



A BIG HERO FALLEN FOR KASIREDDY'S SKETCH

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Yes. Not only a big hero, many big shots were cheated by Kasireddy Rajasekhar Reddy allegedly. In the case of land at Guttala Begumpet, on which the High Court has canceled the denotification issued by the then District Collector of Rangareddy, Mr. Amoykumar, all these big shots have lost their money believing Kasireddy. So, first, Kasireddy cheated YS Jaganmohan Reddy, promising him that he would double the money and took away more than Rs. 2000 crores. Then he tried to procure a disputed land, which was under High Court proceedings. The land, originally valued at thousands of crores, was bought for hundreds of crores by using the influence of Mrs. Kavitha, MLC, allegedly.

For the public, it's fortunate and unfortunate for Kasireddy, as the High Court of Telangana smelled the conspiracy behind the denotification of the land and canceled it. Before that, Mr. Kasireddy Rajasekhar Reddy tried to sell the land in parts. He offered many big shots the land at a cheaper price. Tempted by his offer, a big hero and many other big shots paid him the money. But before the registrations could take place, the High Court threw brakes on Kasireddy's plan. However, Mr. Big Hero and other celebrities were shocked as they were unable to recover the money given to Kasireddy. Since Mr. Kasireddy



Rajasekhar Reddy was in the power circle at that time, he later escaped abroad and has not been available to them till now. The pity or fate is that all these big shots seem to have paid him black money. That's why they are unable to come forward and proceed with legal action. The big shots and NRIs who suspected something fishy about the land being offered at half the price and rejected the deal are now somewhat relieved.

In this case, many people worked for Kasireddy in influencing celebrities. Those who lobby with movie celebrities and big shots used their influence to make them invest money with Kasireddy for that land, allegedly. Now, the names of those people are coming out one by one. The celebrities who were cheated are revealing those names in their closed circles. They are trying to sort it out through known police officials and in-

fluential people in politics. But all their efforts have gone in vain. Mr. Kasireddy Rajasekhar Reddy seems to be very intelligent in cheating anybody, allegedly. He even managed Ex-Chief Minister Mr. YS Jaganmohan Reddy.

After reading the story in True Point, many leaders of YSRCP have also reacted, saying, "We have alerted Jagan, but he didn't listen to us and blindly believed Kasireddy." Recently, we have seen celebrities lose their money by investing in health apps and are now unable to recover it. The problem is that these big shots generate black money by avoiding tax payments, invest in such deals, and lose everything. A financial expert has suggested, "You better pay tax and invest whatever you have officially. Then you will not lose money, and moreover, you will be helpful to the people and the country through tax payment."

Trimurthulu Garu, How Are You? – Politics Aside

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and MLC Thota Trimurthulu shared a warm moment during a photo session held on Tuesday at the conclusion of the Assembly-Legislative Council budget sessions. On this occasion, Pawan Kalyan greeted Thota Trimurthulu affectionately, saying, "How are you, Trimurthulu garu?" to which Trimurthulu responded, "I am fine, sir... how are you?" The two exchanged polite conversations for about two minutes. Their brief interaction has sparked discussion in political circles, as Thota Trimurthulu has maintained a good relationship with the mega family for the last four decades.



SC Issues Notices to Central & AP Govt's on Telangana's Krishna River Petition

- Telangana challenges Krishna River project notification
- Supreme Court orders Center, AP to file counter within two weeks
- Bench directs rejoinder submission within a week after counters



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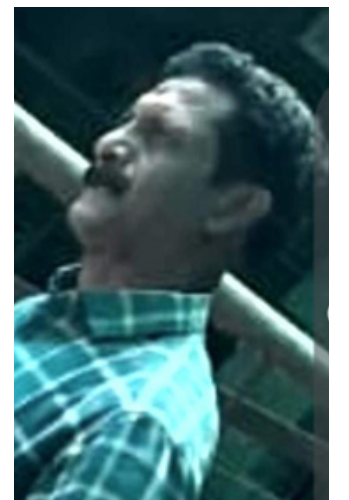
The Supreme Court has issued notices to the Central and Andhra Pradesh governments regarding the writ petition filed by the Telangana government over Krishna river projects. A bench comprising Justices Abhay Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan directed both parties to submit their counters within two weeks, with a rejoinder to be filed within a week thereafter. The Telangana government had approached the Supreme Court challenging the Central government's notification to transfer the management of Krishna river projects to the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB). The state argued that the notification adversely impacts its rights over the projects and water allocation. Meanwhile, the Andhra Pradesh government has also filed a petition in the Supreme Court, alleging that Telangana is illegally generating electricity and using water without proper allocation. The court has now taken up both petitions for review. This legal battle over Krishna river water sharing remains a crucial issue between the two Telugu states, with both governments keenly awaiting the Supreme Court's final verdict.

Allegations of Irregularities in Draksharamam Temple Management



EO - Durga Bhavani

- Devotees demand an inquiry into temple mismanagement
- Complaints sent to CM regarding financial and administrative irregularities
- Concerns raised over unauthorized appointments and misuse of temple funds



Clerk - Venkanna Babu

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Serious allegations of mismanagement and financial irregularities have surfaced at the Draksharamam Bhimeshwara Temple, a revered shrine known as Dakshina Kashi. Devotees have lodged complaints against temple officials, demanding an inquiry into the irregularities and negligence in temple rituals and administration. The temple's Executive Officer (EO), Durga Bhavani, and clerk, Venkanna Babu, are facing severe criticism over alleged misconduct. Devotees claim that essential daily rituals, such as the offering of 20 liters of cow's milk to Lord Bhimeshwara, have been discontinued, violating the instructions of the Kanchi Peetham Gurus. A devotee, Akula Siva, has raised concerns over the disappearance of the milk supply from temple-owned cows, urging authorities to investigate. Additionally, allegations have emerged that key offerings, including Pulihora, Peruggannam, Guddannam, and Panchabhaksha Paramanam, are not being provided to the deity as required. It is also alleged that unauthorized PRC implementations have resulted in large sums being withdrawn directly from the EO without proper audits.

Concerns have also been raised regarding the reinstatement of three employees—Mani Deepu,

Srinivas, and Surya (Dudoor)—who were previously removed for participating in the YCP election campaign. Reports suggest that they have been rehired and are receiving salaries without proper authorization from the Endowments Commissioner. Financial mismanagement is another major concern. It is alleged that a ₹30 lakh donation intended for temple annadanam (food donation) was forcibly deposited in the hundi, only to be later misappropriated under false expenses. Devotees are also demanding an investigation into alleged misuse of funds from the Dasara festival, where lakhs of rupees were reportedly siphoned off.

Further, there are claims that ₹25 lakh meant for priests' Maha Nivedana payments over the last five months remains unpaid. Irregularities in annadanam (food donations) and unauthorized promotions of certain employees have also been flagged. One of the key figures in the controversy is Venkanna Babu, who allegedly misused political influence to rise through the ranks. Originally joining as an NMR contract employee with a daily wage of ₹50, he gradually obtained higher positions without proper conversion processes.

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CM Naidu, Dy CM Pawan Kalyan Arrives in Delhi

AP CM to Meet Modi, Bill Gates Today

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan have arrived in Delhi for a crucial series of meetings. TDP MPs welcomed Chandrababu at the airport, while Jana Sena MPs received Pawan Kalyan.

As part of the visit, CM Chandrababu is set to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi today. He will extend a formal invitation for Modi to inaugurate the reconstruction works of Amaravati, the state's capital. The Chief Minister will also hold discussions with several Union ministers, including Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, to present a list of pending funds due to the state in the current financial year.

In addition, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will participate in key discussions regarding agricultural development in Andhra Pradesh.

A major highlight of the visit is Chandrababu's meeting with Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates. Agreements are expected to be signed with the Gates Foundation for collaboration in critical sectors such as education, agriculture, and healthcare. This partnership could bring significant advancements to Andhra Pradesh in these fields.

Group Photo Session of MLAs and MLCs Held in AP Assembly Premises



- CM Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan participated
- Ministers, Assembly Speaker, and Council Chairman joined
- Special group photo session marked a moment of unity

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A special group photo session was organized in the premises of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, bringing together MLAs and MLCs from across the state. The event witnessed the partici-

ation of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Ministers, Legislative Assembly Speaker, and Legislative Council Chairman. The session symbolized the collective leadership and unity of the state's elected representatives. Leaders

from different constituencies gathered to mark the occasion, reflecting a spirit of collaboration and governance. Following the photo session, the dignitaries proceeded to attend the Assembly proceedings, continuing discussions on key legislative matters.

300 Services in WhatsApp E-Governance by Month-End, Says Minister Lokesh



- WhatsApp e-governance currently provides 200 public services
- Target set to increase services to 300 by the end of March

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Minister for IT and Electronics, Nara Lokesh, highlighted the rapid expansion of WhatsApp e-governance services in Andhra Pradesh. He stated that the initiative, introduced by the coalition government after assuming power, currently offers 200 public services and has significantly simplified the issuance of certificates. The government aims to extend this to 300 services by the end of March. Lokesh credited former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for pioneering e-services in governance, emphasizing how

digital transformation has made public services more accessible. He also noted that his Yuvagalam Padayatra last year helped him deeply understand citizens' issues, reinforcing the need for seamless and efficient government service delivery. "In the past, people had to wait for long hours to receive government services. We have replaced this system with a more efficient approach by integrating WhatsApp e-governance," Lokesh explained. He reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring easy and transparent access to services for all citizens.

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By 2019, he was promoted to Junior Assistant, allegedly violating Endowments Department regulations. Despite being deputed to Draksharamam from Ainavilli, reports suggest he continues to stay at the temple beyond his authorized term, falsely

claiming the title of Superintendent. Amidst these allegations, devotees are urging the Endowments Department and the state government to conduct a thorough inquiry and take strict action to restore the sanctity and integrity of Draksharamam Bhimeshwara Temple.



Home Minister Anitha Orders Action in Penuganchiprolu Incident

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Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha has taken serious note of the violent incident during the Lakshmi Thirupathamma Thirunal in Penuganchiprolu, NTR district. YSRCP activists, in an agitated state, allegedly attacked police personnel with stones after being stopped. Several police officers, including Jaggayyapet CI Venkateswarlu, suffered injuries in the attack. Expressing strong displeasure, Home Minister Anitha instructed Vijayawada Police Commissioner Rajasekhara Babu to register cases against all those responsible for the attack. She also inquired about the condition of the injured officers and directed that they receive the best medical care at Nandigama Hospital. Anitha firmly stated that attacks on law enforcement personnel, who are deployed for public safety, will not be tolerated. According to reports, the incident occurred during a procession led by Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Janasena, and YSRCP leaders. While TDP's faction was at the center, YSRCP activists allegedly resorted to provocation, throwing water packets, bottles, and stones. When the police intervened to control the situation, YSRCP members reportedly continued their aggression, injuring four police personnel and several devotees. Authorities have confirmed that cases have been registered against those responsible. The Home Minister assured that strict action will be taken to prevent such incidents in the future.



Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar Praises Electricity Employees, Assures Support

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Andhra Pradesh Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar praised the relentless efforts of electricity department employees, especially during natural calamities, and assured government support for their welfare. Speaking at an event held at the Secretariat, he, along with former Power Minister Kimidi Kala Venkat Rao, unveiled the diary and calendar of the AP Electricity BC Employees Welfare Association. During the event, association president Polaki Srinivasa Rao detailed the hardships faced by electricity employees due to decisions made by the previous YSRCP government. In response, Minister Ravi Kumar assured that their concerns would be addressed at the highest level, promising to bring them to the attention of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. He reaffirmed the coalition government's commitment to resolving these challenges and ensuring employee welfare. The minister lauded the employees for their crucial role in restoring power during cyclones and floods. He emphasized that the state's power infrastructure, which had been weakened under the previous administration, is now being strengthened through coordinated efforts. Union representatives expressed optimism that the long-standing grievances of electricity employees, including the loss of rights during the previous government's tenure, would be resolved under the new administration. The event was attended by BC leader Keshana Shankara Rao, Vice President G. Ramu, Finance Secretary S. Venkateswarlu, and union leaders from 13 districts.

AP inflation Rate at 2.44%, Lower Than National Average



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A meeting of the Committee of Ministers on Market Price Monitoring was held at the AP Secretariat under the chairmanship of Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Minister Nadendla Manohar. Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav, Agriculture Minister Atchannaaidu, Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav, and senior officials participated in the discussion. Officials informed that Andhra Pradesh's inflation rate stands at 2.44%, significantly lower than the national average of 3.61%. The state ranks fourth in the country among states with the lowest inflation and has maintained an inflation rate below the national average for three consecutive months.

