agencies are being misused to defame individuals. This is a conspiracy by the BJP to tarnish leaders," Baghel told ANI. The ED conducted searches at multiple locations on March 10, including Baghel's residence, his son's premises, and others across Chhattisgarh. Baghel condemned the searches, alleging they were conducted without the Election Commission's approval and aimed at damag-



ing his reputation ahead of elections. He also dismissed the alleged ₹33 lakh recovery from his home, stating it was an attempt to frame him. "We are an agricultural family with 140 acres of land. They found ₹33 lakh and created hype. If they had real evidence, why haven't they proven anything in four years?" he questioned. The ED claims that between 2019 and 2022, a cartel of government

officials, politicians, and liquor businessmen amassed around ₹2,161 crore through an illegal liquor distribution network. The agency has previously conducted raids on politicians and bureaucrats linked to the former Congress-led government. Baghel alleged that BJP is using investigative agencies to target political rivals, stating, "People now know that the BJP misuses CBI and ED to trouble opposition leaders."



Barriers Should Not Come

Ashwini Vaishnaw Backs Tamil Amid Language Debate

TPN Correspondent | Chennai

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday hailed Tamil as a "sweet" and "ancient" language, emphasizing that it is not just an asset for India but for the world. Speaking at the inauguration of a manufacturing facility of Zetwerk Electronics in Sriperumbudur, he reiterated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to ensuring respect and recognition for all Indian languages.

Vaishnaw shared a personal anecdote about his exposure to Tamil through his professor, Sadagopan, at IIT Kanpur. Recalling how he learned about Tamil culture beyond common associations like 'masala dosa,' he expressed admiration for the language's depth and heritage. Greeting the audience with "Vanakkam," he added, "Tamil is a very, very sweet language. All I know is three words—Vanakkam, Eppadi Irukeenga, and Nandri." He stressed that linguistic diversity should be a source of unity, not division.

Citing an example of inclusivity, he highlighted how the Telecom and Data Protection Laws now mandate that notices be available in all Indian languages, inspired by Modi's vision. "Our Prime Minister asked why notices should only be in English and not in all Indian languages. That is the thought process of our leader," he said. His remarks come amid the ongoing language debate, with the ruling DMK alleging Hindi imposition through the Centre's National Education Policy. Addressing these concerns, Vaishnaw called for a collective focus on strengthening the nation. "Barriers should not come in the way of friendship and relationships among people. We should all work towards making India the third-largest economy," he said, concluding with "Romba rombha nandri" (Many, many thanks).

Will Turn Into Best In India

Amit Shah Inaugurates Police Academy In Assam

TPN Correspondent | Guwahati

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday inaugurated the newly developed premises of the Lachit Barphukan Police Academy in Dergaon, Assam, emphasizing its transformation into one of the best police training institutions in India. Spread across 340 acres, the academy is being upgraded in two phases at an estimated cost of ₹1,024 crore. The first phase, worth ₹167.4 crore, includes a five-storey building equipped with smart classrooms, weapon simulators, research labs, administrative offices, a museum, and a modern parade ground. Honoring Lachit Barphukan's Legacy Speaking at the event, Shah highlighted the historical significance of the academy's namesake, the legendary Assamese general Lachit Barphukan, who



repelled Mughal forces. "I first learned about Lachit Barphukan when I was seven years old, but his contributions were never widely taught. Today, his story is being published in 23 languages to ensure his legacy is recognized nationwide," he said. Shah credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for Assam's transformation from a state once plagued by insurgency to a hub of progress. "Over 10,000 youth have left insurgen-

cy and joined the mainstream due to peace accords. Assam, once known for unrest, will now be home to India's first semiconductor unit," he remarked. He also announced a ₹3 lakh crore investment in Assam's infrastructure, citing the need for job creation for both local and non-local youth. Targeting the Congress, Shah accused the party of failing to bring peace and development to Assam.

Tej Pratap Yadav Threatens Cop to Dance or Face Suspension



TPN Correspondent | Patna

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tej Pratap Yadav stirred controversy after a video from his Holi celebration went viral, showing him ordering a policeman to dance, threatening suspension if he refused. The Holi party, held at Yadav's residence in Patna, was attended by party workers. In the viral clip, the former Bihar minister can be heard telling the on-duty cop, "Ae Sipahi, ek gana bajayenge usme tumko thumka lagana hai. Bura na mano Holi hai. Thumka lagao nahi toh suspend kar diye jaoge." Moments later, Yadav started singing, and the policeman, seemingly pressured, joined in by raising his hands and dancing. BJP Slams RJD Over Incident The video drew sharp criticism from the BJP. Party spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla accused RJD of fostering "jungle raj," comparing Tej Pratap Yadav's actions to his father, Lalu Prasad Yadav's tenure. "Like father, like son. First, Lalu as CM made the law dance to his tunes. Now, his son, despite being out of power, is forcing law protectors to dance through threats. This is proof that RJD believes in lawlessness. If they return to power, they will turn Bihar into jungle raj again," Poonawalla said in a video statement.

Surge in Illegal Betting Raises Concern in India

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Illegal betting and gambling have seen an alarming rise in India, with digital platforms recording 1.6 billion visits in just three months across four major sites, according to a report by Digital India Foundation. The findings indicate a thriving underground industry despite repeated government interventions, raising concerns over money laundering, terror financing, and regulatory inefficiencies. The report highlights that organic search traffic to illegal betting sites reached 184 million visits, far surpassing social media-driven traffic of 42.8 million visits. Additionally, mirror websites played a significant role in expanding the illegal market, with just three Parimatch mirrors accounting for 266 million visits.



Despite major digital platforms prohibiting betting-related promotions, the report points out that enforcement remains inconsistent. Facebook Ad Network, for instance, has reportedly witnessed a

sharp increase in gambling advertisements. Government agencies have attempted to crack down on illegal gambling by blocking websites and issuing public advisories, but operators continue to thrive through

advanced digital marketing, seamless payment systems, and mirror sites. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance had earlier raised concerns over these platforms being used for money laundering and

terror financing. International experiences from countries like the UK, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, and the US show that merely blocking websites is ineffective. Instead, successful strategies involve a combination of website blocking, marketing restrictions, payment regulations, and the use of whitelists and blocklists. The report urges India to adopt a more comprehensive approach instead of a fragmented enforcement strategy. It suggests stricter controls on digital media channels that drive user traffic, tighter financial regulations to prevent illicit transactions, and enhanced enforcement mechanisms to curb illegal betting in the long run. With the rise of digital platforms fueling the gambling boom, experts warn that ignoring the issue could lead to far-reaching economic and social consequences.



