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Nara Lokesh's Initiative Enables Guntur-Tirupati Heart Transport



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh: On the orders of Minister Nara Lokesh, a green channel was established to transport a donated heart from Guntur to Tirupati. A woman named Cherukuri Sushma was declared brain dead while receiving treatment at Ramesh Hospital in Guntur. Her family decided to donate her organs, prompting the hospital management to seek assistance in ensuring the heart reached Tirupati in time. Responding immediately, Minister Nara Lokesh arranged a special aircraft for transportation. The heart was swiftly moved from Guntur to Gannavaram Airport through the green channel, then flown to Renigunta, and finally transported to Tirupati Hospital. The deceased's husband, Srinivas, expressed his sentiments, stating, "My wife suddenly fell ill, and despite immediate medical attention, she went into a coma. Doctors suggested organ donation as a way to help others. After discussing it with our children, we decided to donate. We are grateful to Minister Nara Lokesh and the hospital management for facilitating this process and giving hope to someone in need."



Dy CM Pawan Focuses on Pithapuram Development, Orders Weekly Reviews

- **Strict timeline for development works completion**
- **Weekly reviews to track field-level progress**
- **Emphasis on infrastructure and law & order**

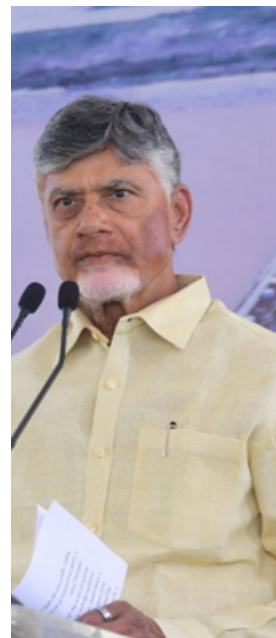
TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has taken a key decision regarding the development of Pithapuram constituency, ensuring that all development works are completed within the stipulated timeframe. He has also instructed that weekly reviews be conducted to monitor progress effectively. As part of this initiative, officials from the Deputy Chief Minister's Office visited Pithapuram constituency to assess the ongoing works. Following their visit, Pawan Kalyan chaired a review meeting with officials on Thursday, emphasizing the need for a structured approach to development. During the meeting, Pawan Kalyan directed officials to proactively create infrastructure and ensure that all projects progress without delays. He stated that funds are being allocated through various government schemes and stressed that officials must utilize them effectively to maximize public benefit. He made it clear that accountability will be enforced, and any negligence in implementation will not be tolerated. Additionally, the Deputy Chief Minister placed special focus on law and order in Pithapuram. He assured that the matter will be brought to the attention of the relevant departmental officials and the state DGP to ensure a secure and peaceful environment in the constituency. Pawan Kalyan reiterated that development should be people-centric and transparent. He called for coordinated efforts among all stakeholders to achieve sustainable growth in the region. Officials, local representatives, and departmental heads participated in the review meeting, expressing their commitment to fulfilling the outlined objectives.



CM Visits Polavaram, Sets 2027 Deadline for Completion

- **Polavaram project to be completed by December 2027**
- **Rs. 6,270 crore allocated for displaced persons' rehabilitation**
- **CM Chandrababu accuses Jagan of neglecting the project**



TPN Correspondent | Polavaram

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu visited the Polavaram project on Thursday, reviewing its progress and addressing concerns of displaced families. Speaking on the occasion, he reaffirmed the government's commitment to completing the project by December 2027. He also assured that the rehabilitation of displaced families would be completed by November 2027, ahead of water release from the project. Naidu criticized the previous YSRCP government, alleging that Jagan Mohan Reddy's tenure caused unnecessary delays. He questioned whether Jagan had even visited Polavaram once in five years and accused him of failing to allocate funds despite promising Rs. 10 lakh in compensation to displaced families.

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YS Jagan Questions Pawan Kalyan's Silence on Kasinayana Temple Demolition

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Former Chief Minister and YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has made strong allegations against Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, questioning his right to speak on Hinduism and temple protection. Taking to social media, Jagan accused Pawan Kalyan of remaining silent while the Kasinayana temple was being demolished under the current government's orders. Jagan claimed that during his tenure, the YSRCP government had actively worked to safeguard the Kasinayana Kshetra. He pointed out that despite the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests issuing orders in August 2023 to halt construction in the temple's vicinity, his government had intervened to protect the site. He stated that he personally wrote to the Union Forest Minister, urging the exclusion of 12.98 hectares from forest restrictions to preserve the temple.

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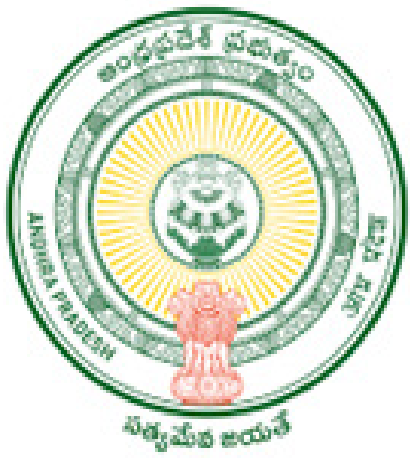
Pastor Praveen Kumar's Death Sparks Controversy

- **Different Voices on the Death of Pastor Praveen Kumar**
- **Postmortem completed at Rajahmundry GGH amid protests.**
- **CM Chandrababu orders all-angle investigation into death.**
- **Police say accident; Christian groups claim murder.**
- **SP confirms CCTV footage analysis and forensic testing.**
- **Home Minister assures transparent and fair investigation.**
- **Protests erupt; body finally sent to Hyderabad.**

TPN Correspondent | Rajahmundry

Tension gripped Rajahmundry for two days following protests by Christian groups over the death of Pastor Praveen Kumar. While Christian organizations strongly believe it was murder, the police maintain it was an accident. Praveen Kumar (45), a Secunderabad resident, was traveling on his bike to Chagallu,

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AP Govt Forms Task Force to Implement Gates Foundation Agreement

- Gates Foundation to support AP in key sectors
- Task force formed to oversee implementation
- CM Chandrababu recently met Bill Gates in Delhi

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

The Andhra Pradesh government has taken a significant step towards implementing its agreement with the Bill Gates Foundation by forming a dedicated task force. Orders were issued on Thursday to this effect, marking an important milestone in the collaboration between the two entities. The task force will consist of representatives from both the AP government and the Gates Foundation.

The agreement, signed recently, focuses on key areas such as good governance, the use of AI technology in agriculture, advancements in the medical and health sector, and improving the overall living standards of the people. To ensure effective execution, the newly formed task force will oversee the implementation process and facilitate smooth coordination. This development follows a high-level meeting between Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates in Delhi. During their discussions, they explored various strategies to leverage technology and innovation for the progress of Andhra Pradesh. With the formation of this task force, the AP government aims to accelerate developmental initiatives, harness advanced technologies, and bring transformative changes in governance and public services.



Massive Liquor Scam Under YSRCP Rule - Minister

TPN Correspondent | Krishna

Minister Kollu Ravindra has made serious allegations against former Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy and the previous YSRCP government, accusing them of massive corruption in liquor manufacturing and sales. Addressing the media after a meeting with officials at the Krishna District Collectorate on Thursday, he emphasized that Navodayam 2.0 is being implemented with the goal of completely eradicating liquor from the state within six months. He reaffirmed that the government is committed to making Andhra Pradesh a liquor-free state by May 1. Minister Ravindra alleged that during the YSRCP regime, adulterated liquor led to the loss of many lives. He criticized the corruption within the excise department at the time and assured that those responsible for the liquor scam would be identified and punished. He labeled the liquor scam as the biggest financial scandal in AP, recalling that TDP MP Sri Krishnadevaraya had raised the issue in Parliament, claiming it surpassed the Delhi liquor scam in magnitude.

CM Naidu Reaffirms Minority Welfare at Iftar Dinner

Government hosts Iftar banquet for Muslim community CM Chandrababu emphasizes TDP's commitment to minority welfare P4 initiative to uplift the poor from March 30th

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The Andhra Pradesh government hosted a grand Iftar banquet in Vijayawada, where Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu participated as the chief guest. On this occasion, he joined Muslim brothers in offering prayers and reiterated his government's commitment to their welfare. Addressing the gathering, CM Chandrababu stated that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has always stood by minorities, implementing various schemes for their upliftment. He announced that P4, a new initiative aimed at poverty eradication, will be launched on March 30, ensuring 100% economic upliftment of the underprivileged.

He assured the community that every financially struggling Muslim family would receive support and reaffirmed his commitment to protecting Waqf Board properties. Highlighting TDP's long-standing association with minorities, he pointed out that only his party has consistently done justice to Muslims, both in united Andhra Pradesh and in the



new state. He also reminded attendees that Urdu was recognized as the second official language under TDP's governance and that Waqf properties were safeguarded.

CM Chandrababu further mentioned that Urdu universities were established in Hyderabad and Kurnool, while Haj Houses were built in Hyderabad, Kurnool, and Vijayawada to facilitate Haj pilgrims. He emphasized that TDP has consistently supported Imams and Mauzams, along with providing festival gifts (Tofa) during Ramzan. This year, the government has allocated ₹1,300 crore for minority welfare, significantly higher than previous budgets.

Expressing his joy at attending the Iftar banquet, CM Chandrababu extended his Ramzan greetings to all and shared that he has participated in these celebrations for the past 40 years. He praised the community for their charity and religious discipline during the holy month, stating that the Quran teaches the importance of helping the less fortunate.

Minority Welfare Minister N.M.D. Farooq and several dignitaries attended the event. Earlier, CM Chandrababu joined Muslim brothers in offering Namaz, reinforcing his message of communal harmony and inclusive governance.

Vision 2047: Minister Narayana Outlines AP's Development Goals

Minister Narayana attends as Chief Guest

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Narayana participated as the chief guest at the Swarnandhra 2047 conference held at the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) in Vijayawada. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized that the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, is working with a long-term vision to make Andhra Pradesh a leader in all sectors by 2047.

Minister Narayana stated that Vision 2047 is a comprehensive strategy formulated to ensure balanced development across urban and rural areas. He reaffirmed that one of the primary objectives is to make Andhra Pradesh's cities slum-free by 2047, improving the quality of life for all residents. Amaravati, he said, is not just an infrastructure project but a well-planned initiative to provide high living standards and serve as a model for urban development in India.

The minister emphasized the im-



portance of central government support for urban infrastructure and highlighted the need for dedicated budget allocations for urban development. He noted that the state government is preparing detailed plans to utilize central funds efficiently for town and city development.

Calling upon planners and architects, Minister Narayana urged them to contribute actively by leveraging financial resources and

adopting innovative urban planning methods. He reiterated that Vision 2047 aligns with the national agenda of Vikasit Bharat and is aimed at transforming Andhra Pradesh into a progressive and well-planned state. He concluded by stating that by the time India celebrates its 100th year of independence, Andhra Pradesh will have emerged as a model for comprehensive and sustainable development, ensuring prosperity for all its citizens.

Central Govt Sanctions ₹97.52 Crore for Suryalanka Beach Development



TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

In a major boost to Andhra Pradesh's tourism sector, the central government has sanctioned ₹97.52 crore for the development of Suryalanka Beach under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme 2.0. Andhra Pradesh Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh

made the announcement on Thursday, expressing his gratitude to the Centre for its support.

Minister Durgesh stated that the funds will be utilized to transform Suryalanka Beach into a world-class tourist destination with modern infrastructure and upgraded amenities. He recalled his recent

meeting with Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in New Delhi, where he had requested financial assistance for the project. The Suryalanka Project will introduce new features and enhanced facilities to attract more visitors. Minister Durgesh assured that the beach will be maintained as a clean and eco-friendly destination, with improved accessibility and visitor services. He expressed special gratitude to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan for their commitment to boosting Andhra Pradesh's tourism industry.

The Tourism Minister also congratulated Tourism Secretary Ajay Jain, MD Amrapali Kata, and other officials for their efforts in advancing the state's tourism potential. He affirmed that the government will continue working towards developing Andhra Pradesh into a top tourism hub in the country.

YS Jagan...

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He alleged that after the TDP-led coalition came to power, bulldozers were used to demolish the temple under official directives, with the District Collector and RDO supervising the operation. Jagan accused CM Chandrababu Naidu's administration of attacking Hindu religious sites and questioned why Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, who oversees the forest department, remained silent on the issue.

Jagan also linked the alleged negligence to other incidents, including the Tirumala laddu controversy and the TTD stampede, claiming they tarnished the sanctity of temples under the new government's rule. He criticized Pawan Kalyan for supervising the temple's demolition but later portraying himself as a protector of Hindu Dharma.

Jagan ended his statement by demanding accountability from the Deputy CM and the state government, urging them to clarify their stance on temple protection.

CM Visits...

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He emphasized that had the TDP won in 2019, the project would have been completed much earlier.