The committee was briefed on price data collection, which is being conducted daily through the CP app across 154 mandal centers and 151 farmers' markets. Efforts have been underway since April to expand price reporting centers from 13 districts to 26 districts for better market regulation. To stabilize prices, the ministers decided to monitor essential commodities like rice, lentils, cooking oil, tomatoes, and onions. They also directed the transport department to address issues in freight charges affecting market rates. The ministers instructed officials to prepare a proposal for cabinet approval to reduce the market fee on grains from 2% to 1%. Additionally, they emphasized increasing cereal production and raising awareness among farmers to ensure long-term price stability.

World Bank, ADB Teams Review Amaravati Development in Vijayawada

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A delegation from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB) visited Vijayawada on Tuesday to review the progress of Amaravati's development. The delegation held discussions with Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) officials regarding the implementation of programs tied to funding approvals for Amaravati's construction. During the meeting, held at the CRDA office auditorium, officials provided a detailed briefing on the work undertaken in the past year. They also explained the implementation of National Green Tribunal (NGT) directives, skill training programs in the Amaravati region, and safety measures at construction sites. The discussion further covered compliance with World Bank and ADB funding regulations. CRDA Commissioner K. Kannababu assured the delegation that procurement, tendering, environmental safeguards, and social welfare initiatives were being strictly adhered to. He also highlighted a dedicated system for addressing grievances from farmers who contributed land for Amaravati's construction and measures to facilitate problem resolution for residents. Following the presentation, the World Bank and ADB representatives expressed satisfaction with the project's progress and compliance measures.

Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu's Response on Budameru Issue in Assembly

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Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu addressed concerns regarding the Budameru issue in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly, providing clarity on the steps being taken to resolve the persistent flooding problem. Responding to questions from members Sujana Chowdhury, Vasantha Krishna Prasad, and Yarlagadda Venkat Rao, the minister assured that the government is committed to finding a long-term solution. He revealed that Budameru was discussed in the state cabinet meeting, emphasizing the necessity of central assistance under disaster management. The government is currently working on a proposal to divert 10,000 cusecs from Velagaleru regulator via Enikepadu. Temporary repairs are already in progress to mitigate immediate risks. Minister Ramanaidu criticized the previous YSRCP government for canceling tenders worth ₹464 crore that were sanctioned during the earlier TDP regime to expand the Budameru diversion channel. He stated that 80% of the work had been completed before the cancellation, and due to



inaction by the YSRCP government, Vijayawada faced severe flooding. To address the issue, the cabinet has sanctioned ₹39.05 crore for Budameru embankment repairs, and tenders will be called soon to complete the pending work. Additionally, the government is preparing proposals to increase the capacity of the Budameru diversion canal and develop a new parallel channel with a capacity of 10,000 cusecs. The minister also highlighted that CM Chandrababu Naidu personally monitored relief operations by setting up a war room at the Collectorate during the Budameru flooding. The government is actively working with Disaster Management authorities to ensure that future floods are prevented.



Former Minister Sailajanath Criticizes CM Chandrababu's Vision

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Former Minister Sake Sailajanath has strongly criticized Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, accusing him of deceiving people with grand promises. Speaking to the media, he said that Naidu had a vision of misleading the public even before coming to power.

Sailajanath alleged that the Chief Minister's focus on long-term visions like Vision 2029 and Vision 2047 was just a repetition of past promises that had not materialized. "The people do not want Vision 2047; they want solutions for their present problems. Vision documents are being prepared by individuals who do not understand the state's needs," he said.

He further accused Naidu of playing a role in the privatiza-

tion of education and healthcare in Andhra Pradesh. "Since the YSR regime, hundreds of Kasturba and model schools were built. But now, education and healthcare have largely moved into private hands," he stated.

The former minister also criticized Naidu for taking credit for Hyderabad's IT industry. "The main reason for IT growth in Hyderabad was the fee reimbursement scheme introduced by YSR. Since Chandrababu stepped down as CM, five other chief ministers have led Telangana, yet he still claims all development in Hyderabad was due to him," Sailajanath remarked. He also blamed Naidu's policies for damaging middle-class industries in Andhra Pradesh, stating that his governance had not benefited the people as promised.

Posani's Words Angered Me: Producer Ashok Kumar's Shocking

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Prominent producer and actor Ashok Kumar has expressed his strong reaction to the recent arrest of actor and YSRCP leader Posani Krishna Murali. Speaking in an interview with a news channel, he criticized Posani for his aggressive and offensive remarks.

"Posani spoke beyond limits. Sometimes, his words and obscenities made me angry. Political criticism is one thing, but personal attacks are another. He chose the wrong path and crossed boundaries," Ashok Kumar stated.

He revealed that he had often considered calling Posani to question his behavior but never got the chance. "Now, he is facing the consequences of his actions. This is karma. One should never let political affiliations cloud their judgment. He is in trouble now—will his party save him?" he questioned.



Ashok Kumar also advised against compromising personal integrity for political gains. "Being an artist is an honorable thing. But Posani went beyond that, and his actions have now landed him in new difficulties," he added.

His remarks have added to the ongoing debate surrounding Posani's arrest, further intensifying political discussions in the state.

KA Paul Questions Pawan's Stance on Sanatana Dharma and Hindi language

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Jana Sena Party chief and AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan's remarks at the Jayaketanam meeting, claiming that he made the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) stand on its own, have sparked controversy. While TDP leaders have remained silent, party supporters have expressed outrage on social media.

Responding strongly, Praja Shanti Party President KA Paul called Pawan's statement arrogant. "The TDP, founded by NTR with 45% vote share, was made to win by him? Even I,

who campaigned for TDP in 2014 and helped them secure votes, never claimed such credit. If I hadn't supported Chandrababu, Jagan would have become CM," Paul remarked.

Paul also criticized Pawan Kalyan for sidelining Pithapuram TDP in-charge SVSN Verma. "Verma worked tirelessly to secure Pawan's victory, yet he is now ignored," he said.

Slamming Pawan's changing stance, Paul ridiculed his statements on Sanatana Dharma, noting that he had earlier identified as an atheist. He also accused him of false-

Botsa's Satyanarayana Request to Dy CM Pawan, Seeks Time for Kolleru Farmers

- Interesting conversation in AP Assembly
- Botsa requests Pawan Kalyan's time for farmers' delegation
- Forest department survey in Kolleru sparks concern

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A notable interaction took place between Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and former Minister Botsa Satyanarayana in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly. Following a group photo session with MLAs and MLCs, Botsa met Pawan and had a brief conversation.

Botsa inquired about Pawan Kalyan's schedule and asked when he would return from Delhi. He mentioned that a delegation of farmers affected by

the ongoing forest department survey in Kolleru wished to meet him. The Deputy CM assured Botsa that he would provide time upon his return.

During their conversation, Botsa highlighted that the forest department had begun its survey on March 9 following a Supreme Court directive. The apex court, in December last year, had ordered a status report within three months. The case is set for a hearing on Wednesday, causing anxiety among farmers in the region. Botsa urged Pawan Kalyan to



consider their concerns and allocate time for a meeting with them.

Meanwhile, after the photo session, Botsa, along with YSR-

RCP MLCs, exchanged greetings with Pawan Kalyan. The interaction, despite political differences, reflected moments of cordiality within the Assembly.

Byreddy Rajasekhara Reddy Slams Jagan, KCR Traitors of Telugu States

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Senior leader Byreddy Rajasekhara Reddy launched a scathing attack on former Chief Ministers YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and K Chandrasekhara Rao, calling them traitors of the Telugu states. Speaking to the media, he accused both leaders of exploiting state bifurcation for personal gain.

"KCR looted Telangana for ten years, while Jagan looted Andhra Pradesh for five years. They are the ones who divided the Telugu people and caused irreversible damage," Byreddy said. He alleged that KCR and his family immensely benefited from the creation of a sep-



arate Telangana, while Jagan's governance only worsened Andhra Pradesh's condition.

Criticizing divisive politics, Byreddy reminded that NT Rama Rao named his party

Telugu Desam to represent the entire Telugu-speaking people, not just one region.

"NTR never named it Telangana Telugu Desam or Coastal Andhra Telugu Desam. He unit-

ed Telugu people under one party, unlike on Tuesday's politicians who create divisions," he remarked.

Byreddy praised Telangana CM Revanth Reddy, suggesting he is bringing positive change. He also commented that Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu is currently in a challenging position, struggling to manage the state's affairs. "Chandrababu is in a situation where he can neither swallow nor spit out the problems left behind by Jagan," he quipped.

His remarks have sparked a new debate in political circles, highlighting ongoing tensions in Telugu states.

YS Sharmila Slams CM for Removing YSR's Name, Calls it Political Revenge

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AP Congress chief YS Sharmila has strongly reacted to the coalition government's decision to rename YSR district back to YSR Kadapa district and remove the YSR name from Tadigadapa municipality in Krishna district. She accused Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu of engaging in political vendetta, comparing his actions to those of former CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

"Chandrababu is making the same mistake that Jagan made earlier. When Jagan was in power, the YCP government changed the name of late NTR and hurt the sentiments of his fans. Now, the coalition gov-

ernment is taking revenge by erasing the name of the great leader YSR," Sharmila stated. She criticized Naidu's government for what she described as an attempt to erase YSR's legacy, which she claimed had deeply hurt crores of Telugu people.

While she acknowledged that renaming YSR district as YSR Kadapa district was not an issue, she condemned the removal of YSR's name from Tadigadapa municipality. "Why is there hostility toward YSR? If Kadapa can be added back to YSR district, why was NTR district with Vijayawada as its center not renamed NTR Vijayawada or the old Krishna district changed to NTR Krishna?"



she questioned.

Highlighting YSR's contributions, Sharmila said he was a pioneer of welfare schemes such as Arogya Sri, fee reimbursement, Jalayagnam, free electricity, Indiramma houses,

and pensions. "YSR is a leader who lives in the hearts of the people. He is not just a name; he is the property of the Telugu people," she asserted, condemning any political attempts to diminish his legacy.

Royalaseema Lift Irrigation is a Matter of Self-Respect: Gadikota Srikanth Reddy

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YSRCP General Secretary Gadikota Srikanth Reddy strongly criticized Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, accusing him of regional discrimination in the state's irrigation projects. Addressing the media, he asserted that the Royalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme (RLIS) is the self-respect of the people of Royalaseema and should be completed without delay.

He stated that RLIS is crucial for ensuring water security in the drought-prone Royalaseema region. Srikanth Reddy demanded that the government

take immediate steps to secure environmental clearances and follow up with the central government in Delhi to remove all obstacles. He reminded that the previous YSRCP government under Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy took firm steps to implement the project, but now the TDP-led administration seems indifferent.

Drawing comparisons with past leadership, Srikanth Reddy emphasized that former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy treated irrigation development with equality, launching the ambitious Jalayagnam initiative to benefit all regions

of Andhra Pradesh. He further stated that Y.S. Jagan continued that vision, ensuring the development of Uttarandhra alongside Royalaseema.

Srikanth Reddy accused Chandrababu Naidu of neglecting vital irrigation projects and favoring certain regions over others for political gains. He warned that any delay in executing the RLIS project would severely impact the farmers of Royalaseema, leading to water shortages and agricultural distress. He called upon the government to act responsibly and fulfill its commitments to the people.

Public Representatives' Sports Competitions Revive in Andhra Pradesh

AP MLAs and MLCs Sports Meet Held in Vijayawada
Three-day sports event for MLAs and MLCs inaugurated
Speaker urges representatives to set aside mobile phones and participate
CM Chandrababu Naidu determined to promote sports in the state



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State Legislative Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyannapatruddu inaugurated the public representatives' sports competitions at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium, Vijayawada, emphasizing that the event aims to provide a much-needed break for legislators and legislative council members. Deputy Speaker Kanumuru Raghurama Krishna Raju and ministers joined the launch. Speaking at the event, Ayyannapatruddu recalled that such competitions were a tradition initiated by former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao, who strongly supported sports and cultural activities. He criticized the previous government for neglecting this tradition and urged participants to fully engage in the three-day event, keeping aside their mobile phones. He also mentioned that Assembly sessions will be held until 2 PM, af-

ter which representatives will participate in various sports competitions. Deputy Speaker Kanumuru Raghurama Krishna Raju highlighted that several public representatives have a background in national-level sports and encouraged them to foster a sports culture in their constituencies. Sports Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy assured that the coalition government is committed to boosting sports development by increasing incentives for athletes. He emphasized that after Chandrababu Naidu became Chief Minister, opportunities for sportspersons in Andhra Pradesh have significantly improved. SHAP Chairman Ravinaidu noted that the event was organized under Speaker Ayyannapatruddu's leadership with strong arrangements made in coordination with Sports Minister Ramprasad Reddy and the Sports Committee. The

event began with a torch-lighting ceremony, followed by a march-past led by Speaker Ayyannapatruddu, Deputy Speaker Raghurama Krishna Raju, and members of the Sports Organizing Committee.
Competitions Highlights:
Tug of War: Minister Sandhyarani's team defeated Minister Anita's team. In a match between women and men representatives, the women's team emerged victorious.
Cricket Match: A friendly match was held between Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's team and Speaker Ayyannapatruddu's team. Other sports events included volleyball, badminton, and shuttle competitions. The event is expected to revive the sports culture in Andhra Pradesh, aligning with CM Naidu's vision to promote sports across the state.