Fanatical Mindset..

India Slams Pakistan Over Kashmir Remark At UN

TPN Correspondent | United Nations

India strongly criticized Pakistan for its repeated and "unjustified" reference to Jammu and Kashmir at the UN General Assembly, asserting that such statements will not validate its claims nor justify its actions linked to cross-border terrorism.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador P Harish, issued a sharp response during an informal meeting of the UN General Assembly to commemorate the International Day to Combat Islamophobia. "As is their habit, the former foreign secretary of Pakistan today has made an unjustified reference to the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir," Harish stated.

He further accused Pakistan of harboring a "fanatical mindset" and engaging in bigotry, emphasizing that frequent references to Kashmir will not alter the reality that it remains an integral part of India. "Such efforts will not change the reality that Jammu and Kashmir was, is, and will always be an integral part of India," he said.

The remarks came after Pakistan's former foreign secretary, Tehmina Janjua, raised the Kashmir issue in her speech at the UN meet. India's firm stance reaffirmed its position against Pakistan's narrative on Kashmir in global forums.

Trump Orders DC Cleanup

Says Didn't Want PM Modi to See Potholes, Graffiti

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US President Donald Trump has ordered the cleanup of Washington DC, stating that he did not want visiting world leaders, including Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to see potholes, graffiti, and broken barriers in the capital.

Speaking at the Department of Justice on March 14, Trump emphasized his administration's commitment to making Washington DC safer and more presentable. "We are cleaning up our city. We're not going to have crime, and we're not going to stand for it. We're taking down graffiti, removing tents, and making this great capital the talk of the world," he said.

Trump recalled his decision to ensure a well-maintained route when hosting world leaders, including PM Modi, French President Emmanuel Macron, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, and Jordan's King Abdullah II. "I had the route run. I didn't want them to see tents, graffiti, or potholes. We had it looking beautiful," he stated.



He further vowed to make Washington DC a crime-free capital, ensuring that visitors would not

face threats such as mugging or violence. "It's going to be cleaner, better, and safer than ever before, and it's not going to take us too long," he assured. Since taking office, Trump has pushed for stricter law enforcement and urban improvements, positioning the DC cleanup as a major priority for his administration.

Russia Claims Control Over Two More Villages in Kursk

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Moscow has announced that its forces have reclaimed two more villages in the Kursk border region, intensifying its efforts to regain control over territory previously seized by Ukraine.

The Russian Defense Ministry stated on Saturday that its troops had taken control of Zaoleshenska and Rubanshchina, located north and west of Sudzha, the key town that Moscow had recaptured earlier this week. This development marks a continued push by Russian forces to reclaim lost ground in the western part of the Kursk region.

A day earlier, Russian President Vladimir Putin called on Ukrainian forces in Kursk to surrender, offering assurances of safe treatment. "If they lay down



their arms and surrender, they will be guaranteed life and dignified treatment," Putin stated. Meanwhile, former U.S. President Donald Trump also urged the Kremlin to spare the lives of surrendering Ukrainian troops. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky acknowledged the mounting challenges, stating that the situation in Kursk is "ob-

viously very difficult." On Saturday, the Ukrainian army shared a map on social media indicating that its troops had retreated westward towards the border. This latest advancement in Kursk underscores Russia's increasing momentum in the ongoing conflict, with both sides preparing for further escalations in the contested border regions.



PM Modi to Visit Sri Lanka Next Month

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Sri Lanka early next month to finalise agreements reached during Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake's visit to India last year, Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath confirmed on Saturday.

Speaking during a parliamentary budget allocation debate, Herath emphasized Sri Lanka's strong diplomatic ties with India. "We have maintained a close relationship with our neighbor India. Our first diplomatic visit was to India, where we reached several agreements on bilateral cooperation," he said.

Herath revealed that Modi's visit in early April will see the signing of several new Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), including agreements linked to economic cooperation and energy projects. One of the key events will be the opening of the Sampur solar power station, a 135 MW plant jointly developed by Sri Lanka's Ceylon Electricity Board and India's NTPC in Trincomalee.

The Sri Lankan minister credited the National People's Power (NPP) government's foreign policy for securing multiple Indian-backed projects. "We will remain neutral in our foreign policy without taking any sides while working to maintain national interest," Herath added.

This will be Prime Minister Modi's fourth visit to Sri Lanka since 2015, reflecting India's continued engagement with its island neighbor.

Trump Takes Credit for Killing Senior ISIS Leader in Iraq

"PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH!" He later shared the post on X

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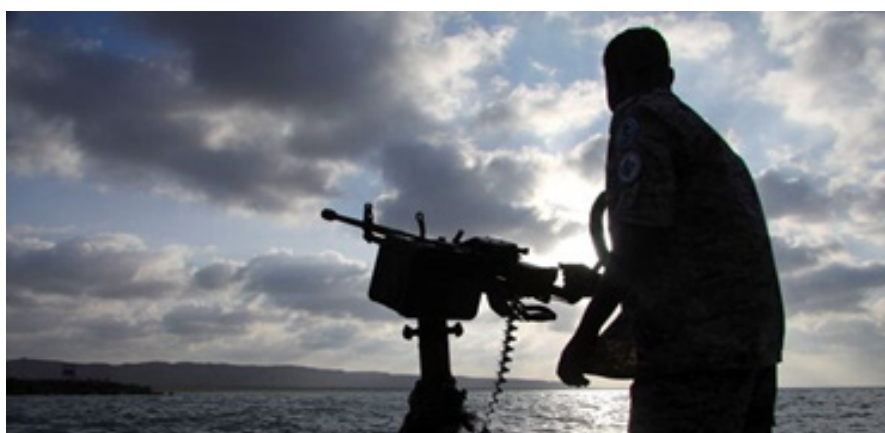
US President Donald Trump has taken credit for the elimination of a senior Islamic State (ISIS) leader in Iraq, Abdullah Makki Muslih al-Rufayi, also known as Abu Khadija. Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani announced that Iraqi security forces successfully carried out the operation.