The CM highlighted that his government had already deposited Rs. 1,000 crore into the accounts of displaced families and is now preparing to release an additional Rs. 6,270 crore for relief, rehabilitation, and land acquisition. He assured that middlemen and corruption would not be tolerated in the compensation process.

During his visit, Naidu inspected key components of the project, including the Diaphragm Wall, Upper and Lower Cofferdams, and reviewed the work undertaken at a cost of Rs. 990 crore. He directed officials to complete both construction and rehabilitation simultaneously, ensuring that tribal communities affected by the project receive fair compensation.

Accompanied by Ministers Nimmala Ramanaidu and Nadendla Manohar, CM Chandrababu reiterated his commitment to accelerating Polavaram's progress, making up for the stalled work during the previous administra-

Pastor Praveen Kumar's...

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East Godavari district, for a Christian gathering on Monday evening. The next morning, a constable found his body near Konthamuru, Rajahmundry. Though initially treated as an accident, police registered a case of suspicious death after objections from family members and Christian groups.

Protests erupted at Rajahmundry GGH, with Christian leaders demanding justice before allowing the post-mortem. After discussions with the police, the autopsy was conducted in the presence of family members. The body was later transported to Hyderabad, despite fresh protests attempting to halt it.

CM Chandrababu Naidu directed the police to investigate from all angles, discussing the case personally with DGP Harish Kumar Gupta. Minister Nara Lokesh also assured a full-scale inquiry.

Home Minister Anitha emphasized a transparent investigation, stating that Kovvur DSP is leading the probe. She confirmed that CCTV footage and other evidence are being analyzed, including whether the accident was intentional. Former CM YS Jagan demanded an impartial inquiry, expressing condolences to Praveen's family. East Godavari SP D. Narasimha Kishore revealed that a special team comprising two DSPs and two CIs is investigating the case. CCTV footage showed Praveen's bike crossing the Kovvur toll plaza at 11:31 PM on the 24th, followed by five vehicles, including a car, near the incident site at 11:42 PM. Forensic analysis is ongoing.

MLA Pantham Nanaji's Strategy Deals a Blow to YSRCP in Kakinada Rural

- Pantham Nanaji's Political Masterstroke
- Jana Sena secures Kakinada Rural MPP post
- Seven YCP MPTCs shift allegiance, causing a major upset
- Former YCP ministers suffer political setback
- Growing Strength of Janasena



TPN K.S SEKHAR | Kakinada

In a major political shift, Kakinada Rural MLA Pantham Nanaji has once again proved his dominance by securing the MPP seat for Jana Sena in a surprising turn of events. The recent unanimous election of the MPP has further weakened the YSRCP's hold in the region, dealing a severe setback to former ministers Kurasala Kannababu and Dwarampudi Chandrasekhar. During the 2021 local body elections, YSRCP had a clear majority across the state. However, the political landscape has significantly changed following the NDA alliance's success in the general elections. As a result, seven

YSRCP MPTCs in Kakinada Rural shifted their support to Jana Sena, while eight remained with YSRCP. When the MPP election was held, the YSRCP MPTCs were absent, allowing Jana Sena's Anantha Lakshmi to be elected unanimously with the support of TDP MPTCs. The Returning Officer officially announced the result, marking a significant win for Jana Sena. Though the MPP election may not hold the same weight as MLA or MP elections, Pantham Nanaji displayed sharp political acumen, ensuring that YSRCP leaders were caught off guard. His strategy, which some consider a well-executed political maneuver, has left the opposition in disarray. The

failure of YSRCP leaders to retain their MPTCs has exposed cracks in their leadership, especially for strongmen like Kannababu and Chandrasekhar, who now face an uphill battle to reclaim lost ground. This development has sent strong signals about Jana Sena's rising influence in Kakinada district. With speculations that more MPTCs may switch allegiance to Jana Sena, the party appears to be gaining a decisive edge in the region. Political analysts suggest that if this trend continues, YSRCP's presence in Kakinada Rural will further weaken, while MLA Pantham Nanaji's influence continues to grow.

MLA Kolikapudi Demands Action Against Former MC Chairman Alwal Ramesh Reddy

MLA Kolikapudi threatens resignation if action is not taken



TPN Correspondent | Thiruvur

Thiruvur MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao has issued a strong ultimatum to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) high command, demanding action against former Municipal Chairman Alwal Ramesh Reddy for allegedly making indecent remarks toward a tribal woman. Addressing the issue publicly, Kolikapudi stated that if the party leadership does not act within 48 hours, he will resign from his position. "Even if I remain silent, this matter is serious news," he asserted, questioning why no disciplinary measures had been taken against Ramesh Reddy despite his unacceptable behavior. Kolikapudi alleged that Ramesh Reddy made derogatory comments when a young woman approached him for a loan, bringing shame to society. Further intensifying his attack, the MLA accused Ramesh Reddy of falsely claiming to have provided

four tractors worth ₹50 lakh to a leader in Vijayawada MP Chinni's office. "Upon inquiry, I found that he had given only one tractor. The truth must be brought to light," he said. Kolikapudi recalled the support he received from tribal villages when he first stepped into the Thiruvur constituency and expressed shock at the indecent behavior towards a tribal woman. He demanded immediate suspension of Ramesh Reddy from the party, stating that such actions should not be tolerated. Challenging critics, he asked, "Do you have the courage to write the name of the leader of the soil in Gopalapuram?" His remarks indicate his firm stance on ensuring accountability within the party. The MLA's ultimatum has now put pressure on the TDP leadership to respond. The next 48 hours will be crucial in determining whether the party will take action against Ramesh Reddy or face internal unrest.

People of AP Regain Freedom After Five Years - Nara Bhuvaneshwari



TPN Correspondent | Kuppam

Nara Bhuvaneshwari stated that the people of Andhra Pradesh have regained their freedom after five years

- Nara Bhuvaneshwari's tour of Kuppam constituency
- Emphasized Chandrababu Naidu's governance capabilities
- Encouraged women's empowerment through self-reliance

and that the coalition government will work for everyone's well-being. She asserted that industrialists are now eager to invest in the state due to their trust in Chandrababu Naidu's leadership. On the second day of her tour in Kuppam constituency, she visited Model Colony, Krishnadasapalli, and Jarugu villages, where she reviewed ongoing development works. She also interacted with women in face-to-face programs, urging them to believe in themselves and take bold steps forward. She reassured people that Chandrababu Naidu always fulfills his promises, unlike others who make impossible commitments just for elections. She called for patience, assuring that welfare schemes will reach all de-

serving individuals. Highlighting the government's development agenda, she mentioned the completion of Polavaram and the provision of safe drinking water through tap connections. She also emphasized that Handri-Neeva will be completed soon to resolve water issues in Kuppam. Addressing women, Bhuvaneshwari extended Ugadi and Ramzan greetings and praised their leadership in families and businesses. She credited Chandrababu Naidu for establishing DWCRAs groups, which have financially empowered women, making them independent in handling bank transactions. She encouraged women to prioritize self-sufficiency and invest their earnings in their growth, urging them to embrace financial independence with confidence.

Vidadala Rajani Faces Legal Battle in AP High Court



- Corruption allegations linked to Rs. 2.2 crore bribe
- High Court denies interim relief, ACB to file counter
- Hearing adjourned to April 2nd

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Thursday adjourned the hearing on former minister and YSRCP leader Vidadala Rajani's anticipatory bail petition in a corruption case. The court refused to grant interim relief and directed the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) to submit a counter before the next hearing on April 2. The ACB recently registered a case against Rajani, suspended IPS officer Palle Joshua, and two others. They are accused of collecting Rs. 2.2 crore from Sri Lakshmi Balaji Stone Crushers

in Palnadu district during the previous YSRCP government. The complaint, filed by company partner Nallapaneni Chalapati Rao, alleges that Rajani and Joshua initially demanded Rs. 5 crore, eventually settling for Rs. 2 crore, with Joshua and Rajani's husband, Vidadala Gopi, allegedly taking an additional Rs. 10 lakh each. Rajani has denied the allegations, calling them politically motivated. She accused the TDP-led government of targeting her and claimed that MP Lavu Sri Krishna Devaraya, who left YSRCP before the 2024 elections, fabricated the case out of personal bias.

MLA Bhuma Akhila Priya Stages Dharna at Sakshi Office

TPN Correspondent | Kurnool

Allagadda MLA Bhuma Akhila Priya staged a dharna at the Sakshi office in Dinnevevarapadu, Kallur mandal, on Thursday, accusing the media outlet of publishing false reports against her. She alleged that Sakshi was misleading the public by claiming she was collecting money from chicken centers and traders. Expressing her outrage, Akhila Priya announced her intent to file a defamation case against Sakshi's management. "They are spreading baseless allegations against me. I will take legal action to expose their false reporting," she asserted. In a separate devel-

opment, Akhila Priya also criticized the YSRCP government's handling of the "Let's Play in the Name of Andhra" initiative. She alleged that despite claims of spending ₹120 crore on the event, athletes did not receive adequate support. She further claimed that ₹35 crore was spent solely on publicity, while cash incentives for winning players remained unpaid. Additionally, she accused the former government of misusing funds during the closing ceremony held in Visakhapatnam. Akhila Priya's protest and corruption allegations have sparked political discussions, with further legal action expected in the coming days.



Ramesh Reddy Responds to Allegations, Accuses MLA Kolikapudi of Extortion

TPN Correspondent | NTR Dist

TDP leader and former Municipal Chairman Alwal Ramesh Reddy has responded to the allegations made against him by MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao. Addressing the media from his residence in Repudi village, E Konduru mandal, Ramesh Reddy strongly denied the accusations and alleged that Kolikapudi had sought financial favors from him during elections. "The MLA asked me for ₹50 lakh during the elections. Along with my friends, we pooled the amount and gave it to him. After he won, he assured me of work in E Konduru mandal and later demanded ₹2 crore. Because I couldn't meet his financial expectations, he is now making false allegations against me," Ramesh Reddy stated. Defending his record, he emphasized his



long-standing association with the TDP. "I have worked tirelessly for the party for 30 years. Now, I am being targeted with baseless accusations and harassment. Have any cases been officially filed against me by any ST woman? These are false claims being used against me," he asserted. Refuting the allegations related to an audio recording, Ramesh Reddy called it a conspiracy to defame him. "I have nothing to do with the audio clip being circulated. This is a deliberate attempt to frame me," he alleged. He further questioned MLA Kolikapudi's ac-

tions, stating, "Is it fair to mislead women from Kudapa village, bring them to the MLA's office with promises of loans and sewing machines, and pay them ₹300 as wages?" Ramesh Reddy also claimed that Vijayawada MP Kesineni Chinini advised him not to take any hasty decisions and assured him of the party's support. With both leaders making serious allegations against each other, the situation has escalated into a major controversy within the TDP. It remains to be seen how the party leadership will handle this internal crisis.



Absence of Nettem Raghuram at Jaggayyapet Event Raises Questions

Senior leader Nettem Raghuram missing from key event
Speculations arise over lack of invitation and recognition
Party cadre questions treatment of senior leaders

TPN VVS Madhu Babu | NTR Dist
The absence of NTR District Telugu Desam Party (TDP) President and former minister Nettem Raghuram at a significant event in Jaggayyapet has sparked widespread discussion within party circles. The event, attended by State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha, DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, local MLAs Sriram Rajagopal (Tataiah) and Thangirala Soumya, as well as Municipal Chairman Rangapuram Raghavendra Rao, was a major political gathering. However, Raghuram, a key leader known for his contributions to the party's victories in the district, was notably absent from both the stage and the invitation list. Nettem Raghuram, a close associate of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu

Naidu, has played a crucial role in strengthening the TDP at the district level. His absence at such a high-profile event has led to several speculations. Party members are questioning whether he was deliberately sidelined or if there was an oversight in communication from the Home Minister's or local MLA's offices. Sources within the party indicate that Raghuram was not formally invited, raising concerns over the lack of respect for senior leadership within the district. Some party workers feel that this incident highlights a growing internal issue, where experienced leaders are being overlooked. They argue that even the municipal chairman was given recognition, yet a senior leader like Raghuram was

excluded. The situation has led to internal discussions among party members, with many expressing disappointment over the treatment of senior figures. They believe that sidelining leaders who have contributed significantly to the party's growth could create dissatisfaction among the cadre. The absence of Raghuram from CCTV footage of the event further confirms that he was not present, strengthening the belief that he may have been intentionally left out. Political analysts suggest that such incidents could impact party unity ahead of upcoming political battles. Many within the TDP are now awaiting a response from the leadership to clarify whether this was a



mere oversight or a deeper issue that needs to be addressed. The coming days will determine how the party handles this controversy and whether steps will be taken to prevent such situations in the future.