Andhra Pradesh Receives Minimal Support Under NBHM

MP Kesineni Shivnath questions NBHM project allocation
Only one project sanctioned for AP in five years
No FPOs from the state benefited from the scheme

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The National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) has sanctioned 298 projects and 51 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) across India since its launch in 2020-21. However, Andhra Pradesh has received only one project in the last five years, and no FPOs from the state have benefited, according to Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ramnath Thakur.
In a written reply to a question posed by Vijayawada MP Kesineni Shivnath (Chinni) in the Lok Sabha, the minister stated that there is no record of AP receiving honey hubs or clusters under the scheme. Regarding financial allocations, the minister revealed that ₹130 crore was allocated in Phase-I (2020-21 to 2022-23), with ₹91.13 crore utilized. In Phase-II (2023-24 to 2025-26),



out of the ₹370 crore sanctioned, ₹103.35 crore has been spent so far. Proposals for NBHM are received at both the Central and State levels. While Central Implementing Agencies submit proposals directly to the National Honey Board (NBB), state-level proposals are reviewed by the State Level Steering Committee (SLSC) before being recommended to the NBB for approval.

National Level Excellence Award for Eminent Lawyer Vallabhaneni Nani

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Eminent lawyer and social activist Vallabhaneni Nagapavan Kumar (Nani) from Ibrahimpatnam has been honored with the prestigious National Level Excellence Award. The award was presented to him on the 16th of this month at a function held in Visakhapatnam by renowned film actors Suman and Banuchander. Known for his relentless fight against corruption and for the protection of human rights, Vallabhaneni Nani has played a significant role in advocating for election law reforms. As a member of the Lawyers Protection Committee of the Bezwada Bar Association, he has actively contributed to legal awareness and public welfare. He also formed a voluntary organization, Memunnamam, to serve the underprivileged in Ibrahimpatnam and nearby areas.
During the COVID-19 pandemic, Nani, along with fellow lawyers, extended substantial support to affected communities. He also actively participated in relief efforts for those impacted by the recent Krishna River floods, coordinating aid with donors like actor Sonu Sood. Recognizing his tireless service, Citizen Force, in collaboration with the Film and Television Promotion Council of India, selected him for the National Level Excellence Award. Among the four awardees from Andhra Pradesh, Vallabhaneni Nani was ranked first. The honor has been widely celebrated in his hometown, with prominent lawyers and human rights activists, including Paragati Ravindra Babu, Syed Mastan Vali, Mallepu Naresh, Mannam Rajasekhar, and Karampudi Vijay Pal, extending their congratulations.



CID Issues Fresh Notices to Vijayasai Reddy in Kakinada Sea Port Case

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The CID has issued fresh notices to former MP Vijayasai Reddy in connection with the Kakinada Sea Port and SEZ case. The case revolves around allegations of illegal transfer of shares from KV Rao, the head of Kakinada Sea Port Private Limited. Vijayasai Reddy, who has been named Accused No. 2 (A2) in the case, was previously questioned by CID officials last Wednesday at the Bezwada CID office for nearly five hours. During this interrogation, officials reportedly informed him that he would need to appear for further questioning. Following this, the Mangalagiri CID police have now issued fresh notices, directing Vijayasai to appear before them again on March 25. Along with Vijayasai, four other individuals have also been named in the case. The investigation continues as the CID probes deeper into the alleged financial irregularities surrounding the Kakinada Sea Port.



AP Govt Announces Additional Financial Aid for Housing Beneficiaries

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The Andhra Pradesh government has announced additional financial assistance for housing scheme beneficiaries, providing support in four installments. For Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Backward Classes (BCs), the government will provide ₹50,000 in four phases: ₹15,000 for the base-ment, ₹15,000 for the roof, ₹10,000 for roof costs, and ₹10,000 upon completion. For Scheduled Tribes (STs), the assistance is

₹75,000, disbursed as ₹22,500 for the base-ment, ₹22,500 for the roof, ₹15,000 for roof costs, and ₹15,000 upon completion. Tribal ST beneficiaries will receive ₹1 lakh in support, with ₹30,000 for the basement, ₹30,000 for the roof, ₹20,000 for roof costs, and ₹20,000 after completion. This initiative aims to boost housing development and ensure financial aid reaches marginalized communities efficiently.

Another Setback for Vallabhaneni Vamsi, Remanded Till April 1st



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Former Gannavaram MLA and YSRCP leader Vallabhaneni Vamsi Mohan has suffered another legal setback. Already in judicial remand until March 28 in connection with the Satyavardhan kidnapping and threats case, Vamsi has now been remanded until

April 1 in a land possession case registered at Atmakur police station. Following the court's approval of a PT (Prisoner Transit) warrant, Atmakur police took custody of Vallabhaneni Vamsi from Vijayawada sub-jail and presented him before the Gannavaram court. After hearing the case

details, the court ordered an extension of his remand until April 1. With this, Vamsi has now been sent back to Vijayawada sub-jail. Police sources indicate that further investigations are underway regarding his alleged involvement in multiple cases.

Actress Jethwani Seeks Justice from CM Chandrababu

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Mumbai actress Jethwani has appealed to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and State Home Minister V. Anita for justice, claiming that false cases were filed against her during the previous YSRCP government. Speaking to the media in Vijayawada, she demanded the return of 10 mobile phones seized by the police at that time and expressed distress over the hard-

ships her family has endured due to these cases. Jethwani accused Sajjan Jindal and Kukkala Vidyasagar of continued harassment, citing a court order from Delhi. She was accompanied by representatives of the Federation of Women's Associations, including Sunkara Padmashri, Durga Bhavani, and Ramadevi, during her media interaction. She further alleged that although the case was handed over to the CID

for investigation, there has been no progress. The forensic report is still pending, and no action has been taken against those responsible. She criticized Kukkala Vidyasagar, whom she accused of orchestrating the false cases, stating that he is currently out on bail while continuing to receive backing from influential persons. Jethwani urged the AP government to intervene and ensure justice.



Every Grain Will Be Purchased - Minister Nadendla Manohar



TPN Correspondent | Amaravati
A meeting of Nellore district ministers and MLAs was held at the Ministerial Office in the Assembly, chaired by Food,

Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Minister Nadendla Manohar. Discussions focused on the current grain procurement process, challenges faced by farmers, and

possible solutions. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Nadendla Manohar assured that more than 13,000 tons of grain have already been procured in the district and every grain will be purchased. He emphasized that farmers should not worry, as the procurement process will continue smoothly through farmer service centers with adequate transport and gunny bag facilities. He further stated that payments would be credited to farmers' accounts within 24 hours of purchase and that grain with a moisture content of 17%-20% would be accepted without issue. To facilitate easy access to information, farmers can now receive grain sale details through artificial intelligence by sending a "Hi" message to 7337359375. The meeting was attended by Municipal Minister P. Narayana, Endowment Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, District In-charge Minister Mohammed Farooq, and MLAs Vemireddy Prashanthi, K. Ramakrishna, Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy, and Krishna Reddy.

SC Classification is Injustice to Malas and Rellis

TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam
Leaders of the SC Anti-Categorisation Struggle Committee have strongly opposed the government's move to classify Scheduled Castes (SCs) as a state unit based on the 2011 census, calling it an injustice to Malas and Rellis. At a media conference held at the NGO Home in Srikakulam, Dr. Kantha Venu, Taekwondo Srinu, and Arji Koti criticized the NDA coalition government led by Chandrababu Naidu, accusing it of ignoring empirical data and rushing the classification process to favor Madigas, who supported the coalition in the elections. They questioned how a 14-year-old census could be the basis for SC classification when the population of Malas, Rellis, and

their affiliated sub-castes had increased significantly by 2025. The leaders demanded that the government fulfill its election promise of implementing classification at the district level, instead of as a state unit. They pointed out that most Dalit MLAs from the Mala

community had requested classification at the district level, yet their concerns were disregarded. They alleged that the Supreme Court's directive on using empirical data was being ignored. They insisted that the government should wait for the Rajiv Ranjan Mishra report and hold discussions in the Assembly on March 20 before taking any decision. Warning of a statewide agitation, they said they were prepared to engage with intellectuals and take legal action if their concerns were not addressed. Several leaders, including Yajjala Gurusurthy, Sinki Ramana, Peyyala Chanti, S. Suryanarayana, Abbas, Arji Easwar Rao, Dhuli Mohan, Tirupati Rao, Rammohan Rao, and Krishnamohan,



Kolleru Team Coaching Camp Concludes in Tadepalligudem



- 10-day football coaching camp organized by APFA
- Top players from Krishna, NTR, and Eluru districts trained
- Kolleru team jersey unveiled at the closing ceremony

TPN Correspondent | West Godavari

The Kolleru Team Coaching Camp, organized under the auspices of the Andhra Pradesh Football Association (APFA) in preparation for the APFA Super Cup - War of the Zones tournament, successfully concluded after 10 days of intensive training. The International Delhi Public School, Tadepalligudem, hosted this camp, providing the necessary facilities for the players. Top footballers from Krishna, NTR, and Eluru districts participated in this program, which aimed at enhancing their physical fitness, tactical skills, and overall game quality in preparation for the upcoming state-level football competitions. Expert coaches focused on improving players' endurance, teamwork, and match strategies.

The APFA has taken this initiative to nurture young football talent and promote a strong football culture for future generations in Andhra Pradesh. By conducting such high-quality coaching camps, the association is ensuring that talented players receive proper training and exposure to compete at higher levels.

At the closing ceremony, the school principal, N Uma Srinivas, attended as the chief guest and unveiled the official jersey of the Kolleru team. He congratulated the players and encouraged them to strive for excellence in the tournament. With dedicated training and professional guidance, the Kolleru team is now geared up to compete in the APFA Super Cup - War of the Zones and showcase their skills at the state level.

One Dead, Another Critical as Giant Wheel Falls in Penuganchiprol



TPN Correspondent | NTR District

A tragic incident occurred at Thirupatamma Thirunalla in Penuganchiprol, where a giant wheel collapsed, causing the death of one person and critically injuring another. The deceased has been identified as Gijupalli Sai Manikantha from Kotha Vemavaram, Vatsavai Mandal.

Another individual sustained serious injuries and has been shifted to a government hospital for treatment. According to eyewitnesses, the giant wheel fell off the roof of a small house, leading to the fatal accident. Local authorities and police rushed to the scene, and an investigation has been launched to determine the cause of the collapse. The police have registered a case and are examining safety measures and possible negligence by the event organizers. The incident has raised serious concerns about the safety of amusement rides at temple fairs and local festivals.

State Assembly Passes Ayurveda Council Bill

Ayurveda doctors express gratitude to the govt

TPN Correspondent | Srikalahasti

The long-standing demand of Ayurveda doctors has been fulfilled with the introduction and unanimous passage of the Ayurveda Council Bill in the Andhra Pradesh State Assembly. Dr. Narayana, Organizing Secretary of the Medical Practitioners Association, Andhra Pradesh, played a crucial role in this achievement through continuous efforts, discussions with the government, and consultations with authorities. On this occasion, the Medical Practitioners Association expressed heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan, Health Minister Satyakumar Yadav, and all legislators for their support in passing the bill. The association has urged the government to expedite the approval process, ensuring that the Governor's assent, gazette notification, and rule



formulation happen at the earliest. With this bill, the Andhra Board for Ayurveda, which had been functioning without a governing body for 55 years, finally gains legal recognition, marking a significant milestone for Ayurveda practitioners in the state. Association leaders, including Chairman Dr. Vemula Bhanu Prakash, President Dr. B Rajesh Kumar, and State General Secretary Dr. CH Ravikumar, along with other members, extended their congratulations on this major achievement.

