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Rs. 200 Cr Deal to Get Out of the Case @DUBAI??

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Anybody wants to get out of any cases related to financial scams? You can have a tariff, where you will be fixed for a price as per your scam. Just pay it, and they will take care of your case. This is the satire going around in AP political circles. The latest buzz is that one of such accused is getting out of a liquor scam case with a deal of Rs. 200 Cr allegedly. Moreover, this deal was done in Dubai with a politician. Now, all the political circles are inquiring whether it is true or not.

Mr. Kasireddy Rajasekhara Reddy was appointed and worked as an IT advisor for the Government of Andhra Pradesh during the regime of Mr. YS Jaganmohan Reddy. You may be surprised how he is related to the liquor scam. The thing is that his name was spelled out by Mr. Vasudeva Reddy, who is facing an inquiry in the liquor scam by CID officials. He has opened up and told the CBI, "Mr. Kasireddy Rajasekhara Reddy has managed to turn thousands of crores from the liquor business done by the Govern-

ment of Andhra Pradesh," allegedly. The Chief Minister, Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu, explained in a white paper on the liquor policy that "The state has lost almost Rs. 18,860 Crores of income through liquor in the last five years under the YSRCP Government." He further mentioned that a Rs. 45,000 Crore gap was found in the income through liquor when compared to the neighboring state, Telangana.

Actually, YSRCP had promised a ban on liquor of all types completely and started a new policy. In the new policy, they took over all the liquor business and operated it through the government itself. They recruited employees to run those liquor outlets. But, allegedly, two types of irregularities happened, as per the accusations of the then-opposition parties. Allegedly, they recruited employees through their party leaders, and the outlets were managed by those leaders unofficially. Moreover, they ran it on a cash-and-carry basis and avoided any type of digital payments. There was no accountability for sales, and the cash was allegedly

diverted.

The second irregularity was that they prevented regular brands, including multinational brands, and sold only local brands. In these local brands, they allegedly manufactured liquor in existing distilleries forcibly without the full consent of the owners of those distilleries. They ran the business independently and supplied the liquor on their own, but in the name of the government. Like this, thousands of crores were allegedly diverted to YSRCP bosses.

As per buzz, all these transactions were handled by MP Mithun Reddy and Ex-Minister Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy. Additionally, out of those thousands of crores, a percentage of the amount was allegedly managed by Mr. Kasireddy Rajasekhara Reddy. Now, he is in the focus of the CID and has been absconding for many days. Allegedly, he met a leader in Dubai recently and fixed a deal for Rs. 200 Crores to get out of this case. Now, political circles are discussing who that leader is. Interestingly, this deal was done during a cricket match.

Guidelines on 'Talliki Vandanam' Scheme Soon: Minister Lokesh

- Answers questions in the council regarding the scheme
- ₹9,407 crore allocated for the scheme in the 2025-26 budget

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Then 3, Now 2... TDP Completes Clean Sweep in Graduate MLC Polls

- TDP wins both Graduate MLC seats, securing all five in two cycles.
- YCP backs PDF candidates but fails to gain voter support.
- TDP's claim that PDF is YCP's 'B-Team' influences voters.
- NDA vote share rises by 10% compared to 2024 elections.

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The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has once again registered a clean sweep in the Graduate MLC elections, winning both seats contested this time. With this victory, TDP has secured all five Graduate MLC seats in the state over the last two election cycles, reinforcing its dominance.

The elections for the Graduate MLC seats of the East Godavari-West Godavari districts and the Krishna-Guntur districts were held on February 27, with vote counting completed yesterday. In Krishna-Guntur, coalition candidate Alapati Rajendra Prasad won with a massive majority of 82,320 votes, securing the required votes for victory by the seventh round. Similarly, in the Godavari districts, coalition candidate Perabathula Rajasekharam emerged victorious with a lead of 71,063 votes, achieving 51% of the votes by the seventh round.

The Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YCP) chose to withdraw from the contest, extending support to PDF candidates. However, voters decisively rejected any association with YCP, reflecting continued dissatisfaction with the party. The TDP's narrative that the PDF candidates were a covert extension of YCP gained traction, further diminishing their opponents' chances.

In 2023, TDP had won all three Graduate MLC seats—Uttarandhra (Vepada Chiranjeevi), East Rayalaseema (Kancharla Srikanth), and West Rayalaseema (Bhumireddy Ramgopal Reddy). Notably, Bhumireddy secured a significant number of votes even in Pulivendula, the stronghold of former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy. Now, with two more victories in 2025, TDP has completed a full sweep of the five Graduate MLC

seats in the state. This election also marked a notable increase in voter support for the NDA alliance, with a 10% rise in vote share compared to the 2024 general elections. The results indicate strong momentum for the TDP-led alliance as the state moves toward the upcoming political battles.



CM Chandrababu to Visit Delhi Again

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is set to visit Delhi again today and tomorrow. He will depart from Gannavaram airport this morning and is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and several Union Ministers in Delhi. He will return to Visakhapatnam tonight. On March 6, Chandrababu will attend the launch event of the book Prapancha Charitra, written by his brother-in-law Daggubati Venkateswara Rao. After the event, he will leave for Delhi from Visakhapatnam at 1:50 pm to participate in various programs. He will stay overnight in Delhi before returning to Amaravati the next day.

Upon his return, he will preside over the Cabinet meeting at the Velagapudi Secretariat, which is scheduled to begin at 3 pm.

Another Case... Police Move Posani from Guntur Jail to Adoni

- Series of cases continue to chase Posani
- Adoni police arrest Posani on a PT warrant

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A series of cases are chasing film actor Posani Krishna Murali, turning his life into a cycle of moving from one prison to another. Currently, Posani is lodged in Guntur jail in connection with a case registered at Narasaraopet PS for making indecent remarks. Meanwhile, another case has been registered against him at Adoni Three Town police station in Kurnool district. As a result, Adoni Three Town police have taken Posani into custo-

dy from Guntur district jail on a PT warrant. Following medical tests, he is now being moved from Guntur to Adoni.

Initially, Posani was held in Rajampet sub-jail before the Narasaraopet court remanded him. However, citing health issues, he requested a transfer to Guntur jail instead of Narasaraopet jail. The judge accepted his request, and he was shifted to Guntur district jail as per court orders. Now, with fresh legal proceedings, Adoni police are transferring him to Adoni.





NDA Unity Will Keep Opponents Out of Power - CM Naidu

- MLC victory proves NDA's growing strength
- TDP-Jana Sena-BJP workers commended for disciplined efforts
- NDA government at the Centre fully supporting AP

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu declared that no party can come to power in Andhra Pradesh if the NDA remains united. Speaking after the resounding victory of Alapati Rajendra Prasad in the Graduates MLC election, Chandrababu termed both the 2024 Assembly elections and the current MLC victory as historic milestones for the NDA alliance.

The Chief Minister revealed that both teacher unions were urged to support the NDA candidate in the Uttarandhra Teachers MLC elections as well. He emphasized that only those who work for the people will gain their support. Chandrababu congratulated Jana Sena Party President and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan for the strong cooperation, highlighting that BJP and Jana Sena cadres worked with exceptional discipline during the elections. He also underscored the NDA government's full cooperation from the Centre, noting the recent developments like the



Visakhapatnam Railway Zone foundation stone laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Green Hydrogen Project initiated under the Centre's support. Slamming the previous government's policies, CM Naidu said Amaravati was turned into a graveyard, and the people were deceived in the name of multiple capitals. With the MLC elections covering 67 Assem-

bly constituencies, Chandrababu stressed that the MLC results are a clear indication of the public's trust in the NDA. He firmly stated that if TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP continue to work together, no opposition party can come to power in Andhra Pradesh. Chandrababu also advised all TDP MLAs to remain vigilant and ensure the people's trust is upheld.