Drone Surveillance Strengthened in Gudivada

TPN Correspondent | Gudivada
As per the directives of Krishna District SP R. Gangadhar Rao, IPS, drone-based policing was conducted in Gudivada under the supervision of Gudivada DSP Dheeraj Vinil. The operation, led by Gudivada Rural CI SLR Someswara Rao and SI N. Chantibabu, focused on Titco House and surrounding areas. During the surveillance, three individuals were caught consuming alcohol in public, leading to their immediate detention and case registration. Officials have announced that drone monitoring will continue in the region, alongside regular police patrolling, to curb illegal activities. Authorities have warned that strict action will be taken against anyone found engaging in unlawful acts in the TIDCO housing areas.



Palle Nidra Strengthens Trust in Police System: SP R. Gangadhara Rao

TPN Correspondent | Krishna Dist
Krishna District SP R. Gangadhara Rao, IPS emphasized that the Palle Nidra program is aimed at increasing public trust in the police system and ensuring a peaceful environment in villages. As part of this initiative, he conducted Palle Nidra at MPUP School, Malleswaram village, under Bantumilli police station limits. The SP personally interacted with villagers, listened to their concerns, and explained the role of the police in ensuring law and order. He urged people to stay united, avoid conflicts, and focus on the development of their villages rather than political disputes. The Palle Nidra initiative brings police services closer to the people and helps in strengthening peace and security in rural areas. The program also provides a platform for discussing crime awareness and problem-solving at the village level. SP Gangadhara Rao stated that the program would help monitor problematic villages more effectively and allow the police to take proactive measures to maintain law and order. He reassured people that the police are committed to their safety and protection and encouraged them to use police services without fear. The event witnessed active participation from Bandar DSP Ch. Raja, police officers, villagers, youth, and women, who shared their thoughts on community safety. The District SP called for extending Palle Nidra to every mandal, urging cooperation between police and villagers to create a crime-free society.



Massive Irregularities in Employment Guarantee Works ₹8.30 lakh recovered for irregularities

TPN Correspondent | NTR Dist
A social inspection survey conducted in Penuganchiprol mandal has revealed large-scale irregularities in employment guarantee works. Officials from the Mandal Parishad Office, including Dwama PD Ramu, APD Parthasarathi, and Vigilance Officer Balaji, conducted a village-wide review of the survey findings. During the review, officials stated that ₹14.79 crores were spent on 1,852 works in 15 villages during 2023-24. However, survey staff found several irregularities, such as payments for incomplete works, measurement

discrepancies, errors in master registration, and issuance of multiple job cards to the same household. Most complaints were received from Anigandlapadu and Nawabupet, leading to the suspension of Anigandlapadu SA. Officials confirmed that ₹8.30 lakh has been recovered due to irregularities, and an inquiry has been ordered into works worth ₹10 lakh due to missing or improper records. Additionally, a fine of ₹47,000 was imposed on FAs in the mandal. The review meeting was attended by MPP Markapudi Gandhi, Vice FAs, mates, and workers.

NDA Alliance Candidates Secure Vice President Posts in Gannavaram By-Elections

TPN Correspondent | Gannavaram
By-elections for the Vice President posts, which fell vacant due to various reasons, were conducted today in Gannavaram constituency under the supervision of the State Election Commission. In these elections, Addepalli Sambasiva Nagaraju was unanimously elected as Vice President of Ramavarappadu Gram Panchayat, Vijayawada Rural Mandal, and Mareedu Usharani was unanimously elected as Vice President of Pedda Avutapalli Gram Panchayat, Ungutur Mandal. Following their victory, both leaders met Andhra Pradesh Government Whip and Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao at his camp office and expressed their gratitude for his support. On this occasion, TDP committee leaders, activists, and supporters from the respective villages expressed their happiness over the

election of committed and disciplined leaders. They also briefed Yarlagadda Venkat Rao about the election process. Congratulating the newly elected leaders, Yarlagadda Venkat Rao advised them to work diligently in addressing public issues and ensure effective governance at the village level. The event witnessed a large gathering of TDP leaders, activists, and supporters from Vijayawada Rural Mandal, Ramavarappadu Village, and Ungutur Mandal, Pedda Avutapalli Village, who thanked Yarlagadda Venkat Rao for his guidance and support in the elections.



YS Sharmila Demands Fast-Track Probe into Pastor Praveen Death

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APCC Chief YS Sharmila Reddy has raised serious concerns over the death of Pastor Praveen Pagdala, stating that it was not a road accident but a well-planned murder. She pointed out that evidence found at the scene strongly indicates foul play, reinforcing suspicions among family members and the Christian community. Addressing the media, YS Sharmila questioned the circumstances surrounding Praveen Pagdala's death and emphasized that the incident cannot be dismissed as an accident. She asserted that a thorough and immediate fast-track investigation is necessary to reveal the true facts behind his death. She further stated that the brutal nature of this incident has deeply hurt the Christian community in both Telugu states. Expressing solidarity with Praveen Pagdala's family, she called upon the state government to take swift action in ensuring justice. YS Sharmila urged law enforcement agencies to conduct a fair and transparent investigation and assured that she would stand by the victim's family in their pursuit of justice. She emphasized that such incidents should not be ignored and that authorities must take strict measures to prevent similar tragedies in the future. The demand for a thorough inquiry continues to grow, with Christian organizations and social groups also seeking answers regarding the suspicious circumstances of Praveen's death. The response from the government and police authorities will be crucial in addressing these concerns.



Future of Rajiv Gandhi Vegetable Market in Uncertainty

Rajiv Gandhi Vegetable Market faces eviction threat
Railway Department issues notices,
but Corporation continues rent collection
Traders allege blackmail by municipal officials
Traders Seek Alternative Solutions



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The Rajiv Gandhi Vegetable Market in Vijayawada, the largest of its kind in South India, is facing an uncertain future. The market, which serves as a hub for vegetable imports and exports, operates on land belonging to the Railway Department. However, for the past 30 years, the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation has been collecting rent from traders despite having no ownership over the land. With the Railway Department now issuing notices to vacate the premises, traders are caught in a difficult situation. Each shop owner has reportedly paid between ₹30 to ₹40 lakhs in rent to the Corporation over the years. Despite the eviction notices, municipal officials are allegedly pressuring traders to continue paying rent, even threatening shop seizures for non-payment. There are 56 shops operating in the mar-

ket, and traders claim they have not received any facilities from the municipality. In response to the uncertainty, they have formed a committee and are in the process of acquiring five acres of land to construct a new market. The traders have requested a two-month extension from the Railway Department to facilitate the transition. Traders are questioning the validity of the agreement between the district collector, municipal commissioner, and Railway Department regarding the rent collection. When asked about the legal basis for the rent, officials reportedly pass the responsibility from one department to another without clear answers. With traders demanding transparency and a fair resolution, the future of Rajiv Gandhi Vegetable Market remains in limbo, raising concerns over its impact on Vijayawada's vegetable supply chain.



CM Chandrababu Assures Justice to Polavaram Displaced Families

- Investigation into removal of displaced persons' names
- Polavaram project would have been completed if TDP was in power
- Water release only after full compensation – CM Chandrababu

TPN Correspondent | Polavaram

Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu assured that the government will investigate the allegations regarding the removal of names from the list of displaced persons of the Polavaram project. The CM visited Polavaram on Thursday to inspect the project works and interacted with the displaced families. He was accorded a grand welcome by state ministers, public representatives, and officials. CM Chandrababu conducted an aerial survey of the project before meeting the displaced families. He reminded them of the sacrifices made by tribals and farmers who gave up their lands for the project. He pointed out that initial compensation was very low and accused the previous YSRCP government of neglecting the affected people. He recalled that Jagan Mohan Reddy, while in opposition, had promised ₹10 lakh compensation but failed to provide any financial support after coming to power. The CM blamed the delay in construction on the previous government, stating that if TDP had remained in power in 2019, Polavaram would have been completed by



now. He highlighted that due to the delay, costs have escalated significantly. He assured that the rehabilitation process will be completed by 2027, and water will be released from the project only after compensation is fully disbursed. Emphasizing transparency, CM Chandrababu stated that there will be no middlemen or corruption in compensation distribution. He credited the coalition

government with directly transferring ₹829 crore to the accounts of displaced families. He also announced additional financial aid of ₹75,000 for tribal families for house construction. Calling Polavaram the lifeline of Andhra Pradesh, the CM reaffirmed his commitment to improving the livelihoods of displaced families and ensuring their rehabilitation with dignity.



Home Minister Anitha Launches 500 CC Cameras in Jaggayyapeta

TPN Correspondent | Jaggayyapeta

Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha launched 500 CC cameras in Jaggayyapeta constituency, marking a significant step toward improving security. The event, held at B Convention in Jaggayyapeta, witnessed the presence of DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, local MLA Sriram Rajagopal (Tataiah), and Nandigama MLA Tangirala Soumya. The ceremony commenced with the dignitaries lighting the lamp, followed by the launch of a promo video showcasing the CC camera project. Additionally, a book related to the POCSO Act was unveiled by Home Minister Anitha, Vijayawada CP, and the constituency MLA, emphasizing the government's commitment to child protection laws. Addressing the gathering, Home Minister Anitha expressed pride in the installation of 500 CC cameras in Jaggayyapeta, highlighting that such a large-scale initiative is unique in the state. She commended MLA Sriram Rajagopal (Tataiah) for his efforts in making the project a reality and assured that similar measures would be taken in her own constituency. The event was attended by Municipal Chairman Rangapuram Raghavendra Rao, alliance leaders, police officials, and staff, who expressed their support for the initiative aimed at strengthening law enforcement and public safety.



MLA Gondu Shankar Participates in Iftar Feast in Srikakulam

TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam

Srikakulam MLA Gondu Shankar participated in the Iftar feast organized in Indiranagar Colony, Srikakulam town, emphasizing the unity and religious harmony of India. The MLA joined the holy prayers (Namaz) with Muslim brothers and later shared the Iftar meal with them. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Shankar highlighted that India is a nation that respects all religions, and every community is given a place of honor and reverence. He praised the devotion, discipline, and faith of the Muslim community during

the holy month of Ramzan, stating that their dedication to prayer and fasting is a symbol of spiritual commitment and peace. The MLA further stated that faith in God, irrespective of religion, guides individuals on the right path. He expressed his happiness in being part of such a sacred gathering and assured continued support for the welfare and development of all religious communities. Local leaders, activists, and members of the Muslim community participated in the event, which reflected the spirit of unity and brotherhood in Srikakulam.

Govt Reconstitutes District Level Assignment Review Committee

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The Andhra Pradesh government has reconstituted the District Level Assignment Review Committee, superseding previous government orders. Special Chief Secretary to the Government, R.P. Sisodia, issued the new orders following a proposal from the Special Chief Secretary & Chief Commissioner of Land Administration. As per the new structure, the District In-charge Minister will chair the committee, which will also include the Concerned District Minister(s), Joint Collector (as Member-Convenor), MLCs of the constituency, the MLA of the concerned Assembly Constituency, and the RDO/Sub-Collector. Special invitees may be included when necessary. The committee's primary responsibility is to review and assign vacant government lands and ceiling surplus lands to eligible landless poor individuals for agricultural use. Additionally, it will



assess land assignments under the Ex-Servicemen Category, ensuring fair and transparent allocation. R.P. Sisodia has instructed the Special Chief Secretary & Chief Commissioner of Land Administration and all District Collectors to implement these orders effectively.



13-Year Dream Fulfilled: Kovur Sugar Factory Workers Get Justice

TPN Correspondent | Nellore

Kovur MLA Prashanti Reddy has succeeded in securing justice for the workers of Kovur Sugar Factory, who have been struggling for their dues for over 13 years. Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu responded positively to her appeal and approved the payment of ₹28 crore to the factory workers. Additionally, 124 acres of land have been handed over to APIIC for the establishment of industries, creating new job opportunities for the youth.

The Kovur Cooperative Sugar Factory was established in 1979 and operated until 2013, supporting thousands of workers and sugarcane farmers. However, it was shut down due to financial difficulties, leaving hundreds of workers unpaid and struggling for survival. Many of them have since passed away, while others have been living in severe distress.

During her 2024 election campaign, MLA Prashanti Reddy made a firm commitment to resolve the long-standing issue. She consistently raised the workers' plight in the Assembly and met with them multiple times, urging the government to take action. She, along with MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy, brought this issue to CM Chandrababu Naidu's attention during election meetings and later in the Collectors' Review Meeting. Responding to these appeals, CM Chandrababu ordered the release of ₹28 crore to the workers and directed that 124 acres be allocated to APIIC to establish industries, ensuring long-term employment opportunities. This decision has brought relief to 466 families, and celebrations have erupted across the Kovur constituency. On behalf of the workers, MLA Prashanti Reddy expressed heartfelt gratitude to CM Chandrababu Naidu. She reaffirmed her commitment to fulfilling all promises made to the people and emphasized that the TDP-led government is truly a people's government.

Sura Suresh Elected as YSRCP Youth President of Srikalahasti

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On the occasion of Sura Suresh's election as the YSRCP Youth President of Srikalahasti constituency, YSRCP senior leader Anjuru Taraka Srinivas and his associates felicitated him in a grand event. Several prominent YSRCP leaders and well-wishers participated in the program, extending their congratulations and support to Sura Suresh in his new role.