Salvation for Kukunur-Bhadrachalam Road

TPN Correspondent | Eluru

The Kukunur-Bhadrachalam main road, which had been in a dilapidated state for five years, is finally being restored due to the efforts of Eluru MP Putta Mahesh Kumar. The 37-km stretch from Veleru on the Telangana-Andhra border to Lankalapalli had been riddled with knee-deep potholes, making travel extremely difficult for locals.



To address this, the government sanctioned ₹34.50 crore for the road's development. However, the work was halted for seven months due to technical issues. In response to appeals from Kukunur mandal leaders and residents, MP Mahesh Kumar intervened, conducting a review meeting with R&B officials to resolve the stalled project. His efforts led to the technical issues being cleared, allowing

the contractor to resume work two days ago. The severely damaged road has now been dug up and wet mix macadam laid, with BT (Bituminous Top) laying in progress. Officials aim to complete the work by the end of May, ensuring a smoother and safer road for commuters. The development work is being supervised by R&B DE Harikrishna to ensure timely completion.

Outsourcing Employees Demand Job Security



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The Contract and Outsourcing Employees Association (COEA) Andhra Pradesh State Committee has urged the government to ensure job security for outsourcing employees working in state government departments. Speaking at a district committee meeting in Ongole, Prakasam district, COEA State President K Suman and State Secretary Eedulamudi Madhubabu emphasized the need for an HR policy for outsourcing

employees, similar to what was implemented for MEPMA and SERF employees in the past. They expressed strong opposition to the proposed abolition of APCAS, stating that it would push outsourcing employees back into the hands of private agencies, leading to job insecurity and exploitation. They demanded that the government reconsider its stance and formulate a better policy that ensures job protection and fair treatment for these employees. The meeting was held under the auspices of District General Secretary Bopparaju Chinnarayana, with participation from Prakasam district leaders Raghav Rao, Rayudu, Nagamalleswara Rao, Prasad, and others.

Preparations Underway for Tiger Triumph-25 Military Exercises in Kakinada



TPN Correspondent | Kakinada

District Revenue Officer J. Venkata Rao has directed officials of various government departments to extend necessary civil support for the upcoming Tiger Triumph-25 military exercises, jointly conducted by the Indian and US Air Forces. The event will take place at the Naval Enclave on the Kakinada coast from April 8 to 13. A special coordination meeting was held on Tuesday with military and civil officials to ensure the smooth conduct of the exercises. Civil-Military Liaison Officer Commander Y.K. Kishore briefed the officials on the joint amphibious exercises, which will be conducted both at sea and on land. He requested the cooperation of various government departments.

DRO Venkata Rao issued several key directives:

- **Sanitation & Cleanliness:** Municipal and panchayat officers must clean the camping site by April 7 and ensure sanitation services throughout the

- event.
- **Fire Safety:** The fire department must keep two fire tenders on standby.
- **Traffic & Security:** The police department will handle traffic diversions, barricading, and crowd control.
- **Public Awareness:** Villagers surrounding the Naval Enclave will be informed about restricted areas via Panchayat Secretaries.
- **Fishing Restrictions:** The Fisheries and Marine Police Departments will ensure fishing boats do not enter the exercise zone.
- **Emergency Medical Support:** The DMHO will arrange ambulances with advanced life support from private hospitals.
- **Media Coordination:** A press briefing will be held on April 11 when top military officials visit the site.
- DRO Venkata Rao urged all departments to work in a coordinated manner to make Tiger Triumph-25 a success, highlighting its significance as a major international military collaboration. Several officials, including military officer TVV Prasad, Marine Police officer Rammohan Reddy, Rural CI Chaitanya Krishna, MHO Dr. Pridhvi, and Fisheries officer Anuradha, participated in the meeting.



RSS @ 100: An Unstoppable Journey – Part I

Over the span of a century, many political parties and organizations have emerged and faded away, yet the RSS has continually grown, a phenomenon made possible by genuine public acceptance and aspiration.



Dr. Buragadda Srinadh

As the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) approaches its centenary celebrations, my wishes to feature this unique National organization's formation, ideals, and goals in a three-part series. The RSS's contribution to the nation is immeasurable—an indisputable fact. This series aims to address apprehensions among some sections regarding its entrenched controversies.

A century ago, a small stream in a lesser-known area of Nagpur, Maharashtra, grew into a powerful river the RSS reaching every corner of our nation. The rise in Sangh shakhas, now surpassing 57,000, showcases the organization's expanding influence. Like the Vamana Avatar of Lord Mahavishnu, which teaches that power is not always about size but about restoring balance and righteousness, the RSS has grown to become a transformative force for the nation and the world. The Congress and Mahatma Gandhi's support for the Khilafat Movement (1919-1924) marked a significant turning point in Indian history. During this period, they failed to gauge the sentiments of Hindus, many of whom felt marginalized. This oversight contributed to the rise of nationalist movements, including the RSS.

The nation's freedom movement was transformed into a political party by congress party but it lacked a strong organizational framework. It began developing ideologies to win elections and hold onto power.

The Congress, under Nehru's leadership, feared that the RSS, with its clear ideology and strong organizational structure, could become a formidable political force. As a result, the organization faced repeated bans and its leaders endured public

humiliation. Though falsely implicated in Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, the RSS was banned three times post-independence. However, with unwavering public support, it continued to grow steadily. RSS swayamsevak have consistently risen to the occasion during national crises, whether natural disasters or human-induced challenges. Their humanitarian assistance to refugees returning from Pakistan earned them widespread

The root cause of its growth is the spirit, sacrifice and selflessness of millions of patriotic Indians.

recognition. Many Congress leaders acknowledged the good work of the RSS. In October 1948, the Congress Working Committee initially allowed RSS members to join Congress. However, Nehru opposed this move and later ensured that RSS members were denied membership unless they renounced their affiliation. Nehru's hostility towards the RSS persisted throughout Congress's six-decade rule at the central and state levels. RSS members were often labeled extremists and anti-social elements, facing false accusations and persecution. Yet, truth endures—attempts to suppress it only make it emerge stronger. The RSS's core ideology has resonated with millions of patriotic Indians. Disillusionment with Congress and regional parties grew as they disregarded Hindu sentiments, distorted history, and attempted to erase Indian heritage. As public discontent grew, the RSS emerged as a guardian of national identity, much like Lord Krishna revealing his divine

form at a critical juncture in the Kurukshetra battle.

Today, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has approximately 5 to 6 million active members in India, demonstrating a robust grassroots presence. With this strength, the Sangh Parivar has become an influential force shaping Indian politics and society. Through its extensive network of affiliated groups, the RSS plays a crucial role in fostering societal transformation, guided by its unwavering ideology:

“Param Vaibhavam Tumhe Tat Swarashtram” – A commitment to elevating the motherland to greater heights.

For the welfare of society and the country, a great number of people have sacrificed pleasures, quit their jobs and families, stayed single, and worked as humble RSS workers without expecting recognition or renown. Millions of patriotic Indians were moved by this commitment and selflessness.

As the world's largest non-governmental organization, the RSS boasts 200 million members in India alone. After the United Nations, the RSS is the only organization globally recognized by the UN for its human welfare programs. Spread across 39 countries, including Europe and Arab nations, the RSS first expanded beyond India in 1947 with a branch in Kenya. With 580 branches in Nepal, it has the highest presence outside India, followed by the United States, with 146 branches. Internationally, the RSS is known as Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS), dedicated to promoting Hindu culture, traditions, and history worldwide.

Today, an RSS member can proudly proclaim his affiliation anywhere in the world. India's highest offices—including the President, Prime Minister, Vice President, and Lok Sabha Speaker—are all held by individuals shaped by the RSS.

As the RSS marks its 100th year, its journey remains unstoppable, influencing the nation's destiny with an unwavering commitment to service, unity, and national pride.

(To be concluded) (The author is the President of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh)

AAP's Patchy Performance in Punjab: A Mixed Report Card

As the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab completes three years in power, it finds itself under scrutiny over its performance. While the ruling party claims significant achievements, opposition parties argue that it has failed on multiple fronts. The reality lies somewhere in between.

AAP's historic win in the 2022 elections had raised expectations, as the party swept aside established political forces like the Congress, the Shiromani Akali Dal, and the BJP. However, delivering on its ambitious promises has proved challenging. One of the biggest concerns remains Punjab's ongoing drug crisis. Despite Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's aggressive crackdown, the state's vision of becoming drug-free in three months remains far from reality.

Corruption Crackdown and Political Gambles

In an effort to maintain its anti-corruption image—especially after alle-



gations in Delhi dented its credibility—AAP has intensified its campaign against graft. The Vigilance Bureau's crackdown on corrupt officials, including revenue officers, has sent a strong message. However, it has also sparked resistance from government employees.

In a bold political move, Mann has not hesitated to confront Punjab's farmers—one of the state's most influential voter groups. Unlike previous governments that avoided direct confrontation, AAP has taken a firm stand on certain farm-related issues. This deci-

sion carries significant risks ahead of the 2027 elections, particularly in the rural heartland.

Security Concerns and Political Challenges

Law and order remain a major concern, with a series of bomb and grenade attacks adding to the state's unrest. Ensuring security while maintaining political stability will be a key test for the government moving forward.

Meanwhile, AAP's national convener, Arvind Kejriwal, has increased his focus on Punjab following the party's significant electoral setback in Delhi. Both Kejriwal and Mann are aware that any misstep now could hurt their long-term prospects. With two more years left in its term, the AAP government faces mounting challenges. Its ability to deliver on governance, fight corruption, and restore public confidence will determine its fate in the next elections.

The Fight for Federalism and Telugu Language Representation

India's strength lies in its diversity, and the federal structure is the foundation of our democracy. However, in recent years, we have witnessed a steady erosion of federal principles through various policy decisions by the central government. From demonetization to the three black laws against farmers, NRC, CAA, Waqf laws, ONOP, NEP, delimitation, GST, and the controversial three-language formula—each of these decisions has challenged the very essence of federalism.

It is disappointing that Chandrababu Naidu (CBN), who once positioned himself as a champion of state rights, has chosen to align with the central government's anti-federal policies. His endorsement of the three-language formula is particularly concerning at a time when people across the country are resisting the imposition of Hindi. Andhra Pradesh was the first state formed on a linguistic basis, and we, as Telugu people, must stand firm in defending our language and cultural identity.

The Need for Telugu Representation

Language is not just a means of communication; it is deeply tied to our history, heritage, and identity. The Telugu-speaking population has a significant presence across India, particularly in Hindi-speaking states. Yet, their linguistic needs are often ignored. During the recent Kumbh Mela, Telugu pilgrims faced great difficulty due to the absence of Telugu signboards. The same issue exists in Ayodhya, where thousands of Telugu devotees visit every year, yet there is no recognition of their language. I call upon Mr. Naidu to write to Union Minister Nitin



Kolanu Konda Shivaji
Vice President, APCC

Gadkari, demanding that Telugu nameplates be installed on National Highway signboards in Hindi-speaking states. Similarly, the Congress party urges that Telugu be made a mandatory second language in these states to safeguard the interests of Telugu-speaking people. Furthermore, railway stations in Hindi-speaking regions must have Telugu name boards to ensure easier navigation for Telugu travelers.

A Call for Collective Action
The fight for federalism is also a fight for linguistic dignity. The central government must recognize that India is a multilingual nation and ensure that no language is unfairly imposed upon others. The Congress party will continue to push for policies that uphold the spirit of federalism and protect the linguistic rights of Telugu-speaking people.

It is time for all leaders, regardless of political affiliation, to prioritize the interests of their people over their political alliances. The preservation of our language and the respect for federalism should not be negotiable. We will not remain silent as our rights are diluted. The fight for Telugu representation is a fight for justice, and we will persist until our demands are met.

PM Modi's Latest Podcast: A Masterclass in Tech-Driven Outreach



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has once again demonstrated his ability to adapt and leverage emerging communication trends, this time through the podcasting medium. Over the past two months, Modi has engaged in nearly five hours of deep discussions on various topics, ranging from his personal life, political philosophy, and governance strategies to domestic and international affairs.

In his most recent appearance on American podcaster and AI researcher Lex Fridman's show, Modi participated in an extensive three-hour discussion. This followed his previous two-hour-long conversation with Nikhil Kamath, the co-founder of Zerodha. Both hosts are highly regarded figures, particularly among younger audiences, adding credibility and depth to the discussions. Fridman, who announced the episode to his 46 million social media followers, described it as “one of the most powerful conversations” of his life.

Innovative Communication Strategy

Modi's adoption of podcasts marks a shift in his outreach strategy. Unlike traditional media interviews, podcasts allow long-form, in-depth conversations that cater to a more diverse audience, including those disillusioned with mainstream media. This format has enabled Modi to address sensitive topics, such as the role of the RSS, the 2002 Gujarat riots, and India's geopolitical stance on China, Pakistan, and the Russia-Ukraine war, in an informal yet comprehensive manner.