Trump, in a post on Truth Social, praised the mission, stating, "Today the fugitive leader of ISIS in Iraq was killed. He was relentlessly hunted down by our intrepid warfighters. His miserable life was terminated, along with another member of ISIS, in coordination with the Iraqi Government and the Kurdish Regional Government. PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH!" He later shared the post on X.

The White House also released a video of the operation, showing collaboration between US and Iraqi forces. The operation, conducted on March 13, was described as a precision airstrike led by the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) with assistance from Iraqi intelligence and security forces.

Operation Details

CENTCOM, in a post on X, confirmed that Khadija and another



ISIS operative were killed in an airstrike in Iraq's Anbar province. "After the strike, CENTCOM and Iraqi forces moved to the strike site and found both dead ISIS terrorists. Both terrorists were wearing unexploded suicide vests and had multiple weapons. CENTCOM and Iraqi forces were able to identify Abu Khadija through a DNA match from a previous raid where he narrowly escaped," the statement read.

CENTCOM described Khadija as the "Emir of ISIS" most senior decision-making body" and a key figure responsible for ISIS's global operations, logistics, and financing. "Abu Khadija was one of the most important ISIS members in the entire global ISIS organization. We will continue to kill terrorists and dismantle their organizations that threaten our homeland and U.S.,

allied, and partner personnel in the region and beyond," said Gen. Michael Erik Kurilla, commander of US Central Command.

Khadija's Role in ISIS
Abu Khadija had a long history of involvement with extremist groups, initially joining al-Qaeda in 2009. He was imprisoned in 2011 but escaped and later resurfaced in 2014 during ISIS's territorial expansion across Iraq and Syria. Rising quickly through the ranks, he became security chief for Kirkuk province before assuming the role of "Wali of the Blessed Land," overseeing ISIS operations in Iraq and Syria.

Syria and Iraq Pledge to Fight ISIS
The operation coincided with a diplomatic visit by Syria's top diplomat to Iraq, during which both nations reaffirmed their commitment to combat ISIS.

US Influencer Apologizes for Wombat Video

Blasts Australian Government

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US influencer Sam Jones, who sparked outrage after posting a video of herself picking up a baby wombat in Australia, has issued a public apology. Facing backlash and possible immigration consequences, she clarified that her intentions were to help the animal, not to cause harm.

In a statement on Instagram, Jones explained that she had stopped her vehicle upon seeing the mother wombat and her joey on the road. Concerned that the joey was sick or injured after it failed to run away, she made a "snap judgment" to pick it up. However, after realizing the mother was nearby, she placed the joey back, ensuring their reunion.

Despite her explanation, the video, in which the joey can be heard hissing while its mother follows behind, drew heavy criticism. Online petitions called for her deportation, and Home Affairs Minister Tony Burke confirmed that her visa status was under review. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese condemned the act, calling it an "outrage" that caused clear distress to the mother wombat.

Jones later deleted the video and made her account private before reportedly leaving Australia. However, in her latest statement, she reopened her account and launched a scathing attack on the Australian government, accusing it of hypocrisy



in its treatment of native wildlife. She claimed that while she was vilified for briefly holding a wombat, the government permits large-scale slaughter of wombats, kangaroos, and other animals. Jones alleged that thousands of wombats are shot or poisoned each year and that Australia spends millions on culling wild horses, deer, and pigs.

Highlighting the commercial killing of kangaroos, she stated, "In the last 20 years, approximately 90 million kangaroos and wallabies have been legally slaughtered." She criticized those who condemned her while supporting government policies on wildlife management, calling it "hypocrisy at its finest."

Jones also dismissed suggestions that she should have visited a zoo instead, arguing that keeping wild animals in captivity is a far greater injustice than briefly handling one in an attempt to help.

The controversy continues, with public opinion divided over Jones' actions and her broader criticisms of Australia's wildlife policies.

New India Co-operative Bank scam

Wanted accused Kapil Dedhia arrested
Probe reveals ₹12 crore credited to his account
Economic Offences Wing (EOW) arrests Kapil Dedhia in ₹122 crore bank fraud case
Mumbai court remands Dedhia to police custody till March 19

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The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Mumbai Police has arrested Kapil Dedhia, a wanted accused in the ₹122 crore embezzlement case involving New India Co-operative Bank. Dedhia was apprehended in Vadodara on Friday as part of a coordinated operation and subsequently brought to Mumbai on Saturday.

According to EOW officials, Dedhia was formally arrested at 11:30 a.m. and presented before the court, which remanded him to police custody until March 19, 2025. Investigators have uncovered that ₹12 crore was credited to his account, allegedly forming part of the misappropriated funds siphoned from the bank. Further inquiries revealed that a portion of this amount was transferred to Dedhia by Dharmesh Paun, the builder of Dharmesh Realty, while another segment was received from Arunachalam, another wanted accused in the case. Additionally, EOW sources confirmed that funds were also routed to Dedhia by Hitesh Mehta.

The investigation into the New India Co-operative Bank scam continues, with authorities examining financial trails and identifying other individuals involved in the massive fraud.

"Monitoring Closely" says RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has assured depositors of IndusInd Bank's financial stability following concerns over a ₹2,100 crore accounting lapse. The central bank confirmed that the bank remains well-capitalised and is



being closely monitored to ensure financial soundness.

In a statement, the RBI urged depositors not to react to speculative reports and highlighted that IndusInd Bank reported a Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) of 16.46% and a Provision Coverage Ratio (PAR) of 70.20% for the quarter ending December 31, 2024. The bank also maintained a Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) of 113% as of March 9, 2025, surpassing the regulatory requirement of 100%.

The RBI stated that IndusInd Bank has engaged an external audit team to review its financial systems and assess the impact of the accounting discrepancy. The bank's Board and management have been directed to complete all

necessary remedial actions within the current quarter (Q4 FY25) and ensure proper disclosures.

The central bank reassured depositors by citing its track record in safeguarding financial institutions, referring to interventions in cases like Yes Bank (2020) and RBL Bank (2021). The RBI clarified that the issue at IndusInd Bank is not a crisis but a one-time accounting discrepancy related to its derivatives portfolio, impacting around 2.35% of its net worth as of December 2024.

IndusInd Bank has already initiated corrective measures to resolve the issue and ensure transparency in financial reporting.