Graduates' Trust Will Be Honoured: Dy CM Pawan Kalyan

- Graduates' landslide support for NDA candidates
- Visionary leadership of Chandrababu and Modi's support driving AP's development
- Coalition government committed to fulfilling youth aspirations

TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan assured that the faith placed by graduates in the coalition government will be upheld with commitment and responsibility. He expressed delight over the landslide victories of NDA candidates Perabathula Rajasekharam and Alapati Rajendra Prasad in the Graduates' MLC elections held in East-West Godavari and Krishna-Guntur districts.

Pawan Kalyan stated that the overwhelming support from educated voters clearly reflects the trust and confidence graduates have in the TDP-Jana Sena-BJP coalition government. He extended heartfelt congratulations to the victorious candidates and all the alliance workers who contributed to this success.

Slamming the previous government, Pawan Kalyan said the state's economy was pushed into crisis and the aspirations of the youth were shattered during their rule. However, with the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Andhra Pradesh is now witnessing corrective measures and balanced governance focused on both development and welfare.

He also acknowledged the significant support from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, noting that central assistance is crucial in driving infrastructure and economic development in the state.

Pawan Kalyan emphasized that the graduates' trust, as evident from the election results, serves as a clear mandate for the coalition government to continue its reform agenda and prioritize the welfare of the youth, students, and intellectual community.

He reiterated that the NDA government will work tirelessly to honour the confidence shown by the graduates and ensure that development reaches every corner of the state.

AP Govt's Good News for Unemployed, Age Limit Increased for APPSC Jobs

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The Andhra Pradesh coalition government has delivered good news for unemployed youth, issuing orders to increase the age limit for APPSC jobs and several other direct recruitment positions.

As per the latest government order, the upper age limit for non-uniform jobs has been increased from 34 years to 42 years, offering relief to thousands of aspirants preparing for government exams. Similarly, for uniform services, the age limit has been relaxed by 2 years, allowing more candidates to compete.

The age relaxation will be applicable to all recruitment notifications released until September 30, 2025, the government clarified in its announcement.

The decision is seen as part of the coalition government's commitment to supporting unemployed youth by providing them more opportunities to enter government



service. With the job calendar expected to be released soon, aspirants are hopeful that major recruitment drives will follow, enabling thousands of young candidates to secure government jobs. This move has been widely welcomed by unemployed youth and job aspirants, who had been requesting an extension in the age limit due to delays in recruitment processes during the previous government's tenure.

Guidelines on 'Talliki Vandanam' Scheme Soon: Minister Lokesh

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Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh announced that the coalition government will soon implement the 'Talliki Vandanam' scheme, with guidelines to be released shortly. Responding to questions from council members, he confirmed that ₹9,407 crore has been allocated for the scheme in the 2025-26 budget.

During the council's question-and-answer session, Lokesh addressed queries from YSRCP members, assuring that all "Super Six" schemes, including 'Talliki Vandanam,' will be implemented. He also responded to questions on unemployment allowance and criticized the previous YSRCP government for failing to provide jobs to the unemployed.

He pointed out that the DSC notification was not released even once under the YSRCP regime and reminded that 1.82 lakh teacher posts were filled during the previous TDP government under Chandrababu Naidu's leadership. Lokesh assured that the DSC notification will be released in March without fail.

Govt Will Not Increase Electricity Charges - Minister Gottipati Ravi

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Power Minister Gottipati Ravi made it clear that the coalition government has no intention of increasing electricity charges in the state. Responding to members' questions during the ongoing Legislative Council session, the minister assured that the NDA government is firmly committed to keeping electricity affordable for all sections of society.

Minister Gottipati squarely blamed the previous YSRCP government, led by former CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, for the steep rise in electricity tariffs. He stated that between 2019 and 2024, the YSRCP government increased electricity charges nine times, burdening common consumers and businesses alike.