The felicitation ceremony witnessed the presence of several influential leaders, including former temple board members Sadhanumna Royal, Bullet Jayashyam, and former councilor Uttaradi Saravana Kumar. Other key party members, such as Kanta Uday Kumar, Kolluru Harinath, Mogarala Ganesh, M.R. Murali Yadav, My-nampati Mastan, Veluru Ramesh, Dhana, Kalyan, Muni Kumar, Prasad, Eshwar Sai, Manoj, and Chinna, also attended the event, marking their solidarity with the newly elected youth president. Speaking at the gathering, YSRCP senior leader Anjuru Taraka Srinivas praised Sura Suresh's dedication and commitment to the party. He emphasized the crucial role of youth leadership in strengthening the party and working to-

wards the development of the constituency. He expressed confidence that Sura Suresh would continue to uphold the party's values and work towards the welfare of the people in Srikalahasti. In his address, Sura Suresh thanked YSRCP leaders, supporters, and well-wishers for their encouragement. He assured that he would work tirelessly to strengthen the party at the grassroots level, engage with the youth, and contribute to the overall progress of Srikalahasti. The event concluded on a positive note, with leaders and party workers pledging their support to the newly elected YSRCP Youth President, reaffirming their commitment to the party's vision and leadership.

Ram Charan's Birthday Celebrated in Tuni with Grand Festivities



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Mega Power Star Ram Charan's birthday was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Tuni town on Thursday. Fans of the star gathered to express their happiness, especially as the teaser of his upcoming movie "Peddi" was released on the same day. Marking the occasion, fans cut a cake and distributed sweets while wishing for the success of the film. The celebrations saw the active partic-

ipation of Jana Sena Party leaders, including Constituency Coordinator Chodiseti Ganesh, Dantuluri Srinivasaraju, Koduri Suresh, and Jana Sena leaders Shiva and Venky. As part of the birthday festivities, mega fans also distributed food to the poor, making the event even more meaningful. The celebrations reflected the strong admiration and love that fans have for Ram Charan, showcasing the unity and enthusiasm of the Mega fan community.

Alcohol Sales: More Coffers for Government, More Coffins for Public

Millions of Indians are grappling with severe health issues linked to alcohol consumption, including cirrhosis, cancer, neurological disorders, heart disease, and alarming rates of premature deaths. These health crises not only cause emotional and financial distress for families but also hinder societal progress and national development. The economic burden of alcohol-related healthcare costs is immense, straining both families and the nation. State governments must shift their focus from short-term revenue gains to prioritizing public health and long-term well-being. A prosperous nation depends on a healthy population, making public welfare more critical than government profits. Investing in public health initiatives and addressing alcohol-related issues can foster a healthier society and sustainable national development.

Public Health vs. Revenue: While increasing liquor production and sales may temporarily boost state revenue, it leads to long-term public health crises. Greater alcohol availability correlates with rising healthcare costs as communities face addiction, domestic violence, crime, and other social issues. The short-term financial benefits of alcohol sales are ultimately outweighed by the societal harm. Policymakers must balance revenue generation with the well-being of the population. **Statesmanship Over Profit Motive:** Political leaders must prioritize public welfare over financial gains. Although bold decisions may carry political risks, they pave the way for a healthier future. Governments should develop sustainable revenue models that do not depend on alcohol sales. Restricting alcohol production

The British government used bullets to kill our people; we shouldn't use alcohol bottles to do the same.

Families living below the poverty line and those in economically disadvantaged groups are being devastated by alcoholism.

It is impossible to eradicate poverty and advance economic growth without controlling the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.

The government should not promote increased sales merely to boost revenue at the expense of people's lives.

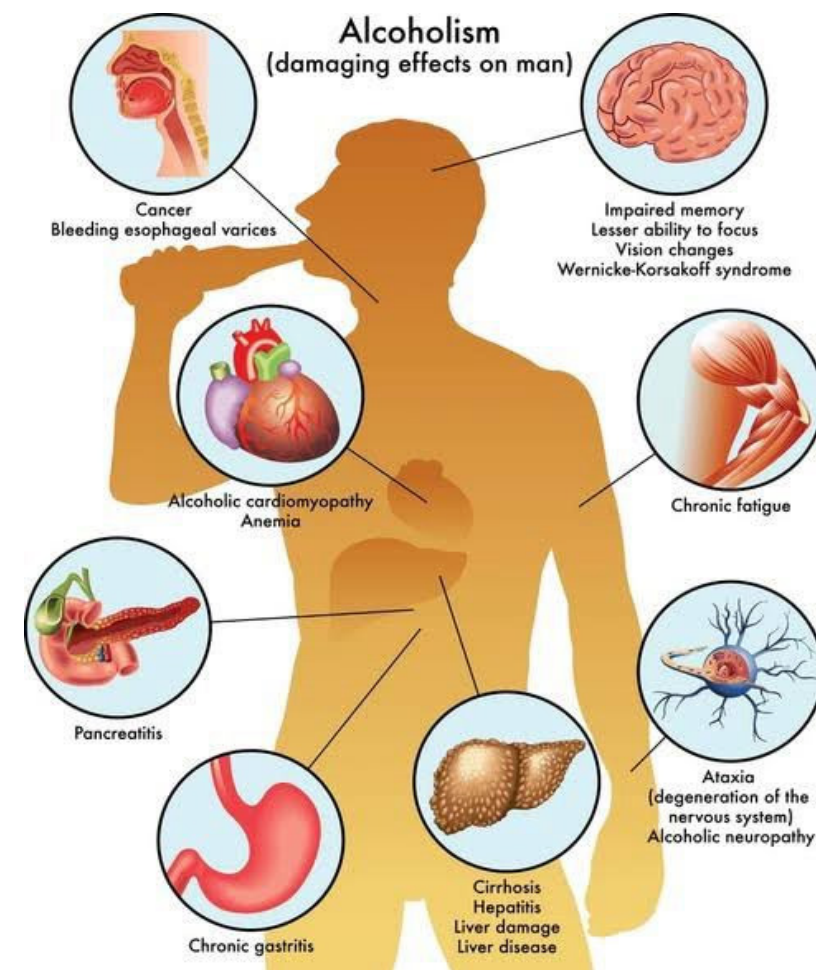
The ill health, absenteeism, and untimely death of a family's breadwinner due to alcoholism leads to a tragic situation that ultimately destroys that family.

There is no greater sin in the world than this.

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and sales can improve public health and social well-being. Countries like the UAE and Indian states such as Gujarat and Bihar have successfully imposed strict regulations on alcohol while fostering economic growth through alternative industries like tourism, technology, and manufacturing. Andhra Pradesh should enforce regulations while encouraging alternative economic opportunities. **Regulation and Accountability:** Stricter regulations can curb excessive alcohol consumption. Implementing Aadhaar verification for alcohol purchases can help monitor and control consumption. Rather

than enforcing outright prohibition—which may encourage illegal sales—a regulated approach with stricter licensing criteria and reduced retail outlets can significantly lower alcohol consumption. Responsible policies can create a balanced framework prioritizing public health and safety. **Eliminating Freebies for Alcohol Consumers:** Alcohol consumers should not qualify for government welfare programs intended for the needy. Many families suffer when welfare recipients prioritize alcohol over essentials like food, healthcare, and education. Implementing an Aadhaar-linked tracking system to monitor li-



quor purchases can prevent welfare misuse. Initial implementation in urban areas can set the stage for broader rural adoption. Public awareness campaigns must educate citizens about the financial and social consequences of alcohol misuse. **Exploring Alternative Revenue Sources:** Many countries have successfully restricted alcohol while diversifying their economies. Indian states should adopt similar models, investing in sectors such as tourism, technology, and manufacturing rather than relying on alcohol revenue. This approach promotes long-term economic stability and benefits commu-

nicities. **Contradiction in Policies:** The government's promotion of alcohol sales creates a paradox: while it profits from liquor sales, it simultaneously funds healthcare for alcohol-induced illnesses. This contradiction highlights a lack of coherent public policy. Instead of addressing alcohol-related health crises reactively, governments should invest in prevention through awareness campaigns and education programs promoting healthier lifestyles. A preventive approach can reduce healthcare burdens and create a healthier society.

A Balanced Approach: If prohibition is not feasible, alternative measures can help curb alcohol consumption:

- Imposing higher taxes on alcohol.
- Restricting liquor licenses and reducing retail outlets.
- Regulating alcohol advertising to limit its influence.
- Encouraging economic alternatives to alcohol revenue.

Governments must move beyond short-term financial gains and embrace long-term strategies prioritizing public health. Restricting alcohol sales, enforcing strict regulations, and promoting alternative revenue sources can create a healthier, more prosperous society. Strong leadership and a commitment to public welfare can ensure sustainable development while reducing the devastating consequences of alcohol consumption.



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Can the Real BRICS+ Please Stand Up?

For decades, the Western-led global order has dictated the rules of the game, often sidelining emerging economies despite their growing economic influence. However, with cracks forming in the transatlantic alliance and a shifting global balance of power, the BRICS+ bloc finds itself at a critical juncture. Will it finally step up as a geopolitical force, or will it remain an economic powerhouse with little political clout?

The West in Disarray—A Perfect Opening for BRICS+?

The U.S. decision to exclude Europe from peace talks with Russia over Ukraine stunned the continent, exposing a brutal truth—Europe had taken transatlantic unity for granted, assuming the U.S. would always have its back. When Trump doubled down, he not only praised Putin but pushed Ukraine towards a ceasefire, leaving European leaders scrambling. The European Parliament labeled this move “blackmail,” with even far-right lawmakers—usually Trump’s biggest supporters—condemning it. This disarray presents an opportunity for BRICS+. The bloc, which expanded to ten members last year, has long been perceived as an alternative to Western dominance. Contrary to the West’s portrayal of BRICS as an anti-Western alliance, the group isn’t trying to dismantle the current order—it merely seeks a fair seat at the table. In its Kazan summit, BRICS didn’t demand the de-

struction of the Bretton Woods system but advocated for reforms that would make global finance more inclusive.

Yet, while BRICS+ has economic muscle, its political impact remains questionable. With the West fumbling, will BRICS seize the moment, or will it let another opportunity slip through its fingers?

BRICS+ By the Numbers—An Economic Powerhouse

Despite its political inertia, BRICS+ is an economic giant. It represents 3.6 billion people—nearly 47% of the global population. It accounts for 36% of global GDP at purchasing power parity (PPP), surpassing the G7’s 30%. By 2050, projections indicate BRICS+ will control half of global wealth production, while the G7’s share will shrink to 20%.

The bloc also dominates global trade, industrial production, and resource control:

- 38.3% of global industrial output
- 25% of global goods exports
- Nearly 40% of global infrastructure investments
- 54% of global oil production, 53% of natural gas reserves, and 40% of coal reserves
- Nearly 50% of global food production

Yet, despite these staggering figures, BRICS+ still struggles to assert itself in global institutions dominated by the West. It talks about reducing dependence on the IMF and World



Bank, yet lacks decisive action. **Bold Talk, Weak Action**

Russia’s Finance Minister Anton Siluanov recently proposed a BRICS alternative to the IMF and World Bank, complete with its own rating agency and commodities exchange. Yet, other BRICS+ members responded with ambiguity. While the bloc has its own New Development Bank (NDB) and has taken steps toward de-dollarisation, its commitment wavers under Western pressure. When Trump pushed back against de-dollarisation, BRICS nations quickly softened their stance, clarifying they weren’t aiming to replace the dollar—just “exploring options.”

This hesitation extends beyond finance. When major global crises unfold, BRICS+ often re-

mains silent, undermining its geopolitical credibility. Consider these missed opportunities:

- **Syria’s Political Vacuum:** When the Islamist militant group HTS toppled the Bashar al-Assad regime, Western powers swiftly backed a new coalition to reshape Syria. BRICS nations, despite their stance against Western interventionism, largely stayed on the sidelines instead of stepping in as a counterweight.
- **South Africa’s Diplomatic Snub:** When the U.S. abruptly expelled South Africa’s ambassador—citing vague accusations of anti-American sentiment—BRICS nations remained quiet. Trump has long accused South

Africa of mistreating its white minority, even offering U.S. citizenship as a political stunt. The real reason behind the expulsion? Many suspect South Africa’s legal challenge against Israel at the ICC. Despite being a founding BRICS member, South Africa received no vocal support from its allies. **Ukraine Conflict Mediation:** While Trump has positioned himself as a broker for peace, Europe remains adamantly pro-war, amplifying fears over Russia. BRICS+ could have stepped up as a mediator, supporting diplomatic efforts rather than passively observing. Instead, it chose inaction.

These aren’t isolated incidents—they form a pattern. BRICS+ boasts economic strength but routinely fails to leverage it for political influence.