Wipro revamps business structure as CEO Srinivas Pallia nears one-year mark

Wipro Ltd has announced a major restructuring of its global business divisions to align with client needs, marking another step in CEO Srinivas Pallia's strategy to revive the company amid declining revenues and macro-economic challenges. The Bengaluru-based IT giant will now operate under four business arms—Technology Services, Business Process Services, Consulting Services, and Engineering. The restructuring takes effect from April 1, 2025.

The leadership reshuffle also saw the exit of Jo Debecker, head of Wipro's FullStride Cloud Services. His departure marks the 10th high-profile exit since Pallia took over in April 2024, with seven of those roles being filled internally. Under the new structure, Technology Services will focus on cloud solutions, AI, cybersecurity, and enterprise applications, led by Nagendra Bandaru. Business Process Services, handling digital operations and customer support, will be led by Jasjit Kang. Consulting Services will be overseen by Amit Kumar, offering advisory and transformation services. The Engineering division, which focuses on R&D, will continue under Srikanth Rao.

This is Wipro's second major restructuring in three years. The previous overhaul under former CEO Thierry Delaporte in April 2023 had introduced four business lines, including Wipro FullStride Cloud and Wipro Enterprise Futuring. However, despite these efforts, Wipro remains the only one among India's top four IT firms to register a revenue decline. In 2023-24, the company posted \$10.8 billion in revenue, down 2.2% year-on-year. In the first nine months of FY25, Wipro's revenue shrank by 4.2% to \$7.78 billion, and it is expected to post a second consecutive annual decline. As part of its cost-cutting strategy, Wipro has decided not to sign or renew deals below its 16% operating margin threshold and has shifted expensive team offsites to virtual platforms. With analysts forecasting slower growth for India's \$283-billion IT sector, Pallia's restructuring efforts are aimed at positioning Wipro for long-term stability amid uncertain market conditions.

Elon Musk-Led DOGE Cancels Over 2 Lakh Govt Credit Cards

The U.S. Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), headed by billionaire entrepreneur and White House advisor Elon Musk, has deactivated over 2 lakh federal government credit cards as part of an effort to streamline government spending. The move, announced recently on X (formerly Twitter), follows a broader push to curb administrative costs and overhaul government expenditure practices.

According to DOGE, the department has been working since February 18 to simplify government credit card accounts and eliminate unnecessary expenditures. Government data estimates that around 4.6 million active credit cards facilitated nearly 90 million transactions in the 2024 fiscal year.

A week after DOGE's announcement, U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order enforcing a 30-day freeze on agency employee credit cards, affecting several departments. In its latest update, DOGE revealed that after a three-week audit of 16 federal agencies, over 200,000 credit cards had been deactivated.

Commenting on the decision, Musk said, "There are still almost twice as many credit/purchasing cards as people in the government, and the limits are \$10,000! A lot of shady expenditures are happening."

Efforts to Streamline Federal Spending
Trump and Musk have long advocated reducing government expenses. While the credit card freeze includes exemptions for employees involved in disaster relief and critical services, reports suggest that it has disrupted routine operations in several federal agencies.

For instance, employees at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have faced difficulties



in procuring essential lab supplies, which are crucial for ensuring consumer safety. Civilian employees at the Department of Defense have also been affected, with their government travel credit card limits drastically reduced to just \$1, except for cases involving military operations or permanent station changes.

Despite these measures, DOGE has not disclosed the projected financial savings from the cancellations, leaving many questioning the actual impact of the initiative.

According to a report in Newsweek, similar cost-cutting measures in the past, such as large-scale layoffs within federal agencies,

have yielded little to no financial benefits.

What is DOGE?

Established through an executive order on January 20, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) is a newly formed advisory body tasked with reducing inefficiencies in the federal government. Since its inception, the department has aggressively pushed for cost-cutting measures, including workforce reductions.

As the federal government continues its spending overhaul, the long-term implications of these changes remain uncertain.

Standard Chartered raises €1 billion via first social bond, commits 57% for India

Standard Chartered Plc has raised €1 billion (approximately ₹9,400 crore) through its first social bond, aimed at supporting sustainable development projects across emerging markets, with India being the primary beneficiary. Over 57% of the total funds raised will be allocated to India for financing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), healthcare, education, and affordable infrastructure. The eight-year bond is designed to facilitate lending to SMEs, especially women-owned enterprises, ensuring access to finance, job creation, and economic empowerment. The proceeds will also be used for investments in essential services such as food security, healthcare, and educa-

tion, in line with Standard Chartered's Sustainability Bond Framework. Speaking on the issuance, Diego De Giorgi, Group Chief Financial Officer at Standard Chartered, stated, "Our first social issuance is an important milestone for the bank and demonstrates Standard Chartered's unique ability to raise capital in the world's largest financial centres and deploy it into markets where the need for sustainable finance is most acute. This highlights how the bank provides financial solutions to support the enduring growth of our markets." According to Standard Chartered, the bank's top five social asset locations include India (57%), Malaysia (10%), Bangladesh (6%), Mainland China (5%), and



Nepal (4%). The funds raised will be referenced in the bank's Sustainable Finance asset pool, which includes \$5.5 billion in social assets—99% of which are located in Asia, Africa,

and the Middle East. "Today, around \$4.2 trillion in annual investment is needed across emerging markets to facilitate sustainable development, build resilience, and drive long-term

prosperity. Mobilising private sector capital into these markets is crucial to bridging this gap," the bank noted. Marisa Drew, Chief Sustainability Officer at Standard Chartered, emphasized the bank's commitment to inclusive growth, stating, "This first social bond issuance underscores our commitment to people, communities, and businesses. The fact that 99% of our social assets are in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East is a key differentiator for us, allowing us to drive impactful change across our footprint." The move is expected to strengthen Standard Chartered's role in mobilising capital for social impact, ensuring that critical financing reaches markets with the greatest demand.

Redmi Note 14s Launched With 200MP Camera



Xiaomi's latest 4G smartphone, the Redmi Note 14s, debuts with a high-resolution camera and fast charging.

Redmi has unveiled the Note 14s, a new 4G smartphone featuring a 200-megapixel rear camera and a MediaTek Helio G99-Ultra processor. It sports a 6.67-inch AMOLED display with a 120Hz refresh rate

and runs on Xiaomi's HyperOS. The device comes with an in-display fingerprint sensor, an IP64 rating for dust and splash resistance, and a 5,000mAh battery supporting 67W fast charging. The Redmi Note 14s is priced at CZK 5,999 (approximately Rs. 22,700) in the Czech Republic and UAH 10,999 (roughly Rs. 23,100) in Ukraine. It

is available in three colors: Aurora Purple, Midnight Black, and Ocean Blue.