His embrace of technology extends beyond podcasts. He has used AI-powered voice translation to make his speeches accessible in multiple languages, ensuring wider reach. Similarly, his governance initiatives, such as the JAM trinity (Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, and Mobile), reflect his focus on leveraging technology for efficiency and transparency.

Digital-First Approach

Modi's innovative outreach techniques have been evident throughout his political career. As Gujarat's Chief Minister, he pioneered the use of holograms for campaign rallies. Before the 2014 elections, he engaged party workers through an “Audio Bridge” and connected with voters via the interactive “Chai pe Charcha” sessions.

Will begin linking Voter ID card with Aadhaar: EC

- UIDAI and EC's technical experts to start consultations soon
- Govt says linking is voluntary, no deletion of names for non-linking

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The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday announced that the linkage of voter cards with Aadhaar would be carried out in accordance with prevailing laws and Supreme Court directions. The poll body also confirmed that technical consultations between UIDAI and its experts would commence soon for the exercise.

The EC held a high-level meeting with Union Home Secretary, Legislative Secretary from the Law Ministry, MeitY Secretary, and the UIDAI CEO to discuss the process of voter card-Aadhaar seeding. The move comes as part of efforts to streamline voter authentication while ensuring compliance with legal provisions.

The poll authority clarified that while Aadhaar establishes a person's identity, voting rights can only be granted to Indian citizens under Article 326 of the Constitution. "The linking of elector photo identity card (EPIC) with Aadhaar will be done only as per the provisions of Article 326 of the Constitution, sections 23(4), 23(5), and 23(6) of the Representation of the People Act, 1950,



and in line with the Supreme Court judgment of 2023," the EC stated.

The government has reiterated that the Aadhaar-voter ID linkage is a voluntary process and no voter's name will be deleted from the electoral rolls for not linking their Aadhaar details. The law, under the Election Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021, al-

lows electoral registration officers to seek Aadhaar details from voters to establish identity, but only on a voluntary basis.

While there is no set deadline for the linkage, the government has assured that the process-driven exercise will be carried out in a systematic manner without any mandatory enforcement.

"You Remain Close to Our Hearts": PM Modi's Letter to Sunita Williams



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has written a heartfelt letter to Indian-origin NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, who began her return journey to Earth on Sunday after being stranded on the International Space Station (ISS) for over nine months.

In his letter, dated March 1 and shared by Union Minister Jitendra Singh on X, PM Modi expressed India's pride in her achievements and acknowledged the challenges she faced during her extended stay in space. He mentioned that he had inquired about her well-being during his

meetings with former US President Donald Trump and current President Joe Biden.

"We discussed how proud we are of you and your work. Following this interaction, I could not stop myself from writing to you," the Prime Minister wrote, referring to a recent conversation with former NASA astronaut Mike Massimino in Delhi. Highlighting the admiration of 1.4 billion Indians for her perseverance, PM Modi also extended his regards to her family.

"Your mother, Bonnie Pandya, must be keenly awaiting your return. I am sure that Late Deepakbhai's blessings are with you as well," he said, recalling his 2016

meeting with her and her father, Deepak Pandya, a native of Gujarat who passed away in 2020.

PM Modi assured her that the entire nation was praying for her safe return. "Even though you are thousands of miles away, you continue to remain close to our hearts. The people of India are praying for your good health and success in your mission," he wrote. The Prime Minister also invited her to visit India upon her return, calling her "one of its most illustrious daughters."

Sunita Williams' Extended Mission in Space Sunita Williams and fellow astronaut Butch Wilmore flew to the ISS on June 5, 2023, aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft for what was initially planned as a short-duration test mission. However, due to propulsion issues, the spacecraft was deemed unfit to bring them back, leading to an uncrewed return of the vehicle.

NASA reassigned the astronauts to the Crew-9 mission, reducing the incoming crew size to accommodate them on the ISS. Their long-awaited homecoming was made possible after Crew-10 docked with the station on Sunday, allowing them to return along with NASA astronaut Nick Hague and Roscosmos cosmonaut Aleksandr Gorbunov. The journey back to Earth marks the end of an unexpectedly prolonged stay for Williams, who has now completed her third mission in space.



Six SC Judges to Visit Manipur Relief Camps, Meet Displaced People

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Six Supreme Court judges will visit relief camps in Manipur on March 22 to assess the condition of internally displaced people and strengthen legal and humanitarian support in the violence-hit state, the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) announced.

The visiting judges include Justice BR Gavai, who also serves as NALSA's Executive Chairman, along with Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, MM Sundresh, KV Viswanathan, and N Kotiswar Singh. Their visit comes nearly two years after the sectarian violence of May 3, 2023, which resulted in hundreds of deaths and the displacement of over 50,000 people. Many of them continue to live in relief camps, highlighting the ongoing need for legal and humanitarian aid.

During the visit, Justice Gavai will virtually inaugurate legal services and medical camps in all districts of Manipur and open legal aid clinics in Imphal East, Imphal West, and Ukhrul. The judges will also distribute relief materials to displaced individuals.

NALSA stated that these legal service camps aim to connect the displaced population with government welfare programs, ensuring access to crucial benefits such as healthcare, pensions, employment schemes, and the reconstruction of lost identity documents. Additionally, each participating state department will outline at least five key schemes tailored to support those affected by the crisis.

A team of 25 specialized doctors from Chennai will also set up medical camps in all relief centers, providing sustained healthcare support for six days. They will offer treatment and essential medicines to displaced families.

NALSA has played a crucial role in assisting communities affected by the Manipur violence, having set up 273 special legal aid clinics in relief camps. These clinics have helped people regain access to government benefits, retrieve lost documents, and receive medical assistance.

The upcoming visit by the Supreme Court judges underscores NALSA's commitment to justice, particularly for marginalized and vulnerable communities. By bridging the gap between legal rights and accessibility, NALSA aims to ensure that every displaced person receives the necessary support to rebuild their lives with dignity.

The visit by the Supreme Court judges coincides with the duodecennial event of the Manipur High Court on March 22.

"Uddhav Thackeray Bowed Before PM Modi": Eknath Shinde's Big Claim



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Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has claimed that former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray had "bowed down" before Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking relief from investigating agencies. Speaking in the Legislative Council, Shinde alleged that Thackeray had traveled to Delhi, expressed willingness to form a coalition government with the BJP, but later changed his stance upon returning to Maharashtra.

Shinde further accused Thackeray's Shiv Sena UBT of forsaking the ideals of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and embracing what he called the "Aurangzebi ideology" by joining hands with Congress. He emphasized that his faction had "freed the bow and arrow," referring to the Shiv Sena symbol, which had come under dispute following the party split.

"We have never been tempted by power and position. Our priority has always been addressing the issues of the people who entrusted us with responsibility," Shinde asserted.

His remarks come amid renewed political tensions after Shiv Sena UBT MP Sanjay Raut claimed that Shinde himself had once sought to join the Congress. "I know what was happening. If Ahmed Patel were alive today, he could confirm it. You can ask Prithviraj Chavan about it," Raut had said.

The controversy follows Maharashtra Congress leader Nana Patole's recent remarks during Holi celebrations, where he suggested that Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar could switch to the opposition in exchange for a rotational chief ministerial post.

Home Ministry Says No Central Data on Maha Kumbh Stampede Deaths

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Six weeks after the deadly stampede at the Maha Kumbh in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj, the Union Home Ministry informed the Lok Sabha that it has not conducted an inquiry into the incident and does not maintain data on the number of casualties. Responding to a question from Congress MPs KC Venugopal and Kirsan Namdeo, Junior Home Minister Nityanand Rai stated that handling such disasters and providing financial aid to affected families falls under the purview of the respective state governments.

"State governments are competent to deal with such situations. No such data is maintained centrally," Rai said, clarifying that 'public order' and 'police' are state subjects. He added that organizing religious congregations and crowd management are closely linked to 'public order,' making it the responsibility of the state government to investigate and respond to the tragedy.

The stampede, which occurred on January 29, resulted in at least 30 deaths and left



60 others injured, according to Vaibhav Krishna, the senior Uttar Pradesh police officer in charge of security during the event.

Venugopal and Namdeo had sought details on the exact number of casualties and the steps taken to probe the cause of the stampede. In response, Rai pointed out that the National Disaster Management Authority and the Bureau of Police Research and Development had issued detailed crowd management guidelines, which were circulated to all states. The Ministry of Home Affairs also advised all states and Union Territories to create their own Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) based on these templates.

The tragic incident has sparked a major political row, with the opposition, led by Samajwadi Party chief and former UP Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, attacking the central government. Yadav criticized the administration for its handling of the situation, citing the massive 300-km-long traffic jam that left thousands of devotees stranded.

"Is this 'Viksit Bharat'? The government cannot even manage traffic. What is the point of going to the Moon when we cannot settle issues on Earth?" Yadav questioned in Parliament.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee also joined the criticism, referring to the event as 'Mrityu Kumbh' (Death Kumbh) and demanding clarity on the actual number of casualties.

The issue was reignited today when Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about the success of the Maha Kumbh, which took place between January 13 and February 26. His speech, however, made no mention of the stampede or the people who lost their lives, prompting strong reactions from the opposition.

Ukraine's Zelenskyy arrives in Finland, will meet defence industry



- Talks with Alexander Stubb to discuss defense cooperation and support for Ukraine.
- Discussions on advancing peace and strengthening the defense industry.
- Visit coincides with Trump's negotiations with Putin on a potential ceasefire.

TPN Correspondent | Helsinki

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has arrived in Helsinki for an official visit to Finland, ahead of a key meeting with Finnish President Alexander Stubb on Wednesday. The two leaders are set to discuss Finland's continued support for Ukraine in the wake of Russia's ongoing invasion and efforts to end the conflict. The discussions

will include potential measures to advance peace and strengthen cooperation, particularly in defense, with a focus on the defense industry.

The visit comes as US President Donald Trump is engaged in talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, attempting to negotiate a ceasefire and a more permanent resolution to the three-year-long war between Russia and Ukraine.

Zelenskyy's schedule in Finland will also include discussions with other key officials, such as Finland's finance, defense, and foreign ministers, as well as a meeting with Prime Minister Petteri Orpo and parliament speaker Jussi Halla-aho. The Ukrainian president's wife, Olena Zelenska, is accompanying him on the trip and will be visiting local schools alongside Suzanne Innes-Stubb,

the wife of Finland's president.

This marks Zelenskyy's second visit to Finland since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, highlighting the ongoing international diplomatic efforts aimed at bringing an end to the conflict. Finland, a NATO member, has been a staunch ally of Ukraine in the fight against Russian aggression, providing significant military and humanitarian aid.

Trump Engages in Critical Talks with Putin Over Ukraine Conflict

Trump-Putin Call On Ending Russia-Ukraine War Continues For Over 2 Hours

TPN Correspondent | Washington

Nearly three weeks after a tumultuous meeting with Ukraine's President Zelenskyy at the White House, US President Donald Trump has reached out to Russian President Vladimir Putin in a fresh attempt to broker an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine. The phone call, which began at 10 a.m. Eastern Time, has been ongoing for over two hours, with the White House reporting that "the call is going well, and still in progress."

Both leaders are discussing potential solutions to secure a ceasefire in the Eastern European conflict, which has already claimed tens of thousands of lives and has been raging for more than three years. Trump has expressed his readiness to negotiate with Putin on terms for Russian control over certain parts of Ukraine, including the division of "certain assets," as he mentioned over the weekend.

However, the prospect of dividing up Ukrainian territory has raised concerns in Europe, particularly regarding the future of Ukraine and the risk of Moscow gaining too much leverage. European leaders are anxious that Trump, who has previously voiced admiration for Putin, may concede too much to Russia without consulting Ukraine.

In the aftermath of Trump's previous



meeting with Zelenskyy, Ukraine agreed to temporarily halt military operations for 30 days and engage in dialogue with Russia. However, Putin has set stringent conditions, which Moscow insists are non-negotiable. Ukraine, in response, has demanded an "unconditional" ceasefire, with Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andriy Sybiga stressing the importance of Russia showing genuine intentions for peace.

President Putin has doubled down on Moscow's demands, firmly stating that

Russia would not accept NATO troops in Ukraine and reaffirming that any ceasefire deal would be contingent on NATO halting arms supplies to Ukraine. Putin has also stated that Russia's forces are "steadily advancing" and has made it clear that any peace deal would need to reflect these advances.