A Test of Political Will

Trump’s return to the White House signals greater hostility toward BRICS. His “America First” approach dismisses multilateralism and openly challenges China and Russia—two key BRICS players. Economic restrictions and trade war threats are already in motion. The real question isn’t what Trump plans to do—it’s how BRICS will respond. Will BRICS+ finally assert itself as a global force, or will it continue to play second fiddle to Western economic institutions?

The Missing Element—A

Unified Geopolitical Strategy

Unlike NATO or the G7, BRICS lacks a common security framework, making it economically formidable but diplomatically weak. It has failed to act decisively in global conflicts, appearing passive rather than proactive.

To change this perception, BRICS+ must:

- Strengthen the New Development Bank: Increase funding and assert independence from Western-dominated financial institutions.
- Accelerate De-dollarisation Efforts: Move beyond rhetoric and expand local currency trade mechanisms.
- Forge a Unified Political Front: Move beyond economic ties and establish a cohesive geopolitical strategy.
- Mediate Global Conflicts: Act as a diplomatic counterweight rather than a passive observer.

BRICS+ at a Crossroads

The West’s influence is waning, and the transatlantic alliance is more fractured than ever. This should be BRICS’ moment to step up. Yet, if it continues to avoid difficult geopolitical battles, it risks becoming nothing more than an elite trade club—economically significant but politically irrelevant.

The world is shifting. The question is: will BRICS+ shift with it or let another defining moment pass it by?



Banking Bill Passed, Opposition Calls for Review

- Banking Bill passed, allows four nominees
- Strict action promised on bank frauds
- Loan write-offs not loan waivers
- Cooperative bank director tenure extended

Parliament on Wednesday passed the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, allowing bank account holders to nominate up to four individuals. The Bill had earlier been approved by the Lok Sabha in December 2024. While the government lauded the amendments as progressive, opposition members raised concerns and called for a more in-depth review of its implications. During the debate in the Rajya Sabha, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman emphasized the government's commitment to strengthening the banking sector. She noted that while non-performing assets (NPAs) have reduced significantly, stringent action against wilful defaulters remains a priority. She highlighted that in the past five years, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has taken up over 912 cases related to bank fraud, including those involving defaulters. Addressing concerns about loan write-offs, Sitharaman clarified that they do not equate to loan waivers, as banks continue efforts to recover outstanding amounts. She also underscored the robust performance of public sector banks, which

recorded their highest-ever profit of approximately ₹1.41 lakh crore in the last fiscal year. She expressed confidence that profitability would further increase in 2025-26. One of the major amendments in the Bill is the revision of the definition of "substantial interest" in a bank. The threshold, previously set at ₹5 lakh nearly six decades ago, has now been raised to ₹2 crore. Additionally, the Bill proposes increasing the tenure of directors (excluding the chairman and whole-time directors) in cooperative banks from eight years to ten years. This change aligns with the Constitution's Ninety-Seventh Amendment Act, 2011, and allows directors of Central Cooperative Banks to serve on State Cooperative Bank boards. The Bill also grants banks greater flexibility in deciding the remuneration of statutory auditors. More than 20 MPs participated in the four-hour discussion, with some arguing that the Bill does not fully address the evolving financial landscape. While the government defends it as a necessary reform, the opposition insists on a more thorough evaluation of its long-term impact.



GE Aerospace Delivers First F404 Engines for Tejas MK-1A Jets

After delays, American defense major GE Aerospace has delivered the first of 99 F404-IN20 engines to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Mk-1A program. These engines will power India's indigenously developed fighter jets, a key component of the Indian Air Force (IAF) fleet. HAL signed a ₹48,000 crore deal with the Indian defense ministry in 2021 for the production of 83 Tejas Mk-1A jets. The deliveries were scheduled to begin in March 2024 but were delayed, partly due to setbacks in engine supply. With the arrival of the engines, HAL is expected to begin handing over the aircraft to the IAF. The F404-IN20 engine, a custom design for India's single-engine fighter program, features the highest thrust in the F404 family, a higher-flow fan, and advanced single-crystal turbine blades. GE Aerospace has worked closely with HAL

over the years to tailor the engine for Tejas. GE initially supplied 65 F404-IN20 engines by 2016 but had to shut down its production line due to a lack of new orders. When HAL placed an order for 99 additional engines in 2021, GE faced challenges in restarting production, which had been dormant for five years. The COVID-19 pandemic further complicated the process. Now operational again, the production line will ensure a steady supply of engines. The Tejas aircraft, designed for air combat, offensive air support, reconnaissance, and anti-ship roles, is expected to become a mainstay of the IAF. Additionally, India's defense ministry has approved the procurement of 97 more Tejas jets, reinforcing the country's indigenous defense capabilities. GE Aerospace remains committed to maintaining high safety and quality standards as production ramps up.

"India-China Issues Manageable Through Diplomatic Efforts"

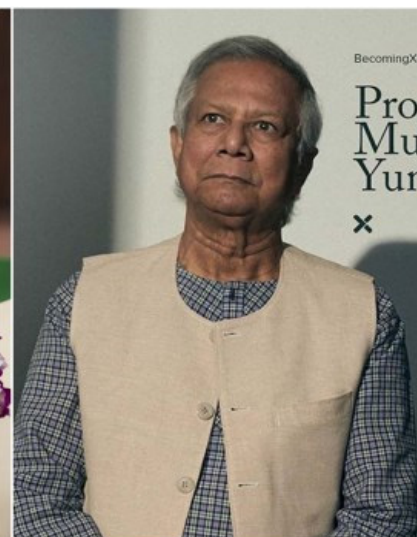
- India-China issues manageable without conflict
- Competition shouldn't escalate into disputes
- 2020 border clash strained relations
- October 2024 talks improved ties
- Diplomatic efforts aim for stability

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar acknowledged on Wednesday that India and China will continue to face challenges in their relationship in the foreseeable future. However, he emphasized that these issues can be managed through diplomatic channels and do not necessarily have to escalate into conflict. His remarks came a day after an Indian delegation held discussions with a Chinese team on cross-border cooperation during a border talks meeting. Speaking at an event organized by the Asia Society in New Delhi, Jaishankar underlined the importance of maintaining a balanced approach in handling the relationship between the two nations. "We have basically made two points: first, that differences should not become disputes, and second, that competition should not lead to conflict. We do compete on many issues, but competition alone should not be a reason for conflict between us. We are very realistic about this," Jaishankar said in his conversation with Kyung-wha Kang, President of the Asia Society. Reflecting on past events, he stated that while disputes are likely to persist between the two countries, there are diplomatic mechanisms in



place to address them. He also referred to the violent clash along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in 2020, which resulted in the loss of 20 Indian soldiers. He described the incident as a traumatic event that significantly affected bilateral relations. The 2020 border standoff led to a freeze in India-China ties, impacting multiple aspects, including trade, technology, air travel, and people-to-people exchanges. However, after four years of deadlock, both countries made progress in October 2024 by reaching an agreement on patrolling along certain friction points at the LAC. Jaishankar acknowledged that since

this agreement, the relationship between the two countries has shown signs of improvement. "Since October, we have seen some progress. What we are trying, step by step, is to see if we can rebuild and undo some of the damage that occurred as a result of the events in 2020," he said. Despite lingering tensions, India and China continue to engage in diplomatic dialogues, seeking ways to manage their differences while preventing conflicts. Jaishankar's statement highlights India's commitment to maintaining stability and fostering diplomatic solutions in its relationship with China.



"Trump's Auto Tariffs: Impact on Indian Suppliers"

US President Donald Trump has announced a 25% tariff on auto imports, effective from April, with an additional 25% tariff on major automotive parts—including engines, transmissions, powertrain components, and electrical parts—set to be implemented by May. This move is expected to impact Indian auto component manufacturers more than vehicle manufacturers, according to industry experts. Prior to this decision, the US imposed nearly zero tariffs on imported automotive components. India's auto component exports to the US amounted to \$6.79 billion in FY24, while imports from the US were valued at \$1.4 billion with a 15% duty. With the new tariffs, Indian suppliers may face challenges in maintaining their competitiveness in the American market. An industry executive, speaking anonymously to PTI, noted that Indian automakers are unlikely to be significantly affected since there are no direct exports of fully built cars from India to the US. However, Indian auto component manufacturers, who play a crucial role in the global supply chain, are expected to bear the brunt of these tariffs. JATO Dynamics India President and Director Ravi G Bhatia stated that India has not been specifically targeted by these tariffs, which apply to multiple countries.

PM Modi Calls for 'Mutual Sensitivity' in Ties with Dhaka

Amid ongoing tensions in India-Bangladesh relations over violence against minorities, Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his wishes to Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Mohammad Yunus and the people of Bangladesh on the occasion of their National Day on March 26. In his letter, Modi emphasized the importance of strengthening bilateral ties through mutual sensitivity to each other's concerns. In recent months, violence against minorities in Bangladesh has become a major point of contention. According to Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, between August 2024 and February 2025, over 2,374 incidents of violence targeting minorities were reported in Bangladesh. These incidents have created diplomatic challenges and raised concerns in India regarding the safety of minority communities in the neighboring country. Despite these challenges, Modi's message sought to reaffirm the strong historical and cultural ties between the two nations. He acknowledged Bangladesh's National Day as a moment to

reflect on the shared history and sacrifices that have shaped India-Bangladesh relations. "We remain committed to advancing this partnership, driven by our common aspirations for peace, stability, and prosperity, and based on mutual sensitivity to each other's interests and concerns," Modi stated in his message. India and Bangladesh share deep-rooted diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties, but recent tensions over minority rights have underscored the need for continued dialogue and cooperation. India has consistently advocated for the protection of minority communities in Bangladesh and has urged Dhaka to take necessary measures to prevent violence and ensure communal harmony. As both countries navigate these challenges, Modi's message on Bangladesh's National Day signals India's intent to maintain constructive engagement with its neighbor while addressing concerns through diplomatic channels. The focus remains on fostering a relationship built on trust, historical ties, and shared aspirations for regional peace and prosperity.

"Now It's Our Turn": Putin To Visit India, Accepts PM Modi's Invite

- Focus on a "special strategic partnership" beyond traditional ties.
- Targeting \$100 billion in annual trade, up from \$60 billion.
- Chennai-Vladivostok maritime corridor to boost economic cooperation.

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Russia and India are working to elevate their bilateral relationship to unprecedented heights, with Russian President Vladimir Putin set to visit India soon, according to Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. In a televised address, Lavrov confirmed that preparations are underway for the highly anticipated visit, although he refrained from disclosing the exact dates.

Lavrov highlighted that this visit would be reciprocal, as Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi made his first foreign trip to Russia after being re-elected for a third consecutive term. He noted that now it was Russia's turn to reciprocate the gesture. During his visit to Russia last year, Prime Minister Modi had invited President Putin for an official state visit, which Putin has accepted.



The visit is expected to further strengthen the longstanding relationship between the two countries.

This will be President Putin's first trip to India since the outbreak of

the Ukraine conflict in February 2022. The visit holds significant importance, as it will likely push forward Russia's "new economic roadmap" for 2030, which aims to enhance bilateral cooperation. India and Russia have set a target

to double their annual trade to over \$100 billion, a considerable increase from the current trade volume of around \$60 billion.

A critical component of this growing partnership is the expansion of trade routes, particularly through the Chennai-Vladivostok maritime trade corridor. This initiative will ensure fresh supplies from Russia to India, strengthening the economic ties between the two nations. Lavrov also emphasized that Russia is focused on redefining its relationship with India, aiming to develop a "special and privileged strategic partnership." This vision seeks to expand cooperation beyond traditional spheres, fostering greater collaboration in various sectors. The upcoming visit by President Putin is expected to be a key moment in cementing this enhanced partnership, marking a new chapter in Russia-India relations.



Japan Vows to Explore All Options in Response to U.S. 25% Tariff on Auto Imports

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Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba responded to the U.S. announcement of a 25% tariff on automobile imports by stating that Japan would consider "all options on the table" in addressing the issue. U.S. President Donald Trump revealed the tariff on imported cars and light trucks starting next week, marking a significant escalation in the global trade tensions that have been a hallmark of his administration.

In a statement to parliament on Thursday, Ishiba highlighted Japan's substantial investments in the United States, emphasizing that Japan is the largest investor in the U.S. "Japan is making significant investments in the United States and creating jobs," he noted. He also questioned the fairness of applying uniform tariffs to all countries, considering Japan's sizable contribution to the U.S. economy.

Ishiba's remarks reflect the concern that the new tariff could significantly impact Japan's economy, particularly its automobile industry. According to data from Japan's Ministry of Finance, automobiles made up 28.3% of Japan's total exports to the United States in 2024, the largest share of any export category. This heavy reliance on U.S. auto exports makes the potential tariffs a major economic challenge for Japan.

While Ishiba did not provide specific details on Japan's response, he assured that the government would prioritize Japan's national interests in deciding on the most effective course of action. "We need to consider what's best for Japan's national interest," he said. "We're putting all options on the table in considering the most effective response."