Specifications and Features
The Redmi Note 14s features a 6.67-inch Full-HD+ AMOLED display with a 120Hz refresh rate and Gorilla Glass 5 protection. Powered by the MediaTek Helio G99-Ultra SoC, it comes with 8GB RAM and 256GB storage. For photography, the device boasts a 200MP primary rear camera, along with an 8MP ultrawide and 2MP macro lens, while a 16MP front camera handles selfies. It is backed by a 5,000mAh battery with 67W fast charging support. Connectivity options include 4G LTE, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth 5.2, NFC, and USB Type-C. Security is enhanced with an in-display fingerprint sensor, and the phone is IP64-rated for dust and splash resistance. Measuring 161.1x74.95x7.98mm and weighing 179g, the Redmi Note 14s combines performance with durability. The Redmi Note 14s is essentially a rebranded version of the Redmi Note 13 Pro 4G, offering similar specifications with a focus on camera performance.

Vispy Kharadi's Hercules Pillars Feat Gains Global Praise



Indian athlete Vispy Kharadi has set a Guinness World Record by holding the Hercules Pillars for two minutes and 10.75 seconds in Surat, Gujarat. His remarkable achievement has drawn global attention, with tech billionaire Elon Musk among those acknowledging his feat. Musk shared the video posted by Guinness World Records on X, where Kharadi can be seen gripping two massive pillars weighing 166.7 kg and 168.9 kg. The post has amassed over 10.9 million views and 86,000 likes, making Kharadi's strength a widely discussed topic on social media. Reacting to Musk's acknowledgment, Kharadi expressed his excitement, stating, "It was indeed a good surprise when I got to know that @elonmusk shared my Guinness World Record Video on X. Feeling so happy and on cloud 9. Moreover, it gives me immense pride that an Indian is being praised worldwide in the field of strength."

Netizens Applaud Kharadi's Achievement
Social media users have hailed Kharadi's world record, with many calling it an inspiration. One X user wrote, "That's some achievement... WORLD RECORD... Making India Proud. Congratulations @VispyKharadi." Another added, "Vispy Kharadi, also known as the Indian Man of Steel, makes a Guinness World Record of holding the Hercules Pillars for 2 minutes 10.75 seconds. Each pillar weighs 160 kg. This task is often taken by those who compete in World's StrongMan."

Kharadi himself reshared the Guinness World Records video, commenting, "160kg in each hand—Hercules Hold! Grip strength isn't just for giants. Martial artists, arm wrestlers, rock climbers—anyone with determination can achieve this. If an Indian believes, an Indian achieves!"

Who is Vispy Kharadi?
Kharadi, known as the "Steel Man of India," is a multiple black belt holder, 16-time Guinness World Record holder, and an unarmed combat trainer for the Border Security Force (BSF). He is also a certified nutritionist, fitness expert, actor, and model.

His previous records include crushing the most drink cans by hand in one minute and bending the most iron bars with his head. A report by Zee News mentions that Kharadi holds an MBA from IIM-B and is a specialist in Krav Maga, a form of close combat training. With global figures like Elon Musk recognizing his feat, Kharadi's achievement stands as a testament to India's growing presence in strength sports.

Urban Company Launches 'Insta Maid' Service Faces Mixed Reactions Online



Home services platform Urban Company (UC) has launched 'Insta Maids,' a new offering that promises professional house help within 15 minutes. While some hailed it as a much-needed solution for urban households, others criticized it as exploitative and questioned the use of the term "maid." The service, currently available in select areas of Mumbai, provides assistance with cleaning, cooking, and mopping at an introductory price of ₹49 per hour. UC stated that its 'Insta Maid' partners would earn ₹150-180 per hour and receive free health, life, and accidental insurance. Workers who complete 132 hours per month are assured a minimum

monthly earning of ₹20,000. Urban Company Defends Initiative
In a post on X, UC reiterated its commitment to fair wages and workers' dignity. Co-founder Varun Khaitan described 'Insta Maid' as "the future of domestic work in India—a win-win for all." UC also clarified that the ₹49 per hour rate is a limited-time offer, and prices will be adjusted to ensure sustainability. Online Debate Over 'Insta Maids'
The launch triggered mixed reactions online. Supporters praised the initiative, with one user commenting, "India desperately needs a structured domestic help industry. This is a step in the right direction."

Another user suggested expanding the service to include babysitting. However, critics accused UC of exploiting cheap labor. "This is a violation of human rights, stop calling exploitation 'innovation,'" wrote one user. Others took issue with the name, calling 'maid' an outdated and gendered term. "Expected better from Urban Company. The name itself is problematic," another user noted. Despite the backlash, UC remains confident in the service, emphasizing that it provides flexible employment opportunities while addressing a growing urban need.

Fresh Snow in Gulmarg, Rainfall in Srinagar Brings Cold Wave to J&K

Fresh snowfall in Gulmarg and incessant rainfall in Srinagar have led to a significant drop in temperatures across Jammu and Kashmir. Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of 2.6°C on Saturday morning, while Gulmarg witnessed sub-zero conditions with temperatures at 0.2°C and 100% relative humidity. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) had earlier predicted heavy rainfall and snowfall in Jammu and Kashmir for March 15, along with similar weather conditions in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand on March 16. The ongoing weather disturbances are attributed to a cyclonic circulation arising from a Western Disturbance over Afghanistan and Pakistan, leading to widespread precipitation in the Western Himalayan region. According to the latest



forecast, weather conditions in Srinagar are expected to improve after March 16, with a mix of clear skies and partly cloudy conditions predicted over the next six days. The Meteorological Centre Srinagar stated on X, "Intermittent light to moderate Rain/Snow (higher reaches) at many places till 16 morning & improvement thereafter. Dry weather likely during 17-26 March." Residents can expect fluctuating temperatures, with the maximum and minimum ranging between 15°C and 1°C in the coming days.