As Trump continues his talks with Putin, the fate of the conflict and the potential for peace remains uncertain. The results of this crucial phone call are eagerly awaited by both global leaders and citizens alike.

Three Earthquakes Strike Indonesia, Causing Casualties and Damage

TPN Correspondent | Jakarta

On Tuesday, Indonesia was rocked by three significant earthquakes, including a 5.5-magnitude tremor that hit North Sumatra province in the morning. The other two quakes, with magnitudes of 5.7 and 5.2, struck Maluku and East Nusa Tenggara provinces earlier in the day, according to the country's Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysics Agency.

The 5.5-magnitude earthquake in North Sumatra occurred at 5:22 a.m. local time, with its epicenter located 17 kilometers southeast of North Tapanuli Regency, at a depth of 10 kilometers. The quake resulted in one fatality and left another person injured. In addition, several houses and a road were severely damaged, making the road impassable. Sri Wahyuni Pancasilawati, head of the emergency and logistics unit at North Sumatra's Provincial Disaster Management Agency, stated that risk assessments were ongoing.



Earlier, a 5.7-magnitude earthquake struck Maluku province at 00:32 a.m. local time, initially recorded as a 6.0 magnitude before being revised downward. Just ten minutes later, another earthquake, registering a 5.2 magnitude, hit East Nusa Tenggara province. Fortunately, no tsunami alerts were issued, as the tremors were not expected to generate large waves.

Indonesia, located along the seismically active Pacific Ring of Fire, is no stranger to frequent earthquakes. The country has 127 active volcanoes and is particularly vulnerable to earthquakes and tsunamis. The 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, triggered by a massive 9.1-magnitude earthquake off the west coast of Sumatra, killed over 165,000 people. Similarly, a tsunami in 2006 struck the south coast of Java, killing more than 600 people.

Due to its geological setting, Indonesia remains highly susceptible to both earthquakes and tsunamis, posing ongoing risks to the archipelago's coastal communities.

Tulsi Gabbard: Trump's 'America First' Policy Should Not Be Misunderstood as Isolation



TPN Correspondent | US

US Director of National Intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard, clarified on Tuesday that President Donald Trump's "America First" policy should not be interpreted as a stance of isolation. Speaking at the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi, Gabbard emphasized the importance of expanding the India-US relationship, calling it a "huge opportunity" for both nations.

Gabbard explained that while President Trump's approach focuses on prioritizing American interests, it should not be seen as America turning inward. She drew a parallel to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "India First" approach, as-

serting that both leaders are committed to their respective countries while fostering strong global partnerships. "It should not be misunderstood that 'America First' means America alone," Gabbard stated, adding that the US and India share a strong friendship and that the bilateral ties will continue to grow.

Reflecting on the recent meeting between Prime Minister Modi and President Trump in Washington DC, Gabbard described it as a "reconnection of two old friends" and underscored the growing cooperation between the two nations. She also praised the Raisina Dialogue as an essential platform for open discussions on global issues, providing opportunities for direct dialogue between nations on the most pressing matters.

Touching on broader geopolitical issues, Gabbard highlighted President Trump's unwavering commitment to peace and security. She reiterated that Trump's approach is centered on securing peace through strength, noting that Trump has also voiced strong support for ending ongoing conflicts, including the war in Ukraine.

The Raisina Dialogue, held from March 17-19, serves as India's premier conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics, organized by the Observer Research Foundation in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs. Gabbard's remarks further solidified the growing collaboration between India and the US, particularly in security and intelligence-sharing.

"Stop The Killing": Families Of Hostages To Israel PM After Strike On Gaza



TPN Correspondent | Jerusalem

The families of Israeli captives held in Gaza have demanded that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu intervene immediately to stop the killing and disappearance of hostages, following Israel's most deadly airstrikes on Gaza since a ceasefire began in January. The families are seeking urgent assurances regarding the safety and return of their loved ones.

In a statement, the Hostages and Missing Families Forum called for a meeting with Netanyahu, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, and the head of the negotiation team to discuss how Israel plans to protect the hos-

tages from military actions and work toward their release. "The families of the hostages will demand: Stop the killing and disappearance of the hostages now! First, return them -- then everything else," the statement read.

The families also announced plans to protest outside Netanyahu's office in Jerusalem later on Tuesday, as their calls for meetings with key officials have so far gone unanswered. They expressed frustration, saying that government officials had ignored their pleas for a discussion, and now it appears they were planning to escalate military action, which could endanger the lives of the captives.

Israel's recent airstrikes on Gaza have been its most intense since the ceasefire on January 19, following the brutal October 2023 Hamas attack that led to the abduction of 251 Israelis. Of those taken, 58 remain in Gaza, and the Israeli military reports that 34 of the hostages are believed to have died.

The families are urging Netanyahu's government to focus on bringing the hostages back safely, asserting that their return must be prioritized before any further military escalation. The growing tension between the ongoing conflict and the efforts to secure the captives' release has left families in anguish, calling for decisive action from Israel's leadership.

Stock markets surge as bulls take charge after consolidation

After a period of consolidation, the domestic stock markets witnessed a strong rally on Tuesday, closing with significant gains. Investor sentiment turned highly positive as expectations grew that the US Federal Reserve would maintain interest rates. Additionally, positive global cues and the availability of fundamentally strong stocks at attractive prices encouraged investors to adopt a buy-on-dips strategy. The result was an unrelenting surge in benchmark indices from the opening bell to the closing session.

The BSE Sensex, which had closed at 74,169 in the previous session, opened higher at 74,608 and maintained upward momentum throughout the day. It touched an intraday high of 75,385 before settling at 75,301 with a remarkable gain of 1,131 points. Similarly, the NSE Nifty opened at 22,662, reached a high of 22,857, and ended the session at 22,834, marking an impressive increase of 325 points. The Nifty Bank index also rallied, climbing 960 points to close at 49,314.

Investor enthusiasm was evident in the broad market participation, with 2,288 stocks advancing on the NSE compared to 646 declining, while 82 stocks remained unchanged. The bullish momentum was reflected across all sectoral indices, with media and realty stocks soaring by 3%, while the auto, public sector banks, and metals sectors registered gains of over 2%. Stocks from banking, finance, and consumption segments also played a crucial role in driving the indices higher.

Among the top gainers in the Nifty50 were ICICI Bank, Larsen & Toubro, Shriram Finance, Mahindra & Mahindra, and Tata Motors, while Bajaj



Finserv, Tech Mahindra, and Bharti Airtel emerged as the day's biggest losers. The rupee strengthened by 23 paise to close at 86.56 against the US dollar, reflecting increased investor confidence. Steel and metal stocks, particularly Hindalco, played a key role in pushing Nifty to a one-month high.

Several corporate developments influenced market movements. Paytm Money received SEBI approval for registration as a research analyst, while PB Fintech continued its upward rally for the second consecutive day. Stocks such as Uttam Sugar, Mobikwik, TT, Sindhutrade, and Hind Rectifiers hit the 20% upper circuit. CG Power's board approved an interim dividend of ₹1.30 per share, while a major block deal involving 27 lakh shares took place in Jio Financial. Tech Mahindra announced a strategic partnership with Google Cloud, and Bajaj Finserv revealed its plan to acquire Allianz's 26% stake in Bajaj Allianz Life. Meanwhile, Varun Bev-

erages surged 5% amid expectations of increased demand in the summer season, and 20 lakh shares were exchanged in Tata Steel.

The bullish rally indicates strong market momentum, with investor confidence driving key indices higher. With favorable economic cues and robust sectoral performance, markets are expected to maintain their positive trajectory in the coming sessions.

1. Torrent Power Ltd



The company secured a 1,200 MW renewable energy project from the Gujarat government. Plans to invest ₹5,500 crore in green energy expansion over the next three years. Jef-

eries has maintained a 'Buy' rating with a target price of ₹1,750, citing strong cash flows and expansion in renewables.

2. NLC India Ltd



The company signed an MoU with the Tamil Nadu government to set up a solar and wind power project worth ₹7,000 crore. It achieved a 14% increase in coal production YoY, ensuring steady fuel supply for power generation. Motilal Oswal gave a 'Buy' rating with a target price of ₹280, expecting continued growth in power generation.

3. Tata Motors Ltd

Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) reported 16% YoY growth in global sales, boosting Tata Motors' overall revenue. The company launched three new electric vehicle (EV) models, strengthening its presence in the EV mar-



ket. HSBC has raised its target price to ₹1,050, maintaining a 'Buy' rating due to strong demand in domestic and international markets.

4. CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd

CG Power bagged a ₹1,100 crore order from the Indian Railways for traction motors. The company is expanding its manufacturing facility to support increasing demand for power equipment. ICICI Securities upgraded its rating to 'Buy' with a target price of ₹740/800, citing strong earnings potential.



5. Indian Hotels Company Ltd (IHCL)



IHCL announced the addition of 10 new hotels under the Taj and Vivanta brands, expanding its luxury segment. The company's revenue per available room (RevPAR) grew 12% YoY, supported by rising domestic and international tourism. Morgan Stanley has given a 'Buy' rating with a target price of ₹960, expecting further expansion in premium hospital-

PayTm money receives SEBI nod to start research analysis business

Paytm Money has received a registration certificate from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to operate as a research analyst, according to filings with the exchange. This milestone marks a significant step in Paytm Money's efforts to broaden its investment services and enhance its offerings to users.



The company highlighted that this new development aligns with its goal to expand its presence in the investment ecosystem. By obtaining this certification, Paytm Money aims to improve the user experience by providing expert-backed research and insights for both retail and institutional investors. With SEBI's approval, Paytm Money is now authorized to offer research reports and

investment analyses to its users, enhancing the value it brings to its platform.

The new research services will soon be integrated into the Paytm Money app, allowing users to access advisory and research-backed recommendations directly through the app. This expansion is set to help investors make more informed decisions by providing access to expert

insights and comprehensive market analyses.

By adding research and advisory services to its platform, Paytm Money is looking to offer a more holistic approach to investing, empowering its users with the tools and information needed to navigate the financial markets more effectively.

As part of its long-term strategy, Paytm Money aims to continue developing its platform to cater to a diverse range of investors, from individuals making their first investment to seasoned institutional investors. The SEBI certification is expected to significantly bolster the company's position in India's rapidly growing investment ecosystem.

India's trade deficit in Feb drops to \$14 bn; petroleum exports to Europe shrink by 30%

India's merchandise trade deficit narrowed sharply to a three-year low of \$14.05 billion in February, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Monday. This significant reduction was largely driven by a 30% decline in petroleum exports to Europe and a more than 60% drop in gold imports.

The decline in petroleum exports, which had been a major contributor to India's export growth following the Russia-Ukraine war, was particularly notable. The decrease came shortly after the imposition of sweeping US sanctions targeting Russia's oil trade in January 2025, which placed 183 Russian oil tankers under sanctions. The sanctions appear to have had a direct impact on India's petroleum export volumes to Europe, a key market. Additionally, India's petroleum imports also saw a decrease of 26%, contributing further to the reduction in the trade deficit.

Gold imports, another significant factor in India's merchandise trade, fell dramatically by over 60%, further influencing the decline in the trade deficit. Gold has been a major import for India, driven by seasonal demand and cultural factors. However, lower demand for gold, coupled with rising prices, contributed to the steep drop in imports.

The reduced trade deficit reflects a contraction in both exports and imports, but it highlights India's improved balance of trade. Despite the challenges posed by external factors such as sanctions and global price fluctuations, India's merchandise trade deficit appears to be stabilizing. With the reduction in both petroleum exports and gold imports, India is likely to focus on diversifying its export base and increasing trade with emerging markets to sustain its economic growth while managing its trade balance.

India imposes provisional anti-dumping duty on import of Chinese aluminium foil

India has imposed a provisional anti-dumping duty on aluminium foil imports from China, ranging from \$619 to \$873 per metric tonne (MT). This move, which will remain in effect for six months, aims to provide relief to domestic aluminium foil manufacturers by addressing the impact of cheaper imports from China.