This announcement comes amid rising trade tensions between the U.S. and other global powers, and analysts suggest that Japan's auto industry could face significant setbacks from these new tariffs. The situation underscores the complexities of global trade relations and the economic implications of President Trump's protectionist policies.

"Not Closed All Doors": Iran Ready For Indirect Talks With US, Says Khamenei's Aide

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Kamal Kharrazi, an adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, stated on Thursday that Tehran has not closed the door on resolving its disputes with the United States and is open to indirect negotiations. This shift in tone comes despite Iran's previous firm stance against U.S. President Donald Trump's ultimatum, which demanded a deal or military consequences.

Iran has long rejected Trump's warnings, with Khamenei labeling them deceptive and Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi insisting that talks are impossible unless the U.S. alters its "maximum pressure" policy. However, Kharrazi's comments, made to the semi-official Iranian Students News Agency, indicate that Iran is willing to explore indirect talks to evaluate the U.S. position, present its own conditions, and ultimately make a decision based on those discussions.

The backdrop of this development includes the fallout from Trump's 2018 decision to withdraw from the 2015 nuclear deal, an agreement aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear activities in exchange for sanctions relief. Following the U.S. withdrawal, Iran began exceeding the deal's restrictions, particularly in its uranium enrichment program, leading to heightened concerns from Western powers about Tehran's potential to develop nuclear weapons.

While the U.S. insists that Iran's nuclear ambitions are geared toward weaponization, Iran maintains that its nuclear program is for peaceful civilian energy purposes.

"Vladimir Putin Will Die Soon": Zelensky Claims Amid Health Rumours

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has made a bold statement, claiming that Russian President Vladimir Putin "will die soon" and that this will bring an end to the ongoing war between their nations. Zelensky's remarks were made during an interview with European journalists on March 26 in Paris, amid continuing rumors about Putin's health. His comments come as tensions remain high between Ukraine and Russia, and as the world watches closely for signs of a resolution to the conflict.

Zelensky's statement follows a significant development in the war, with Russia and Ukraine agreeing to a partial ceasefire brokered by the United States, aimed at limiting attacks on energy infrastructure and hostilities in the Black Sea. In return, the U.S. agreed to allow Russia expanded



access to global markets. Zelensky stressed that it was crucial for the U.S. to avoid helping Putin escape his international isolation, calling it one of the "most dangerous moments" in the conflict.

During the interview, Zelensky suggested that Putin's ambitions go beyond Ukraine, warning that the Russian leader could seek

"direct confrontation with the West." He also expressed concern that Putin is trying to drive a wedge between Europe and the United States, but emphasized the importance of a united Western front in maintaining pressure on Russia.

Zelensky further discussed Putin's own fears, including his apparent

anxiety over his mortality, which he believes is affecting his decision-making. "He will die soon, that is a fact, and everything will be over," Zelensky said, adding that the end of Putin's leadership would likely lead to a resolution of the war.

While expressing gratitude for U.S. support in the conflict, Zelensky also accused Washington of being influenced by Russian narratives surrounding the war. He reiterated that Ukraine is fighting for its own survival and must continue to push back against misleading narratives, insisting that the only way forward is to reveal the truth through action and continued resistance.

The war, which began with Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, has resulted in Russia occupying about 20% of Ukraine's territory, with ongoing battles along a 1,000 km frontline.

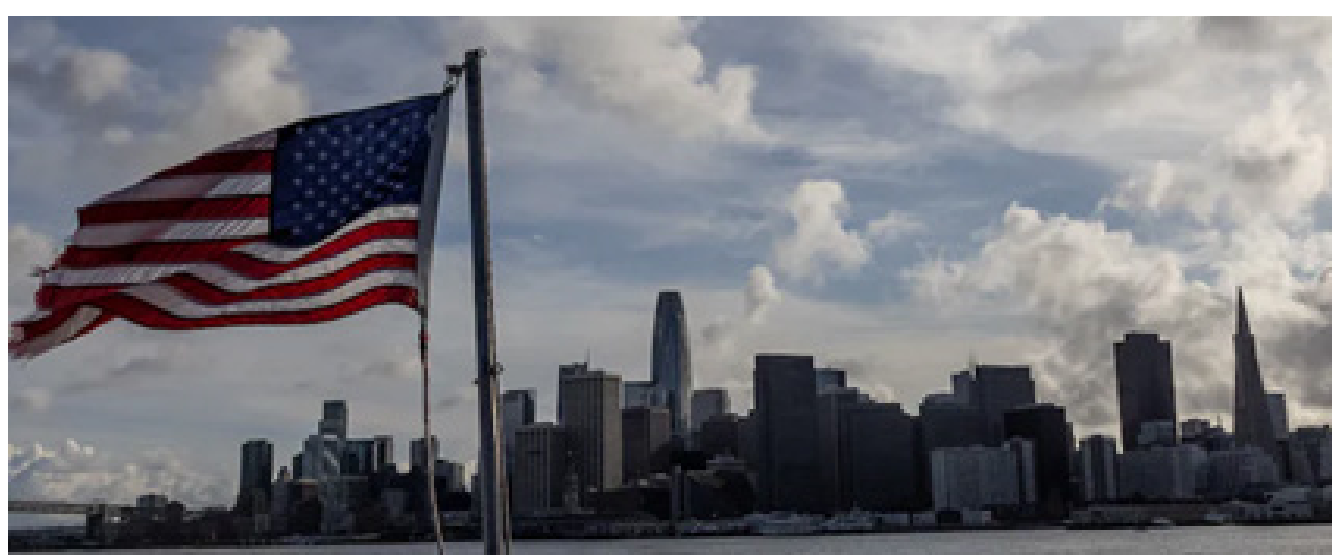
"Have Zero Tolerance": US Cancels 2,000 Visa Appointments By "Bots" In India

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The US Embassy in India has cancelled over 2,000 visa applications following the detection of fraud-related activities involving bots and other "bad actors." On Wednesday, the embassy confirmed that it had identified major violations in its appointment scheduling system and suspended the accounts of those responsible.

"Consular Team India is cancelling about 2,000 visa appointments made by bots. We have zero tolerance for agents and fixers that violate our scheduling policies," the embassy stated in a post on X. It added that all affected appointments have been cancelled and the associated accounts' scheduling privileges have been suspended with immediate effect.

The issue comes amid significant backlogs in visa applications, especially for B1 and B2 visas, which are for business and tourism purposes. The waiting times for these visas had reached up to 1,000 days in



2022-23. In response, the US began offering visa appointments for Indian applicants in cities like Frankfurt and Bangkok.

The visa delays have been a longstanding concern, prompting External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to raise the issue with US officials. In 2022, during a meeting with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Jaishankar was told that the de-

lays were a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The issue was revisited in January 2024 when Jaishankar discussed it with US Senator Marco Rubio, noting the negative impact of long waiting periods on India-US relations.

Beyond business and tourism visas, student visa rejections have also increased sharply. During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the US received 6.79

lakh applications for F-1 student visas but rejected 2.79 lakh, resulting in a rejection rate of 41%. This marks a significant rise from the 36% rejection rate in 2022. In contrast, in 2014, the rejection rate was just 15%. Reports indicate that Indian students faced a 38% drop in visa approvals in 2024 compared to the previous year, further impacting the flow of international students to the US.

Markets Rebound Strongly; Nifty & Sensex Recover from Previous Losses



Domestic stock markets gained heavily on Thursday. They recovered somewhat from yesterday's losses. The benchmark indices gained from the beginning due to mixed signals from global markets, India's negotiations with the US on tariffs, aggressiveness in bank and finance shares, and the arrival of foreign institutional investors. However, auto shares were shaken after Trump announced that he would impose tariffs on foreign cars. It is noteworthy that the indices are currently above the 100 dema level. In total, the Nifty rose by 105 points and the Sensex by 317 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 77,288 in the previous session, opened at 77,087 on Thursday. It touched an intraday low of 77,082. It reached an intraday high of 77,747. Finally,

it closed at 77,606 with a gain of 317 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 23,433, touched a low of 23,412 and a high of 23,646. It closed at 23,591, up 105 points. The Nifty Bank rose 366 points to settle at 51,575.

In the Nifty50, 35 companies gained and 15 lost. PSU bank, media, energy, oil, realty, PSE, commodities, CPSE, finance, bank, metal, infra shares rose. Auto, pharma, healthcare shares were under selling pressure. Hero Moto, Bajaj Finserv, IndusInd, Adani Enterprises, HDFC Life were the top gainers. Tata Motors, Sun Pharma, Eicher Motors, Bharti Airtel and Kotak Bank were the top losers.

Market breadth on NSE was evenly balanced between buyers and sellers. Out of 2978 stocks traded, 1382 gained and 1537 lost. 24 stocks touched 52-

week highs. 325 stocks touched 52-week lows. 69 stocks touched the upper circuit and 198 stocks touched the lower circuit.

Rupee weakened marginally against dollar to settle at 85.78. Bharat Forge signs deal with Duma Engineering to set up joint venture in Spain. Nomura has given a buy rating to Ashok Leyland with a target price of Rs 250. JP Morgan maintains overweight rating on Hindustan Aeronautics with a target price of Rs 4958. BEML shares rose 13% on the announcement of setting up a mining equipment plant in Chhattisgarh. Adani Energy Solutions rose to its highest level in 18 weeks today. Macquarie has given an outperform rating to Trent with a target price of Rs 7000. Motilal Oswal has given a buy rating to HDFC AMC with a target price of Rs 4800. Gen Tech company has received an order of Rs 152 crore from the Ministry of Defense. Lupin, Zydus Life and other pharma shares have fallen due to fears of Trump tariffs. Bluestar is reported to be increasing the prices of room air conditioners by 4-5 percent from April. Motilal Oswal has given a Buy rating to Five Star Finance with a target price of Rs 900.

1. Thermax Ltd.
Thermax is a leading provider of energy and environmental solutions. With India's focus on green energy and industrial efficiency, Thermax is well-po-



sitioned for long-term growth. The company is expanding its renewable energy and waste heat recovery projects, which align with government policies on sustainability. It has maintained stable revenue growth, and its order book remains strong. With rising industrialization and infrastructure investments, Thermax is expected to deliver consistent returns over the next decade.

2. IPCA Laboratories Ltd.
IPCA Labs is a well-established name in the Indian pharmaceutical sector, specializing in generics, APIs, and formulations. It has strong international exposure, particularly in the US and Europe. Despite short-term challenges from price erosion and regulatory hurdles, IPCA's R&D investments and focus on specialty drugs should drive future growth. The company has been increasing its share in the domestic and global markets, making it a solid long-term investment.



3. Fortis Healthcare Ltd.
Fortis Healthcare is one of India's largest hospital chains, benefiting from the rising demand for quality healthcare services. The company has been expanding its network and improving operational efficiency, leading to better profit margins. With increas-



ing healthcare spending in India, Fortis is expected to grow steadily. Investors looking for defensive stocks in the healthcare sector should consider Fortis for long-term holdings.

4. JK Cement Ltd.
JK Cement has been growing steadily due to strong infrastructure and housing demand in India. With the government's continued push for infrastructure projects and affordable housing, cement demand is expected to stay high. The company has been expanding production capacity, improving efficiency, and focusing on premium cement products, which should enhance profitability in the coming years.



5. Hero MotoCorp Ltd.
Hero MotoCorp remains India's largest two-wheeler manufacturer, but it faces competition from EV players and premium motorcycle brands. However, the company has been making strides in the electric vehicle (EV) segment with its Vida brand. If it successfully transitions into the EV space while maintaining dominance in commuter bikes, Hero MotoCorp could remain a key player in the long run.



Tata Motors Raises ₹2,000 Crore Through Private Placement of NCDs Amid Market Setback



Tata Motors, a leading blue-chip auto company, announced on Thursday, March 27, that its board had approved the allotment of 2,00,000 non-convertible debentures (NCDs) worth ₹2,000 crore on a private placement basis. This move is part of the company's ongoing efforts to bolster its financial position.

The company detailed in a filing that the Board constituted Committee approved the allotment of the NCDs, each with a face value of ₹1,00,000. The NCDs will be issued in multiple series/tranches and are set to be listed on the National Stock Exchange (NSE). The debentures have been assigned an AA+/Stable rating by Crisil, indicating their relatively low risk.

The allotment was made across three tranches. In Tranche I, 50,000 NCDs were allocated to HDFC Bank, while Tranche II saw allocations of 10,000 NCDs to Reliance General Insurance Company and 60,000 NCDs to BNP Paribas. Tranche III involved the issuance of 2,500 NCDs to Care Health Insur-

ance, 52,500 NCDs to HDFC Bank, 5,000 NCDs to Reliance General Insurance Company, and 20,000 NCDs to SBI Short Term Debt Fund.

The company had earlier approved the issuance of these NCDs with a coupon rate of 7.65% on March 19.