Blinkit Faces Backlash Over Alleged Short-Weight Deliveries

A Reddit user's claim that Blinkit delivered underweight grocery items has sparked a heated debate online, with multiple users sharing similar experiences. The controversy has raised concerns about the accuracy of product weights on instant delivery platforms. The user, posting under the handle @Jusklickin, shared an image of a grapes order, alleging that a 500g pack weighed only 370g. They initially dismissed it as a one-off issue but faced a similar situation with another order, which reportedly weighed just 395g, including packaging. "Please don't trust Blinkit blindly," the

user wrote, accusing the company of deliberate malpractice. They also alleged receiving open pet food boxes with missing pouches, cheaper substitutes for ordered items, and overpriced products. Blinkit Responds to Allegations
The post quickly gained traction, prompting Blinkit's official Reddit account to respond. The company apologized and urged the user to share their order details for resolution. "We're really sorry for the repeated issues and understand your frustration. Please share your order ID or registered mobile number so we can address the discrepancies," Blinkit stated, providing

customer support links. Many users joined the discussion, with one urging, "File a complaint, make these companies pay up!" Others claimed they had suspected similar weight discrepancies but never verified them. A user shared their own experience: "Numerous times I've had one item missing in large orders. They replaced it after raising a ticket, but I found it too time-consuming and stopped using the app." The controversy has reignited concerns over quality control in rapid grocery delivery services, with many urging customers to double-check their orders.



Rohit Sharma to Continue as Test Captain for England Series



Rohit Sharma will remain India's Test captain for the upcoming five-match series against England, as confirmed by reports from the Indian Express. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has expressed confidence in Rohit's leadership, citing his tactical acumen and experience as key factors in their decision. Rohit's ability to manage pressure, rotate bowlers effectively, and set precise field placements has impressed the selectors, particularly his captaincy during the Champions Trophy, where he adeptly utilized spinners to challenge opposing batters. The board recognizes that succeeding

in England requires patience and adaptability—qualities Rohit has showcased in his recent white-ball successes. With India aiming for their first Test series win in England since 2007, stability in leadership is deemed crucial. The selectors noted the lack of viable alternatives, as young talents like Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant are still gaining experience, and KL Rahul has faced consistency issues. Jasprit Bumrah, who led in Rohit's absence, is also struggling with injuries. Therefore, Rohit remains the best option to lead the team against England.

Tendulkar vs Lara: A Nostalgic Showdown in IML 2025 Title Clash

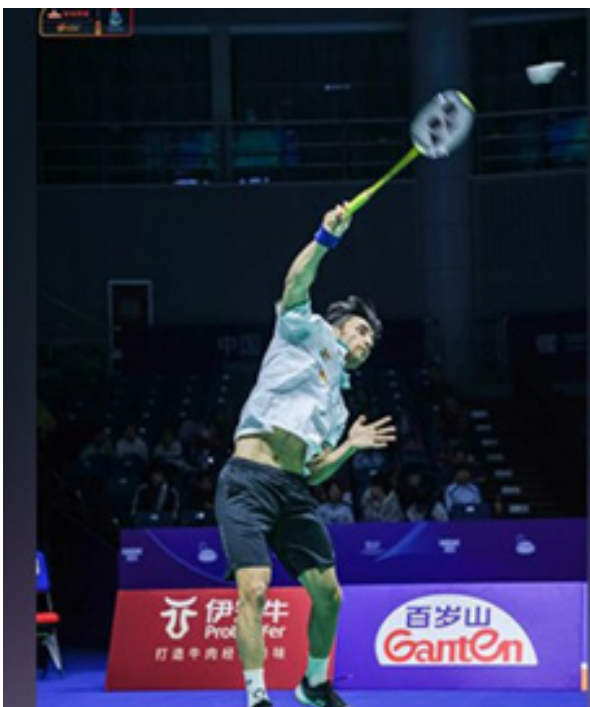


The stage is set for an epic finale as Sachin Tendulkar leads the India Masters against Brian Lara's West Indies Masters in the inaugural International Masters League (IML) title clash. This highly anticipated match will take place on Sunday, March 16, at the SVNS International Stadium in Raipur.

The India Masters, one of the tournament favorites, have enjoyed a stellar run, bouncing back from their only league-stage defeat against Australia Masters by defeating Shane Watson's team in the semi-finals. Their journey included thrilling victories over Sri Lanka, England, and South Africa, solidifying their place in the final. Conversely, the West Indies Masters kicked off their campaign with strong performances against Australia and England but

faced setbacks against Sri Lanka and India. A crucial win over South Africa secured their semi-final spot, where they narrowly edged out Sri Lanka by six runs. The IML final promises to be a captivating culmination of the tournament, celebrating cricket's golden era with iconic players. Fans can catch all the action live on JioHotstar, Colors Cineplex (SD & HD), and Colors Cineplex Superhits starting at 7 PM. Don't miss this nostalgic showdown!

Lakshya Sen Exits All-England Open 2025 in Quarter-Finals



Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen was eliminated from the All-England Open 2025 after losing his men's singles quarter-final match to Shi Feng Li of China. The Commonwealth Games champion and Olympian faced the reigning Asian Games champion, ranked world No. 6, and lost in straight sets, 21-10, 21-16. Sen initially led 4-3 in the first game but quickly fell behind as Shi Feng Li secured nine consecutive points. Although Sen managed a brief comeback to lead

11-8 in the second game, Shi Feng Li's experience shone through as he dominated the match, concluding it in 45 minutes. This marked Sen's third defeat in seven encounters against Shi Feng Li. In women's doubles, Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand also bowed out, losing 21-14, 21-10 to the second-seeded Chinese pair Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning. The tournament has seen early exits for other Indian players, including PV Sindhu and Malvika Bansod.

Avani Prashanth Shines as Top Indian in Australian Women's Classic



In a challenging opening round at the 2025 Australian Women's Classic, rookie Avani Prashanth emerged as the top Indian competitor, finishing with a 2-over 72, placing her Tied-55th. Pranavi Urs followed closely with a 73, and Diksha Dagar posted a 74, placing them T-79th and T-88th, respectively. The players faced dif-

ficulties due to a lack of practice rounds at the Coffs Harbour Golf Club, which had been affected by Cyclone Alfred. Welsh rookie Darcey Harry, Sweden's Moa Folke, and Austria's Emma Spitz led the pack, each carding impressive 6-under 64s. Despite the adverse conditions and a reduction of the tournament to 54 holes, these players showcased remarkable skill. Avani, a multiple winner on the Hero Women's Pro Tour, has recently turned pro, finishing T-16 in her

debut event in Morocco. She recorded two bogeys and no birdies on the par-70 course. Pranavi, who had two birdies but five bogeys, and Diksha, with one birdie and five bogeys, struggled to find their rhythm. Harry's impressive performance included four birdies on the front nine and another on the 14th, while Folke and Spitz demonstrated consistent excellence, making multiple birdies without a single bogey. The tournament continues to unfold, promising an exciting competition ahead.