The Finance Ministry issued a gazette notification on March 17, detailing the provisional duty applicable to aluminium foil imports with a thickness of up to 80 mi-

croons. However, the duty will not apply to aluminium foil below 5.5 microns used for non-capacitor applications. This action follows preliminary findings of material injury to Indian producers, who have faced increasing competition from low-priced Chinese imports. The imposition of this anti-dumping duty aligns with India's ongoing efforts to protect its domestic industries from unfair trade practices. The move is also reflective of broader global trade tensions, particularly in light of recent tariff measures imposed by other coun-

tries. In addition to India's actions, the United States has implemented reciprocal tariffs on a range of Chinese goods, including a 25% tariff on aluminium imports, further highlighting the growing trade friction between major economies. This decision by the Indian government is expected to help curb the influx of cheap Chinese aluminium foil, which has been undercutting local manufacturers and putting pressure on their profitability. Domestic producers have long complained about the import of cheaper aluminium foil from

China, which has resulted in significant market distortions. The provisional anti-dumping duty is a temporary measure while a more comprehensive investigation continues. The Indian government's response underscores its commitment to supporting local industries and ensuring fair trade practices. The six-month duration of the duty will allow Indian producers to adjust to the market changes, with the possibility of further action based on the outcomes of the ongoing investigation.





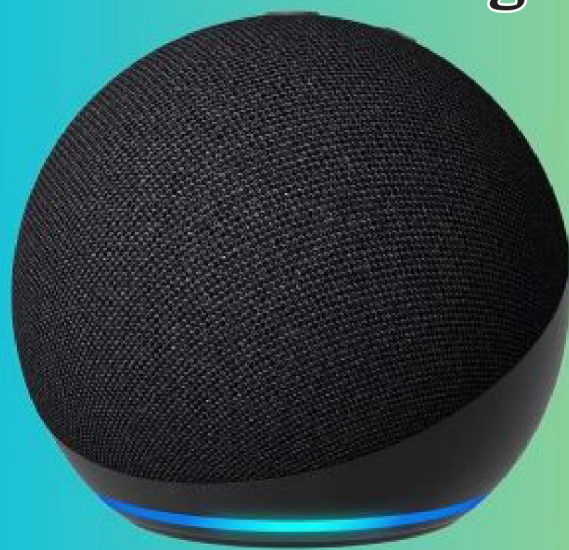
iPhone 17 Air Was Supposed to Be Port-Free, But Apple Scrapped the Idea: Mark Gurman



The iPhone 17 series has been a topic of extensive speculation, with rumors suggesting the lineup will include the iPhone 17, iPhone 17 Air (or iPhone 17 Slim), iPhone 17 Pro, and iPhone 17 Pro Max, with an expected launch in the second quarter of this year. Among these, the iPhone 17 Air was slated to be Apple's thinnest iPhone yet, potentially replacing the Plus variant in the lineup. Bloomberg's Mark Gurman has revealed new details about the iPhone 17 Air, including an ambitious plan that Apple initially considered. According to Gurman's weekly Power On newsletter, Apple originally planned to make the iPhone 17 Air "Apple's first completely port-free iPhone." The device would have relied on wireless charging and cloud-based data syncing, eliminating the traditional charging ports altogether. This move was intended to pave the way for even slimmer models in the future, with a sleek, minimalist design that further pushed the limits of device thinness. However, Apple reportedly scrapped this plan to avoid po-

tential regulatory issues, particularly from the European Union (EU), which has recently mandated that tech companies like Apple adopt the USB Type-C charging standard. Apple's decision was likely influenced by the need to comply with the EU's regulations and maintain its broad consumer appeal. The iPhone 17 Air's thin design would have required a thinner battery, which could have compromised battery life. To avoid this, Apple instructed engineers to redesign key components, including the display and silicon, to optimize efficiency while maintaining performance. Expected Specifications: The iPhone 17 Air is expected to feature a 9.5mm thick profile, including the 4mm camera bump. It may offer a 6.6-inch OLED display with a 120Hz ProMotion refresh rate and Dynamic Island. The device could house a 24MP front camera, a 48MP rear camera, and be made with a titanium frame. It may also include Apple's first 5G modem and Wi-Fi chip. Rumored pricing is between \$1,299 and \$1,500.

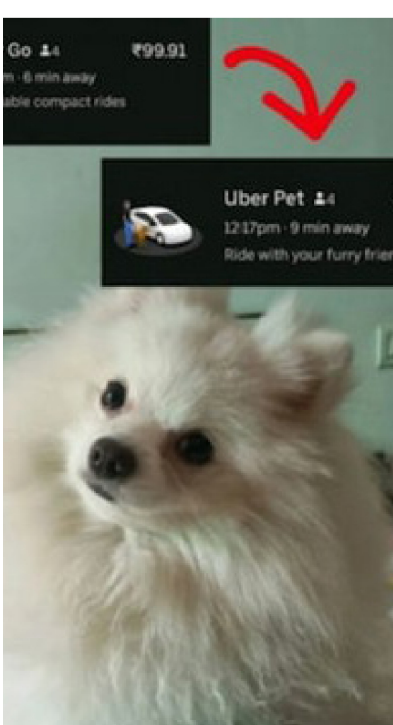
Amazon Echo Users Will No Longer Have Option to Process Alexa Voice Recordings On-Device



Amazon has announced that starting March 28, Echo users will no longer have the option to process their voice commands and recordings locally on their devices. Instead, all Alexa voice recordings will be sent to Amazon's cloud for processing, as the company expands Alexa's capabilities with generative AI features. This change affects all Echo devices such as smart speakers and displays. In an email to users who had previously enabled the 'Do Not Send Voice Recordings' option, Amazon explained that on-device processing is being discontinued to enable the new AI-driven features that require the processing power of Amazon's secure cloud. The company emphasized that Alexa voice requests will remain encrypted during transmission to the cloud, where they are processed under security protections. Although voice recordings will still be deleted automatically after processing, the new policy raises privacy concerns. Many users may be uncomfortable with Amazon having access to their voice data, especially in the context of

in-home devices that can listen continuously. Amazon assures users that privacy controls will still be available through the Alexa Privacy dashboard, where they can manage how their data is handled, including the option to prevent their voice recordings from being stored at all. Amazon also announced the upcoming launch of Alexa+, a subscription-based, generative AI version of Alexa, which will include advanced features like Alexa Voice ID. This feature will allow Alexa to recognize individual users based on their voice, and share personalized content like calendar events and music. However, Amazon clarified that Voice ID may not function if users choose not to save voice recordings. This shift in policy is part of Amazon's ongoing push to enhance Alexa's AI capabilities but raises concerns about privacy, particularly in light of past controversies surrounding the handling of user data. Notably, Amazon has faced scrutiny over allowing employees to listen to Alexa voice recordings for training purposes and other privacy violations related to its Ring doorbell cameras.

Gurugram Woman Calls Out Uber Pets For Overpricing



A Gurugram woman has raised concerns over the steep pricing of Uber's new service, Uber Pets, which allows passengers to travel with their pets. In a LinkedIn post, she highlighted the significant price difference between regular Uber rides and Uber Pets. For a short 2 km ride, the regular Uber fare was ₹100, while Uber Pets cost a staggering ₹530, over five times the price of a regular ride. The woman questioned whether the price hike was justified, speculating that it could account for cleaning fees, premium drivers, or simply be an added charge for pet owners. She pointed out that her local auto-rickshaw charges just ₹60 for a similar ride and even

offers belly rubs for her dog, making the Uber Pets pricing seem excessive. In her post, she expressed her surprise at the service's pricing, asking, "If the goal was accessibility, why is this service a luxury?" She further criticized the fact that many pet owners might struggle with these higher costs, especially when pets are considered family members. While some commenters suggested booking a regular Uber and informing the driver about the pet, others speculated that Uber might be capitalizing on the growing trend of pet ownership in India. One user pointed out that Uber may be trying to monetize this shift in consumer preferences.



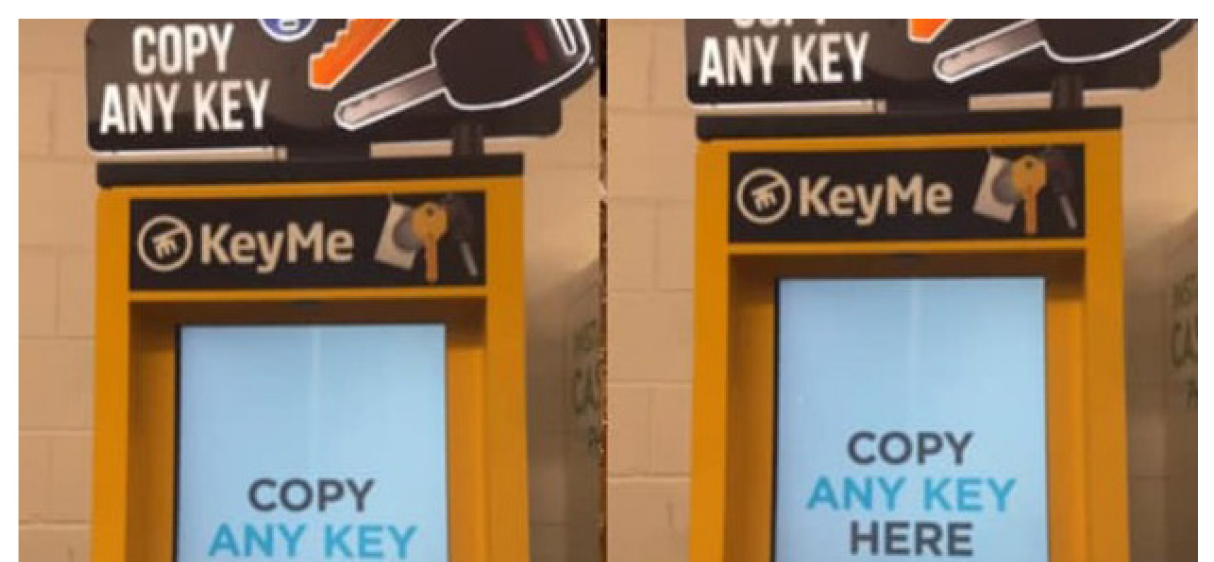
In the bustling city of Shenzhen, China, a new eatery is turning heads with its incredible speed of service, offering freshly cooked noodles in just 48 seconds. The Future Noodle Restaurant, a small but highly efficient establishment, has taken fast food to a whole new level. While most noodle dishes take at least two minutes to prepare, this restaurant uses a robotic system to make noodles from scratch in record time. The process is nothing short of fascinating. A robotic arm mixes flour and water, shaping the dough into perfect noodles in just eight seconds. The noodles are then plunged into hot water, where they cook with various ingredients like marinated eggs and grilled sausages for 40 seconds. The result is a hot, fresh, and delicious bowl of noodles, served in under a minute. The restaurant, which spans only eight square

meters, uses a self-service kiosk for ordering. Customers can choose from ten different noodle varieties, paired with sides such as marinated eggs and grilled sausages. The price of a meal ranges from 6 to 20 yuan (roughly Rs 122 to Rs 250), making it an affordable and quick dining option. A transparent window allows customers to observe the robotic cooking process, which has garnered praise for its speed, efficiency, and, most importantly, the flavor of the final product. With its cutting-edge technology and quick turnaround time, Future Noodle Restaurant is setting a new standard for fast food, proving that great meals don't need to take long to prepare. This innovative concept is a glimpse into the future of dining, where automation and robotics combine to deliver convenience and quality in record time.

US Vending Machine Goes Viral for Duplicating Keys in Minutes

A viral video is captivating social media users, showcasing a unique vending machine in the US that can duplicate keys within minutes. Shared by Tanvir Shaikh on Instagram, the video demonstrates an alternative to the traditional and often time-consuming process of visiting a locksmith. In the video, Tanvir walks up to a vending machine resembling an ATM and taps the screen to begin the key duplication process. The machine offers several options, including standard keys, vehicle keys, access cards, and key fobs. Tanvir selects the standard option for a basic key copy, inserts his original key into a scanning slot, and chooses his preferred key

type—brass in this case. After selecting the number of copies—two in this case—he proceeds to the payment section. Within minutes, the machine dispenses three keys instead of two, surprising Tanvir with a free extra key. This fast, automated process has drawn attention for its convenience and efficiency compared to traditional locksmith services, where customers often face longer waiting times. Tanvir's Instagram reel has sparked interest, highlighting how technology is transforming everyday services like key duplication, making it quicker, easier, and more accessible.





PM Modi Praises Athletes' Success at Special Olympics Winter Games

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed immense pride and joy in the achievements of Indian athletes at the Special Olympics World Winter Games held in Turin, Italy. In a post on social media, the Prime Minister praised the athletes for bringing honour to the nation by securing 33 medals, including 8 gold, 18 silver, and 7 bronze, in various sports like alpine skiing, snowboarding, floorball, snowshoeing, short track speed skating, and cross-country skiing. The Indian contingent, comprising 30 athletes and 19 support staff, returned home with an inspiring collection of medals from the historic 2025 edition of the games. PM Modi met with the athletes in Parliament, congratulating them personally for their remarkable accomplishments. Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya also retweeted PM Modi's message, acknowledging the athletes as "Param-Mitra" (Best Friends). A welcome ceremony was organized at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, attended by Raksha Khadse, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, and Mallika Nadda, President of Special Olympics Bharat. Athlete Bharti, who won two gold medals, was also present on stage to celebrate the moment. To honor their success, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced increased cash prizes for the athletes. Gold medallists will receive Rs. 20 lakhs, while silver and bronze winners will be awarded Rs. 14 lakhs and Rs. 8 lakhs, respectively.