Despite this positive fundraising update, Tata Motors faced significant challenges in the stock market. Its shares saw a sharp decline, dropping as much as 6.5% during the trading session, and settling at ₹668.60, a 5.56% drop from the previous day's close. The slump came after US President Donald Trump announced the imposition of 25% tariffs on all imported cars and auto parts, effective from April 2. This development is particularly concerning for Tata Motors, as the US is a key market for its Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) luxury cars, which could face higher costs due to the tariffs.

This setback is compounded by a slowdown in domestic sales, adding further pressure to the company's stock performance.

India to Double Investment Cap for Foreign Individual Investors to 10%

India's central bank is poised to raise the investment cap for individual foreign investors in listed Indian companies from 5% to 10%. This move is aimed at boosting foreign capital inflows, following a significant outflow of over \$28 billion from Indian stocks since September, driven by factors such as high valuations, poor earnings, and concerns over U.S. tariffs.

In response to this outflow, India is expanding investment benefits that were previously restricted to overseas Indians, while also increasing the limits for foreign investors. Senior government officials and documents reviewed by Reuters revealed that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is pushing for the implementation of these changes as soon as possible to address disruptions in capital inflows from the external sector.

As part of these reforms, foreign individual investors will be allowed to



invest up to 10% in any listed Indian company, up from the previous 5% cap that applied only to non-resident Indians (NRIs) and overseas citizens of India (OCIs) under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). Additionally, the combined holding limit for all foreign individual investors in an Indian listed company will increase from 10% to 24%, officials stated.

These changes are still under discussion between the government, the RBI,

and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). However, SEBI has expressed concerns about monitoring compliance with foreign investment limits. The market regulator has warned that a single foreign investor or their associates could hold a stake greater than 34%, potentially triggering takeover rules, which would require an open offer for shares held by retail investors.

The government and regulators are currently evaluating these concerns and working on streamlining the rules to prevent potential regulatory arbitrage by foreign investors. Once the rules are finalized, they are expected to facilitate increased foreign investment in Indian listed companies, which is seen as crucial to support the country's economic growth.

Auto stocks slump on Trump tariff; Tata Motors tanks over 6%

Auto stocks saw significant declines on Thursday, March 27, 2025, with Tata Motors leading the fall, plunging over 6% after U.S. President Donald Trump announced the imposition of a 25% tariff on auto imports starting in April. Shares of Tata Motors dropped 6.58%, closing at ₹661.35 on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

Other auto companies also faced downward pressure, with Ashok Leyland falling by 4.60%, Mahindra & Mahindra dipping 1.70%, Bajaj Auto slipping 1.48%, and Apollo Tyres losing 1.41%. The BSE auto index was down by 0.86%, settling at 48,286.47.

Auto components and equipment firms also saw losses, with Samvardhana Motherson International declining by 7.59%, Sona BLW Precision Forgings fall-

ing 6.69%, Bharat Forge slipping 4.28%, and ASK Automotive Ltd dropping by 1.82%.

The negative reaction was largely attributed to Trump's decision to impose a 25% duty on all car imports to the U.S., a move expected to significantly impact Tata Motors, which exports a large portion of its Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) vehicles to the U.S. V.K. Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments Limited, noted that Tata Motors would be directly affected by these tariffs, given its reliance on U.S. exports for its luxury car brand.

In addition to the auto tariffs, Trump also announced that further 25% tariffs would be levied on major automotive parts, including engines, transmissions, and electrical components, starting in



May. These tariffs are expected to add more pressure to auto-related stocks and the broader industry. Despite the challenges in the auto sector, the broader equity market showed resilience. The BSE Sensex rose 427.54 points to reach 77,716.04, and the NSE Nifty climbed 135.30 points to settle at 23,622.15, recovering from early losses.

“Instagram Removes Content Notes Feature for Low Engagement”

Instagram has decided to discontinue its Content Notes feature for posts and Reels due to low user adoption. The feature, introduced in July 2024, allowed users to add temporary notes to their individual posts, photo carousels, and Reels. These notes were visible only to followers for a period of three days. Despite the initial aim of making Instagram a more interactive and social platform, the feature did not gain significant traction among users, prompting its removal. Instagram head Adam Mosseri announced the decision in a post, stating that the company introduced Content Notes to enhance engagement and create a fun way for users to share additional context on their posts. However, as the feature failed to attract widespread usage, Instagram has decided to discontinue it for posts and Reels. While the platform regularly tests new tools and features to improve the user experience, not all experiments resonate with the community. The removal of Content Notes is part of Instagram’s ongoing process of refining its offerings based on user behavior and feedback.



Despite its discontinuation for posts and Reels, the Content Notes feature will remain available in Instagram DMs. In this space, the feature might still serve as a useful tool for users who want to share quick, temporary updates with friends. Instagram has not disclosed whether it plans to enhance or modify Content Notes in DMs to encourage more engagement. This decision aligns with Instagram’s broader strategy of focusing on features that drive high engagement. Over the years, the platform has introduced and removed several features based on user reception. Some tools gain popularity and become inte-

gral to the app, while others do not achieve the desired impact and are eventually phased out. The removal of Content Notes reflects Instagram’s adaptability in responding to user preferences and prioritizing features that contribute to a more engaging social experience. As Instagram continues evolving, users can expect further refinements to existing features and the introduction of new tools aimed at enhancing interaction. While Content Notes did not gain widespread acceptance, Instagram remains committed to exploring innovative ways to improve user engagement and keep the platform dynamic.

Nissan Unveils Plans for Duster-Based SUV and Triber-Based MPV in India

Nissan India has announced the launch of two new models for the Indian market, including a C-segment SUV based on the Renault Duster and a 7-seater MPV derived from the Renault Triber. These additions will expand Nissan’s lineup, which currently includes the Magnite and X-Trail. The Renault Duster has long been a popular SUV in international markets, and rumors of a Nissan counterpart for India have persisted. With the latest teaser image, speculation has intensified regarding Nissan’s version of the Duster-based SUV. This model will compete in the highly competitive mid-size SUV segment, currently dominated by the Hyundai Creta, Kia Seltos, Maruti Suzuki Grand Vitara, Honda Elevate, Skoda Kushaq, and Volkswagen Taigun. Based on the teaser, the upcoming SUV will have a strong and muscular design similar to the latest-generation Duster. The vehicle will feature a flat front fascia, a robust bonnet, and an elegant grille adorned with the Nissan badge. Additionally, inverted L-shaped DRLs

will flank the grille, while the bumper will incorporate silver elements for a more premium look. On the other hand, the Triber-based MPV will be Nissan’s answer to the growing demand for affordable 7-seater vehicles in India. As Renault prepares to introduce a facelifted version of the Triber, Nissan will utilize this updated iteration as the base for its new MPV. The teaser suggests that Nissan’s version will have a more sporty and aggressive design, with larger headlights, prominent DRLs, and a massive grille. The front bumper will feature a refreshed look

with C-shaped silver elements at the lower end, adding a unique touch to the vehicle. Both upcoming models will share their platforms with Renault vehicles but are expected to offer distinct styling elements to differentiate them. With the launch of these two new models, Nissan aims to strengthen its presence in the Indian automotive market by catering to growing demand in both the SUV and MPV segments. More details, including specifications and launch timelines, are expected to be revealed in the coming months.



Digital Creator Calls Chikoo an ‘Exotic Potato,’ Internet Bursts Into Laughter

Social media is no stranger to viral food content, but sometimes, creators unknowingly spark hilarious reactions. Recently, a digital content creator’s unique take on chikoo (sapodilla) has left the internet in splits. Instagram vlogger Sweety Craft shared a video in which she discovered chikoo and mistakenly called it an “exotic potato.” Her amusing confusion quickly gained traction, with many desis finding the comparison both absurd and hilarious. In the viral clip, the creator expresses her surprise at the fruit being consumed raw. She closely examines it and describes its flesh as a “slightly slimy orange,” noting its soft texture. She then compares the taste to a “pear in syrup,” attempting to explain its sweetness to her audience.

While the comparison of chikoo to a potato may seem far-fetched, her reasoning is based on their similar brown skin, small round shape, and slightly rough texture. However, for those familiar with the fruit, this unexpected description was nothing short of comedic. The video quickly gained attention, with Instagram users flooding the comments section with witty remarks. One user humorously remarked, “I have never seen a chikoo insulted so badly!” Others joked about how ordinary Indian foods often get rebranded with fancy names or misunderstood by those unfamiliar with them. Some even suggested that chikoo might start trending internationally as an “exotic fruit” after this unexpected misidentification. Despite the play-

ful trolling, the video also unintentionally introduced chikoo to a wider audience. Many users, particularly those from countries where sapodilla is uncommon, expressed curiosity about the fruit. Some even mentioned that they would love to try it after seeing her unique reaction. This incident highlights how food content can sometimes lead to surprising and humorous cultural exchanges. While the internet laughed at the “exotic potato” comparison, it also served as a reminder of how different foods can be perceived across cultures. Whether seen as a sweet tropical fruit or mistaken for a potato, chikoo has now found its way into global conversations, all thanks to a viral video.



OpenAI Restricts ChatGPT’s New Image Generation Tool to Paid Users

OpenAI has decided to limit access to ChatGPT’s latest image-generation feature to paid users, despite initially planning to make it available for free-tier users as well. The company cited overwhelming popularity as the reason behind this decision, stating that demand far exceeded their expectations. The image-generation tool, powered by OpenAI’s advanced GPT-4o model, was expected to be accessible to all users. However, on Monday, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman announced on X (formerly Twitter) that the rollout for free users would be delayed. In his post, he acknowledged the unexpectedly high demand, stating, “Images in ChatGPT are wayyyy more popular than we expected (and we had pretty high expectations). Rollout to our free tier is unfortunately going to be delayed for a while.” As of now, only users subscribed to ChatGPT Plus or Pro can access

the new image-generation feature. The Plus subscription is priced at \$20 per month, while the Pro plan costs \$200. This means that free-tier users will have to wait indefinitely before they can use the tool, as OpenAI has not provided a timeline for its availability. Locking features behind a paywall is not uncommon in the tech industry. Many companies implement similar strategies when a tool or service becomes highly popular, requiring additional resources to maintain. OpenAI’s decision follows this trend, prioritizing premium users while limiting access for those on the free plan. The image-generation tool has

gained significant attention for its ability to produce stunning, high-quality visuals, including artistic renderings in styles reminiscent of Studio Ghibli. Given its capabilities, many users were eager to try it out, making the restriction a disappointment for those who had anticipated its free release. For now, OpenAI remains focused on managing the demand and ensuring a smooth experience for its paying customers. While there is hope that free users will eventually gain access, the company has not confirmed when or if the feature will be made available without a subscription.



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A picturesque village in northern Italy’s Trentino province is offering an irresistible opportunity for those looking to start anew in the Italian countryside. In a bid to revive its dwindling rural population, the government is offering a free house along with a financial grant of Rs 92.7 lakh. However, there’s a condition attached to this tempting offer. Across the world, declining populations have led to entire villages becoming abandoned, particularly in countries like Japan and Italy. Many residents have migrated to bustling urban centers, leaving behind once-thriving communities that are now struggling to survive. To address this, various governments have introduced schemes to attract new settlers. Italy has previously gained attention for its €1 home initiatives, but this latest relocation package is even more generous. Accord-



ing to a CNN report, the Trentino province—also known as the Autonomous Province of Trento—is rolling out a new scheme to attract people to its sparsely populated villages. The government is offering a total of €100,000 (approximately Rs 92.7 lakh) to those willing to settle in one of the designated areas. This financial aid is split into two parts: €80,000 (around Rs 74.2 lakh) is allocated for home renovations, while €20,000 (approximately Rs 18.5 lakh) is meant for purchasing a property. This initiative aims to breathe new life into rural areas by encouraging people to invest in and restore

old homes. While the offer is attractive, applicants must meet certain conditions. The primary requirement is that those who accept the package must commit to making the village their permanent residence. This means moving to the region full-time and integrating into the local community. Italy has long been known for its creative efforts to combat depopulation, with various towns launching schemes to sell homes at extremely low prices to attract new residents. However, this offer from Trentino stands out due to the significant financial support provided.

LSG Dominates SRH with a Comprehensive Five-Wicket Victory



In a thrilling encounter at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad, Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) cruised to a comfortable five-wicket win over Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in their IPL 2025 clash. Despite SRH posting a competitive total of 190/9, LSG chased it down in just 16.1 overs, thanks to a stunning display of batting from Nicholas Pooran and Mitchell Marsh.

Pooran's blistering knock of 70 off 26 balls, coupled with Marsh's brilliant 52 off 31, made light work of the target. The pair ensured LSG reached the target with plenty of overs to spare, demonstrating their dominance throughout the chase. Their aggressive batting effectively nullified any threat posed by SRH's bowlers, leaving them with no answer to the onslaught.