India Dominates ODI Deaf Series, Clinches 3-0 Victory Against Australia



Spanish star Marc Marquez set a new lap record of 1 minute 37.295 seconds during practice for the Argentina MotoGP, showcasing his dominant form after winning the season opener in Thailand. Riding his factory Ducati, Marquez continued to impress at Termas de Rio Hondo, a track where he has previously triumphed three

times. Ducati claimed the top spots in practice, with Fabio Di Giannantonio and Marquez's brother Alex completing the top three. Alex, who took pole at the last MotoGP in Argentina in 2023, finished second in the season opener. Marquez expressed confidence, noting his comfort on the bike

and the need for further improvements ahead of qualifying. Meanwhile, reigning world champion Francesco Bagnaia faced challenges, crashing during his session but still securing a spot in the top ten. The Argentina MotoGP marks the second round of the 22-race season, with the absence of world champion Jorge Martin

India Shines with 15 Medals on Days 3 and 4 of Special Olympics World Winter Games



India's impressive performance at the Special Olympics World Winter Games continued on Days 3 and 4, with athletes adding 15 more medals to the country's tally. This achievement brings India's total medal count to 24, following the nine medals secured in earlier events, as reported by Special Olympics Bharat.

In Alpine Skiing, Deepak Thakur and Giridhar showcased exceptional skills, clinching gold medals in the Intermediate Super G M04 and M05 categories, respectively. Abhishek Kumar earned a silver in the Novice Super G M01 category, while Radha Devi secured silver in the Intermediate Super G F03 event.

India also made its mark in short-track speed skating, with Ziara Porter claiming silver medals in both the 111M F1 and 222M F2 events. Tanshu added a bronze in the 777M M2 category and a silver in the 500M M3 category. In Cross Country Skiing, Akriti's commendable effort resulted in a bronze medal in the 50M Classical Tech-

nique Final F03. The Snowshoeing events further boosted India's medal count, with Vasu Tiwari winning gold in the 50M Race M03 category. Jahan-gir and Tanya took home silver medals in the 50M Race M04 and F02 categories, respectively, while Shalini Chauhan added a bronze in the 50M Race F03. Anil Kumar triumphed with a gold medal in the 200M Race M12 division, and Harleen Kaur secured silver in the F12 division. With around 1,500 athletes from 102 countries participating, the Special Olympics World Winter Games aim to promote inclusivity in sports, offering everyone a chance to shine. India's athletes continue to exemplify resilience, hard work, and sporting spirit on this global platform.



Samantha Transitions to Producer with “Shubham



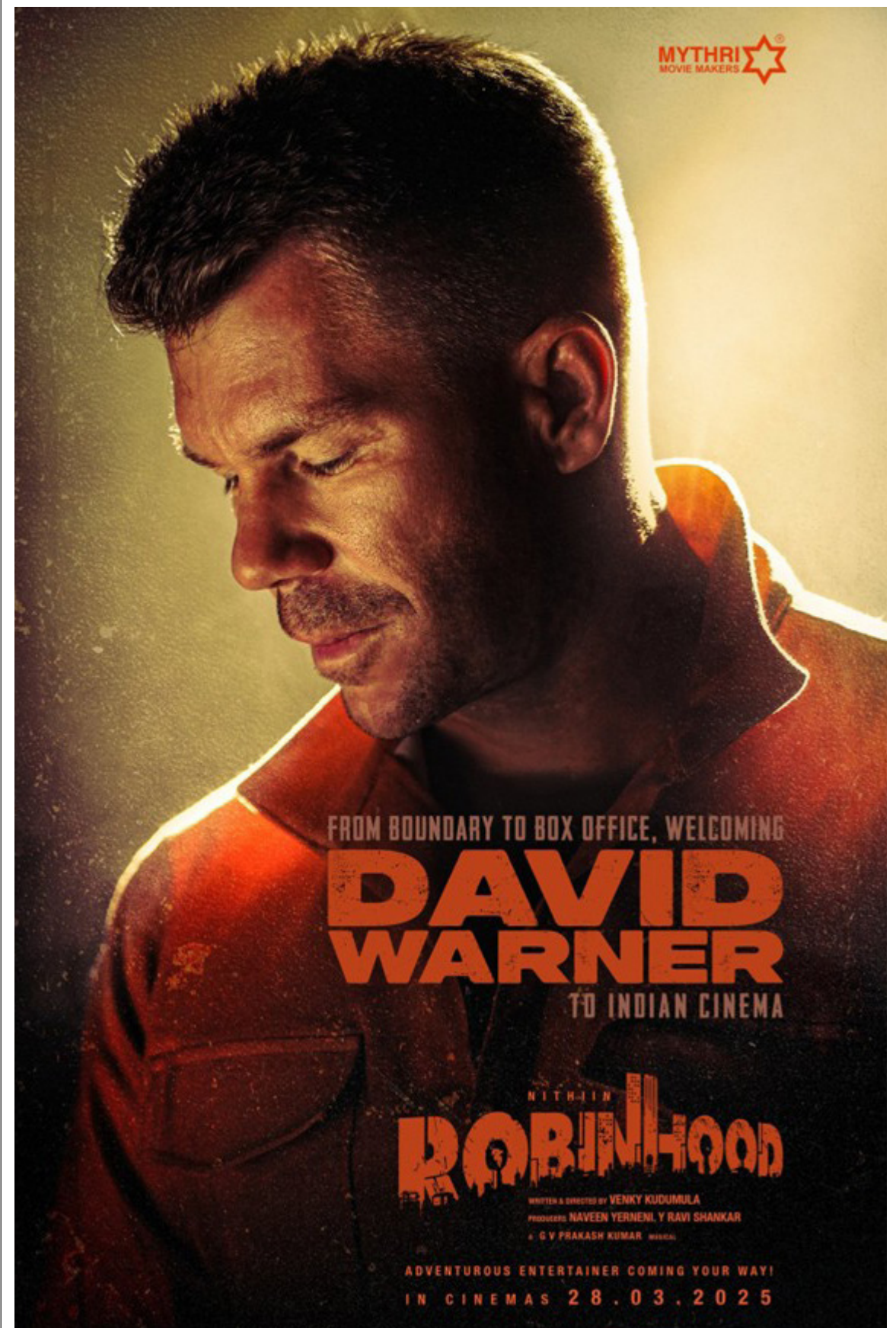
Samantha Ruth Prabhu is making her mark as a producer with her debut film, “Shubham,” under her banner,

Trulala Moving Pictures. Known for her stellar acting career, Samantha has taken a step back from on-screen roles to focus

on her health. Following her collaboration with Vijay Deverakonda in “Khushi,” she has not signed any new projects, but sources indicate she plans to return to acting once fully fit.