Harvinder Singh Applauds Khelo India Para Games for Elevating Para Sports



2024 Paralympics gold medallist Harvinder Singh expressed his excitement for the upcoming Khelo India Para Games (KIPG 2025), set to begin on March 20. The 34-year-old archer praised the competition's international standards, which he believes have raised the bar for para athletes in India. Harvinder, who won gold at the inaugural KIPG 2023, highlighted how the event motivates athletes to perform at their best by selecting the top 16 performers at the national level. He also commended the tournament's high-quality organization, comparing it to international events. With over 1200 athletes expected to compete across six disciplines, KIPG 2025 will be held at three venues in New Delhi, including Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and Indira Gandhi Stadium. Harvinder emphasized that the growing support for para sports is fostering a more inclusive society in India.

**8 ZONES
57 MATCHES
1 CHAMPION
FROM
MARCH, 20-27
2025**

1 VAMSADHARA (Manyam, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram)
2 VISAKHA (ASR, Vizag, Anakapalli)
3 GODAVARI (Eluru, Kakinada, Konaseema, E.Godavari)
4 KOLLERU (NTR, Krishna, W.G)
5 NALLAMALA (Palnadu, Prakasam, Guntur, Bapatla)
6 CORAMANDAL (Kadapa, Annamayya, Nellore, Tirupati)
7 PENNA (Kurnool, Nandyal, Anantapur)
8 TUNGABHADRA (Chittoor)

Andhra Pradesh Super Cup Announced

The Andhra Pradesh Football Association (APFA) has announced the APFA Super Cup - War of the Zones tournament, set to take place from March 20-27, 2025. This exciting football competition will bring together top talent from across the state, with 8 zones participating in 57 matches, all vying for the coveted prize. The tournament will showcase regional teams and crown the best football team in Andhra Pradesh.

- **Kolleru** (Krishna, NTR, Eluru)
- **Nallamala** (Prakasam, Palnadu, Guntur, Bapatla)
- **Coromandel** (Tirupati, Chittoor, Nellore)
- **Penna** (Kadapa, Annamayya, Sri Sathya Sai)
- **Tungabhadra** (Kurnool, Nandyala, Anantapuram)

The competition comes with a ₹5,00,000 prize pool, further motivating teams to give their best on the field. In preparation for the Super Cup, the Kolleru team held a coaching camp at International Delhi Public School in Tadepalligudem. The camp focused on fitness, strategy, and skills development. The school principal, N Uma Srinivas, graced the closing ceremony, unveiling the team's jersey and congratulating the athletes. This tournament aims to strengthen football culture in Andhra Pradesh.



S8UL to Represent India at Esports World Cup 2025

S8UL has been selected as a Club Partner for the Esports World Cup 2025 (EWC), making history as the first Indian team to earn this honor. Chosen among 40 elite esports organizations globally, S8UL's dominance in games like BGMI, Pokemon UNITE, VALORANT, and Call of Duty: Mobile has earned global recognition. This achievement highlights S8UL's impact on Indian esports and its growing international presence, including expansion into Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Europe. Co-Founder Animesh 'Thug' Agarwal expressed pride in the selection, emphasizing the significance for Indian esports. The Esports World Cup 2025 will feature top-tier games and a massive prize pool, with S8UL aiming to showcase India's gaming talent on the global stage. The tournament will take place in Riyadh later this year.



India Defeats Italy 64-22 in Kabaddi World Cup Opener

India began their Kabaddi World Cup 2025 campaign with a commanding 64-22 victory over Italy in their Group B match. The defending champions dominated the match, securing two points and topping their group. Scotland, in the other Group B clash, defeated Wales 63-43 to take second place in the group. India's next match will be against Scotland on Tuesday. The tournament, hosted across four cities in England's West Midlands, features both men's and women's competitions. India is defending their titles in both categories. In the men's event, India is placed in Group B alongside Italy, Scotland, Wales, and Hong Kong, while the women's team competes in Group D with Wales and Poland. The top teams from each group will advance to the quarterfinals starting on March 21.

The eight zones competing in the tournament are:

- **Vamsadhara** (Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Manyam)
- **Visakha** (Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, ASR)
- **Godavari** (East Godavari, West Godavari, Konaseema)

Hockey India Promises Bigger HIL After Team Owners Express Concerns

Team owners of the Hockey India League (HIL) have raised concerns about the first edition of the league, particularly regarding the sponsorship earnings and operational costs. Despite the league's positive reception, the owners were dissatisfied with the sponsorship revenue, which fell far short of expectations. Hockey India had anticipated Rs 90 crore in sponsorships but only earned around Rs 13 crore. During a recent meeting in Bhubaneswar, owners highlighted the losses incurred, especially those who owned both men's and women's teams, citing an operational cost of over Rs 20 crore. Hockey India has responded by promising a bigger and better HIL in its next edition, with plans to distribute 60% of the Rs 13 crore sponsorship earnings among the team owners. Additionally, a new commercial head will be hired to fo-

cus on boosting revenue for the next season. The league also plans to address concerns related to broadcast quality, players' purse, and marketing strategies to improve the competition's overall appeal and financial sustainability.



PV Sindhu to Lead Indian Challenge at Swiss Open 2025



Two-time Olympic medalist PV Sindhu will lead India's charge at the Swiss Open 2025, a BWF Super 300 tournament, set to begin on Tuesday at St Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland. Sindhu, ranked 16th globally and the 2022 Swiss Open champion, will face compatriot and world number 28

Malvika Bansod in an exciting first-round women's singles match. The Indian contingent features a strong lineup in both singles and doubles categories. In men's singles, world number 15 Lakshya Sen will square off against 2016 Swiss Open winner HS Prannoy. Priyanshu Rajawat and Kiran George are also competing in the men's singles. In women's doubles, world number nine Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand will lead India's charge, alongside Priya Konjengbam-Shruti Mishra and Varshini Viswanath Sri-Arathi Sara Sunil. India will also have two mixed doubles pairs—Ashith Surya-Amrutha Pramuthesh and Sathish Karunakaran-Aadya Variyath—in the main draw. The tournament will see top seeds Shi Yu Qi (China) and Pornpawee Chochuwong (Thailand) in the men's and women's singles, respectively.

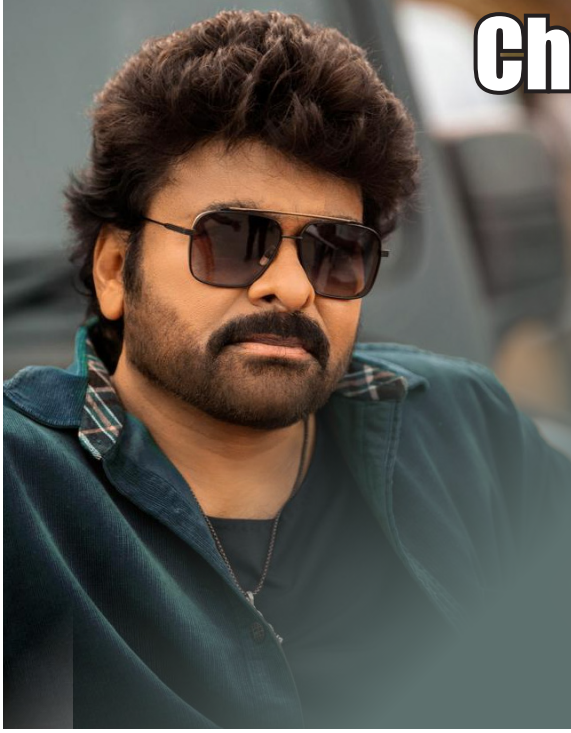
BCCI to Form Panel for Women's World Cup and Ban Tobacco, Crypto Sponsorships



The BCCI will form an organizing committee for the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup and decide on venues for the event during its Apex Council meeting in Kolkata on March 22, ahead of the IPL opener. The Women's World Cup, last hosted by India in 2013, will take place in October. The committee will also finalize the structure for the 2025-26 domestic season and decide on venues for India's series against West Indies and South Africa. Additionally, the BCCI will address a government directive to ban tobacco and crypto sponsorships, following the health ministry's order for the IPL starting March 22. This meeting will also approve changes in bank account signatories following new office-bearers' appointment.



Chiranjeevi's New Film Set in Village Backdrop



Megastar Chiranjeevi is all set to collaborate with director Anil Ravipudi for an upcoming film, which will commence production in the first week of June. The highlight of this project is its rural setting, marking Chiranjeevi's return to a village backdrop after several years. The film is slated for a Sankranti 2026 release. According to reports, actress Aditi Rao Hydari is being considered for the female lead, though an official announcement is

awaited. The film promises entertainment with a mass appeal, with music composed by Bheems Ceciroleo and Ramana Gogula. Recently, the production team sought divine blessings at Simhadri Appanna Temple before beginning the scriptwork. Chiranjeevi has previously delivered hits like Indra, Alluda Majaka, Apadbandhavudu, and Khaidi in a village backdrop, and fans are eagerly awaiting his return to a similar setting.

Tamannaah Shares Party Pics Amid Breakup Rumors



Actress Tamannaah Bhatia, who continues to enjoy immense popularity, recently shared a cryptic message on social media that caught fans' attention. She stated, "Don't wait for miracles in life, create your own," hinting at a self-empowered outlook. Tamannaah also posted pictures from a party with friends, including Manish Malhotra, Rasha Thadani, and Pragma Kapoor. These posts have sparked speculation among netizens that she might be trying to move on from her rumored breakup with actor Vijay Varma after three years of dating. Known for her bold choices, Tamannaah recently stunned audiences with her daring performance in Lust Stories 2. While she remains silent on the breakup rumors, her latest posts have fueled curiosity about her personal life. Fans continue to support her, praising her confidence and self-growth.

"All We Imagine As Light, Shahana Goswami Win Big at Asian Film Awards 2025"

Payal Kapadia's All We Imagine As Light and actress Shahana Goswami won top honors at the 18th Asian Film Awards held at the Xiqu Centre, Hong Kong.

The acclaimed India-French co-production won Best Film, triumphing over strong contenders like Black Dog (China), Exhuma (South Korea), Teki Cometh (Japan), and Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In (Hong Kong).

Shahana Goswami won Best Actress for her powerful role in Santosh, a film about a widowed housewife inheriting her late husband's job as a police constable and becoming involved in a murder investigation. Meanwhile, Santosh director Sandhya Suri



was honored with Best New Director.

Kapadia's All We Imagine As Light made history last year as the first Indian film to win the Grand Prix Award at Cannes. The Asian Film Awards 2025 further cemented its global recognition.

Amitabh Bachchan Praises Abhishek's Performance in Sarkar

Amitabh Bachchan recently reflected on Sarkar (2005) and lauded Abhishek Bachchan's performance, stating that he was "nowhere in the film" as his son owned the screen.

In his blog, Big B shared that he revisited the film after years and was amazed by its quality, direction, and Abhishek's restrained yet powerful acting. He emphasized that his admiration came not as a father but as a true evaluator of cinema,



calling Abhishek's performance "simply stunning." Directed by Ram Gopal Varma, Sarkar is a political crime thriller inspired by The Godfather, starring Amitabh, Abhishek, Kay Kay Menon, and Katrina Kaif.

Amitabh also praised Abhishek's latest film Be

Happy, directed by Remo D'Souza, reaffirming his appreciation for his son's evolving craft.

Mrunal Thakur Stuns in Desi Look, Gears Up for Dacoit

Bollywood actress Mrunal Thakur recently showcased her classic charm with a desi twist in a lavender chikan-kari lehenga, paired with diamond jewelry. The actress shared the elegant look on Instagram, keeping her make-up minimal.

Apart from her fashion moments, Mrunal is currently busy filming Dacoit, a pan-India drama where she stars opposite Adivi Sesh. The film, directed

by Shaneil Deo and produced by Supriya Yarlagadda, also features Anurag Kashyap in a pivotal role. Dacoit tells the story of a convict seeking revenge on his ex-girlfriend.

Mrunal also has Son of Sardaar 2 lined up alongside Ajay Devgn, continuing the 2012 hit franchise. With an exciting lineup and her impeccable style, Mrunal continues to captivate fans both on and off the screen.