Earlier in the game, SRH's batting efforts were stymied by a brilliant performance from LSG's Shardul Thakur, who was the standout bowler. Thakur claimed 4 wickets for just 34 runs in his four overs, providing the early breakthroughs that put SRH on the back foot. His twin dismissals in the 3rd over, where he removed Abhishek Sharma and Ishan Kishan off consecutive de-

liveries, rocked SRH's top order. However, Travis Head's explosive knock of 47 off 28 balls kept SRH in the game. His attacking approach put the LSG bowlers under pressure, but Head's dismissal by Prince Yadav shifted the momentum in favor of LSG. The SRH innings faltered further when Aniket Verma's 26 off 13 balls and captain Pat Cummins' cameo of 18 off 4 were not

enough to provide the finishing kick. While SRH's quick-scoring strategy gave them some hope, LSG's bowlers executed their plans well, with Shardul Thakur's crucial spell ensuring that SRH's total was kept within reach. LSG's clinical chase was powered by Pooran and Marsh, securing them a dominant win and further cementing their position in the IPL 2025 standings.

Jessica Pegula Defeats Emma Raducanu to Set Miami Semifinal Clash with Alexandra Eala



Jessica Pegula, the fourth seed from the United States, has secured her place in the semifinals of the Miami Open with a hard-fought 6-4, 6-7(3), 6-2 victory over British star Emma Raducanu. Pegula advanced to her third Miami semifinal in the past four years, overcoming Raducanu for the second time in their three career meetings. The match was a rollercoaster, as Pegula appeared to have control after taking the first set and leading 5-2 in the second. However, Raducanu mounted

a resilient comeback, saving four set points and forcing a tiebreak, which she won 7-3 to level the match. Despite receiving medical treatment during a humid Miami evening, Raducanu continued to fight hard. In the decisive third set, Pegula took an early break of serve and never looked back. Raducanu's only opportunity to break Pegula's serve came early in the third game, but the American held firm and won the final eight points to close out the match. With the victory, Pegula

notched her 19th win of the season. Next up, Pegula will face 19-year-old Alexandra Eala, a wild card entry from the Philippines, in the semifinals. Eala has had a fairytale run at the tournament, upsetting World No. 2 Iga Swiatek in the quarterfinals and defeating three Grand Slam champions to reach her first career tour-level semifinal. While Pegula is the favorite on paper, she won't underestimate her young opponent, who has been in sensational form.

Rohit Sharma To Opt Out Of England Tests



Indian cricket team captain, Rohit Sharma, is reportedly set to opt out of the upcoming Test series against England due to his recent struggles in red-ball cricket. According to India Today, sources have confirmed that Rohit has already made the decision. His poor form during the recent Test series against Australia, where he scored just 31 runs in three matches, appears to have influenced his choice. In fact, Rohit even dropped himself for the final game of the series in Sydney. Despite his absence, former captain Virat Kohli is expected to retain his place in the squad for the se-

ries against England. Meanwhile, some of India's key players may feature in the 'A' squad, which will play two four-day matches against the Lions in the May-June window to prepare for the upcoming Test series. India's 45-day tour of England will begin on June 20 with the first Test at Headingley. The team aims to secure their first away series win in England since 2007. As part of their preparation, India 'A' will play the first four-day match at The Spitfire Ground in Canterbury, starting May 30, followed by the second match at the County Ground in Northampton on June 6.

IPL 2025: RCB Eyeing Batting Performance to Break 17-Year Jinx Against CSK



Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) will look to their experienced batting lineup to break a 17-year jinx when they take on Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in their IPL 2025 clash at Chepauk on Friday. RCB has only defeated CSK once in Chennai, back in the inaugural 2008 season. The only player from the current RCB squad who was part of that victory is Virat Kohli, and he will be eager to repeat the feat. However, defeating CSK at home is no easy task. The Chennai franchise has consistently excelled on their home turf, aided by a pitch that benefits spinners. CSK's spin department is formidable, including Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin (who returned via last year's auction), and Afghanistan's Noor Ahmad. These spinners combined for an impressive per-

formance against Mumbai Indians recently, bowling 11 overs for just 70 runs and claiming five wickets. RCB's batters, led by Kohli, will need to adjust to the spinning conditions at Chepauk. Kohli, known for his struggles against spin in the past, has made significant strides in his game over the last couple of years. His increased willingness to play sweep shots will be crucial as he leads RCB's charge against the spin-heavy CSK attack. While Kohli will play a pivotal role, he will need strong support from the rest of RCB's batting unit, including Phil Salt, Rajat Patidar, Liam Livingstone, and Jitesh Sharma. Given the nature of the pitch, RCB might consider bringing in his left-arm spin option, possibly replacing Tim David.

India Drawn With Thailand, Mongolia and Iraq in AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers

The Indian senior women's football team has been drawn into Group B for the AFC Women's Asian Cup Australia 2026 Qualifiers. The group, revealed on Thursday during a draw held at the AFC House in Kuala Lumpur, will see India

compete against Thailand, Mongolia, Timor Leste, and Iraq. Thailand will host the qualifiers for Group B, which will take place in a centralised single round-robin format from June 23 to July 5, 2025. The top team from this

group will earn a spot in the final tournament, which is scheduled to be held in Australia from March 1 to 26, 2026, across three host cities. The qualification tournament has a lot at stake as the group winners, along

with top teams from other groups, will vie for one of the coveted spots in the final tournament. Additionally, the tournament will serve as a



qualifier for the FIFA Women's World Cup Brazil 2027, with the top six teams securing their place in the global event.



Ram Charan's Fierce Transformation Sets the Screen Ablaze



Global star Ram Charan is all set to mesmerize audiences with his upcoming Pan India film PEDDI, directed by Buchi Babu Sana. Backed by Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings as presenters, the film is produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under the Vriddhi Cinemas banner. On the occasion of Ram Charan's birthday, the much-anticipated title and first-look posters were unveiled, setting social media abuzz. The film's title, PEDDI, signifies a deep-rooted connection to rural life, promising an intense, high-stakes narrative. The first-look poster showcases Ram Charan in a never-seen-before rugged avatar. With long hair, an unkempt beard, a nose

ring, and a cigar between his lips, he delivers a piercing, fierce stare that exudes raw intensity. This dramatic transformation has already captured the imagination of fans worldwide. A second poster further intensifies the intrigue, depicting Ram Charan gripping an old cricket bat in the middle of a rustic village stadium. The backdrop lights at the film's unique blend of intense rural drama, high-octane action, and raw emotions, setting the stage for an unforgettable cinematic experience. The film boasts an ensemble cast, featuring Kannada superstar Shiva Rajkumar and Bollywood sensation Janhvi Kapoor in pivotal roles. With such a star-studded lineup, PEDDI is shaping up to be one of the most

anticipated films of the year. Adding to the excitement is the film's stellar technical team, comprising Academy Award-winning music director AR Rahman, renowned cinematographer R. Rathnavelu ISC, acclaimed editor Navin Nooli, and skilled production designer Avinash Kolla. Their collective expertise promises to elevate PEDDI into a visual and auditory spectacle. With Ram Charan's intense transformation, a gripping storyline, and a powerhouse team behind it, PEDDI is poised to leave an indelible mark on Indian cinema. As anticipation continues to build, all eyes are on this ambitious project, eager to witness the magic unfold on the big screen.

Salman Khan Opens Up About Delay in Atlee's Film



Bollywood superstar Salman Khan is gearing up for the grand release of his high-budget action entertainer, Sikandar, set to hit theaters on March 30. Directed by acclaimed Kollywood filmmaker AR Murugadoss, the film also stars Rashmika Mandanna and Kajal Aggarwal in pivotal roles. During a promotional event in Mumbai, Salman interacted with the Bollywood media, where he was inevitably asked about his much-anticipated collaboration with Tamil director Atlee, known for the blockbuster Jawan starring Shah Rukh Khan. Addressing the buzz, Salman revealed that Atlee had penned an ambitious big-budget action film. However, the project has been delayed due to financial constraints. Adding intrigue, Salman hinted that one of the legendary stars, Rajinikanth or Kamal Haasan, would be involved whenever the film takes off. In a surprise announcement, Salman shared

that after Sikandar, he would be joining forces with his "elder brother" Sanjay Dutt for a massive action film. He promised fans that the action sequences in this project would be on a whole new level, describing them as "rustic action. Speaking about pan-India collaborations, Salman acknowledged the challenges of bringing together Bollywood and South Indian stars, stating that executing such projects is easier said than done. Following reports that Salman's film with Atlee had been put on hold due to budget concerns, speculation surfaced that the director might replace Salman with Tollywood sensation Allu Arjun. Adding to the buzz, rumors suggested that Atlee was considering Amaran star Sivakarthikeyan for a role originally envisioned for Rajinikanth or Kamal Haasan. While no official confirmation has been made, more clarity on this high-profile project is expected in the coming days.

L2: Empuraan Review – High on Style, Low on Substance

Review:
Story:
Kerala Chief Minister Jathin Ramdas (Tovino Thomas) decides to part ways with his political party and align with Baba Bajrangi (Abhimanyu Singh), also known as Balaraj, much to the disapproval of his sister, Priyadarshini Ramdas (Manju Warriar). Meanwhile, Stephen Nedumpally (Mohanlal), aka Khureshi Ab'raam, returns to set things straight, but his global affairs and a conflict with the drug cartel Kabooga complicate matters. How does his return affect Kerala's politics? What is his rivalry with Balaraj? The film unravels these elements.
Plus Points:
Prithviraj Sukumaran presents L2: Empuraan on a grand scale, delivering high-quality visuals and large-scale action sequences. Mohanlal's screen presence is a major asset, with his silent yet powerful performance being a treat for fans. The forest fight sequence and the church battle scene are standout moments. Manju Warriar delivers a



strong performance, and Prithviraj, though having limited screen time, is decent in his role. The film's visual appeal is impressive, with Sujith Vaassudev's cinematography bringing grandeur to the action sequences. The Hollywood-style execution elevates the spectacle.
Minus Points:
Despite its stylish presentation, the film lacks a compelling narrative. The screenplay prioritizes character elevations over storytelling, making it feel stretched. Murali Gopy's writing falls short of the depth expected from a Lucifer sequel. The excessive

runtime and slow pacing dilute the impact of well-crafted moments. Too many underdeveloped characters and multiple subplots create confusion rather than intrigue. The pre-climax and climax transitions feel predictable and lack punch.
Verdict:L2: Empuraan is visually stunning but lacks gripping storytelling. While Mohanlal's presence is a highlight, the slow pace, weak character development, and lengthy runtime hinder its appeal. Unless you're a hardcore Mohanlal fan, temper your expectations before watching.

Japanese Fans Surprise NTR with Heartfelt Gesture!

Cinema is a powerful medium that transcends boundaries, inspiring and connecting people across the globe. This was evident when a Japanese fan made a heartwarming revelation about learning Telugu after watching the global blockbuster RRR, starring NTR and Ram Charan. Directed by the visionary SS Rajamouli, RRR became a phenomenon, elevating Telugu cinema to the world stage. NTR is in Japan to promote his highly anticipated film Devara, directed by Koratala Siva. During his visit, he has been receiving an outpouring of love from Jap-



anese fans and audiences, who have embraced him with overwhelming admiration. However, one particular moment stood out and touched the actor deeply. During a fan interaction, a Japanese admirer shared that she had learned Telugu after being captivated by RRR. The fan ex-

pressed how the film's storytelling, performances, and cultural richness inspired her to explore and understand the Telugu language. This heartfelt revelation moved NTR, who, as a passionate lover of cinema and languages, was deeply touched by the influence of Indian films in bridging cultures and fostering connections worldwide. The emotional interaction reinforced the global impact of Indian cinema, showcasing how stories rooted in culture and emotion can inspire audiences beyond linguistic and geographical barriers.

Is Teja Sajja's Mirai the 'Silent Storm' of 2025

In an industry where even big-star films struggle to generate pre-release excitement, a relatively under-the-radar project is quietly making waves ahead of its teaser launch. This is all about Mirai, the upcoming action-fantasy starring Teja Sajja. over 25,000 users have already expressed interest in Mirai on BookMyShow—a significant number for a film still months away from release. In this movie, the HanuMan star takes on the role of Super Yodha, and the buzz surrounding the project suggests it could turn out to be the silent storm of the year. The excitement began last year with an intriguing title glimpse that piqued curiosity. While many star-driven films are still working to build hype, Mirai has captured attention with its unique concept and idea-focused presentation. Despite the team keeping plot details and character revelations under wraps, anticipation continues to rise. In today's cinematic landscape, a compelling story often matters more than star power. Teja Sajja, who proved this with the blockbuster HanuMan, might just do it again with Mirai. If the teaser lives up to expectations, the film could join the ranks of 2025's most awaited releases, alongside titles like Raja Saab and War 2. With his latest superhero venture, Teja Sajja has already demonstrated his ability to turn unique, content-driven films into massive hits.