“Shubham,” directed by Praveen Kandregula, features a compelling story by Vasanth Mariganti and promises a blend of comedy and thrilling elements. The film’s cast includes C. Malgireddy, Shriya Kontham, Charan Peri, Shalini Kondepudi, and Gavi Reddy Srinivas. Cinematography is handled by Mridul Sujit Sen, with Ram Charan Tej as the production designer. More details about the film’s release are expected soon.

First Look of David Warner from “Robinhood” Released!



The first look of Australian cricket star David Warner in the upcoming Telugu film “Robinhood” has been unveiled by the makers. Directed by Venky Kudumula and starring Nithiin, this film is set to release on March 28, generating significant anticipation, especially after the success of their previous collaboration, “Bheeshma.” The production company, Maitri Movie Mak-

ers, shared Warner’s poster with the tagline, “Welcoming Warner from the boundary to the box office.” Warner will appear in a special role, adding a unique flair to the movie. Nithiin’s co-star in the film is Sree Leela, with Rajendra Prasad and Vennela Kishore playing key roles. As promotional activities ramp up, fans are eager to see how this exciting blend of cricket and cinema unfolds.

Naga Chaitanya and Sobhita Dhulipala Enjoy a Day at the Race Track



Naga Chaitanya and Sobhita Dhulipala, who tied the knot in December at Annapurna Studios, Hyderabad, recently shared a delightful outing at the Madras International Circuit in Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu. Sobhita posted snapshots of their fun day on Instagram, showcasing their affectionate bond. In the first image, Naga Chaitanya rested his hand on Sobhita’s shoulder as they posed together on the race track. Another snap featured Sobhita seated in a car, focused and ready to race, while Chay flashed a charming smile in yet another picture. Sobhita opted for a casual black crop top and khaki pants, while Naga Chaitanya looked effortlessly cool in a white T-shirt and sunglasses. Their outing has drawn attention from fans, especially after they were recently spotted at Rana Daggubati’s store in Hyderabad. On the work front, Naga Chaitanya was last seen in “Thandel,” and Sobhita starred in the Zee5 original “Love, Sitara.”

Aaditi Pohankar Reflects on “Dangal” Impact on “Ek Badnaam Aashram”



Aaditi Pohankar, known for her role in “Ek Badnaam Aashram,” recently shared how missing out on Aamir Khan’s “Dangal” shaped her character in the series. The highly anticipated Season 3 Part 2 of “Ek Badnaam Aashram” has just been released and is garnering rave reviews from viewers.

Pohankar’s journey in the industry has been marked by challenges, including the disappointment of not landing a role in “Dangal.” However, she believes this experience pushed her to develop her character in “Ek Badnaam Aashram” with greater depth and conviction. The series, featuring Bobby Deol, continues to captivate audiences with its intriguing plot and strong performances. Aaditi’s resilience and dedication to her craft are evident in her portrayal, which has resonated well with fans. As the series gains popularity, she expresses gratitude for the opportunities that have come her way and looks forward to continuing her artistic journey.

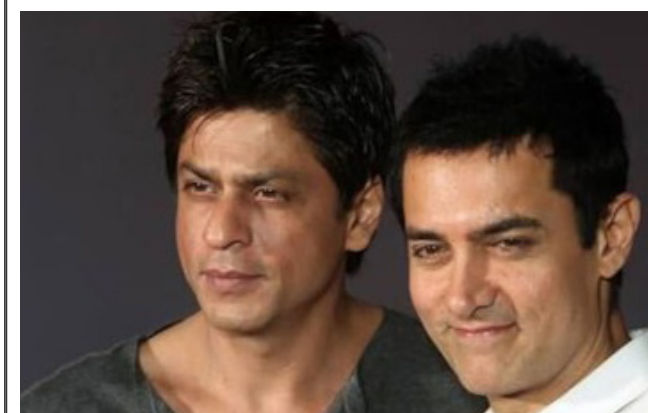
“Be Happy” Review: Abhishek Bachchan’s Film Misses the Mark



“Be Happy,” featuring Abhishek Bachchan, attempts to explore the poignant father-daughter dynamic and the pursuit of dreams, but ultimately falls short of delivering a compelling narrative. The film’s heavy reliance on melodrama and a predictable formula detracts from its potential to provide a fresh perspective on its themes. While Bachchan delivers a commendable performance, the script lacks depth and originality, often resorting to

clichés that weaken the emotional impact. The plot’s trajectory feels familiar, leaving little room for surprises or genuine moments of connection between characters. Despite its good intentions, “Be Happy” misses the bull’s-eye by miles, failing to resonate with audiences who seek a more nuanced portrayal of relationships and aspirations. Overall, the film is a disappointing endeavor that could have explored its promising premise more effectively.

Aamir Khan Shares Lighthearted Moments with Shah Rukh Khan



In a recent conversation, Aamir Khan opened up about his latest catch-up with Shah Rukh Khan, revealing that the duo was engaged in some lighthearted gossip. Instead of discussing their film careers or industry challenges, they focused on something much more amusing. Aamir mentioned that their discussion revolved around amusing anecdotes and fun memories, showcasing the camaraderie and

friendship they share. The two icons of Bollywood, known for their illustrious careers, took a break from the spotlight to enjoy a more relaxed and jovial exchange, highlighting the importance of friendship amidst the pressures of the film industry. Fans of both actors were delighted to hear about their playful banter, which reminds everyone that even the biggest stars enjoy a good laugh together.