He termed it strange and ironic that the same YSRCP leaders, who were responsible for the steep tariff hikes, are now staging dharnas and raising questions about power charges. Minister Gottipati accused

the opposition party of spreading false propaganda to mislead the public and divert attention from its own policy failures. He revealed that under YSRCP rule, the power sector alone suffered a burden of ₹15,000 crore in the year 2023-24. The unpredictable policies and high electricity costs not only hurt domestic consumers but also drove away potential investors, impacting industrial growth in Andhra Pradesh.

The minister reaffirmed the NDA government's commitment to providing reliable and affordable power without imposing additional financial stress on the people. He called upon the public to see through the opposition's misinformation campaign and trust the current government's policies, which prioritize economic stability and public welfare.



Minister Narayana participates in Asia Pacific Regional Three R Circular Economy Forum

TPN Correspondent | Jaipur



Municipal Administration Minister Dr. P. Narayana stated that the Andhra Pradesh government is committed to creating a clean and climate-resilient Andhra Pradesh by 2047, aligning with the Swachh Bharat Mission. He made these remarks while participating in the 12th Asia Pacific Regional Three R Circular Economy Forum held in Jaipur. Minister Narayana, Swachh Andhra Corporation Chairman Pattabhiram, Principal Secretary Suresh Kumar, Director Sampath Kumar, and MD Anil Kumar Reddy attended the three-day international conference, which focuses on integrated waste management, environmental protection, and climate change.

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and representatives from several countries were present. Minister Narayana, along with Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, inspected pavilions from various countries showcasing innovations in waste management and circular economy practices.

Minister Narayana presented AP's vision for waste management and environmental sustainability, emphasizing that cleanliness, environmental balance, and a comprehensive economic system are at the heart of the Swarnandhra Vision 2047 introduced by CM Chandrababu Naidu. He outlined plans for waste-to-energy projects, bio-CNG plants, and liquid waste management facilities, ensuring a balanced approach to pollution control, climate adaptation, and economic development. Narayana highlighted Amaravati's development as a model circular economy city.

Whether EVM or Ballot, Alliance Will Win - Minister Nara Lokesh



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Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh declared that whether through EVMs or ballots, the NDA alliance will continue to win in Andhra Pradesh. Lokesh participated in the victory celebrations held at the TDP central office, celebrating the sweeping success of alliance candidates in the graduate MLC elections.

Addressing the gathering, Lokesh credited TDP founder, the late Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, for demonstrating how to bring a party to power in just 9 months, and praised CM Chandrababu Naidu for proving that welfare and development can also be delivered within 9 months of governance.

Lokesh called the MLC victory historic, noting that for the first time in party history, TDP secured all five graduate MLC seats. He expressed gratitude to graduates, ministers, MLAs, zonal coordinators, and especially party activists, calling them his lifeline.

Lokesh mocked the Pulivendula MLA, referring to him as a "one-day MLA", claiming that he only attends the Assembly for a day and then flees to Bangalore seeking opposition status. Lokesh said YSRCP lacked the courage to field a candidate in the graduate MLC elections, fearing they would lose their deposit.

He recalled the 2023 graduate MLC elections, calling them a turning point that triggered YSRCP's downfall. From that moment, public sentiment shifted, leading to the NDA's landslide victory with 164 seats. Lokesh credited this success to Modi's influence, Chandrababu's leadership, and Pawan Kalyan's unwavering support.

Red Book Action Underway
Lokesh confirmed that the Red Book process has begun, vowing that no one who violated the law or harassed activists and citizens will be spared. He assured the public that strict action will follow, leaving no room for doubt.

YCP Won Only 11 Seats After Looting Poor Man's Money - Payyavula Keshav



AP Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav strongly criticized YCP MLAs, accusing them of avoiding the Assembly and staying outside to spread false propaganda against the government. He alleged that YCP leaders are afraid to step into the Assembly because they fear their past misdeeds will be exposed. Keshav stated that during its five-year rule, YCP destroyed the state's economy and silenced opposition voices through intimidation and harassment. As a result, the public punished them, reducing them to just 11 seats. He asserted that those 11 seats were also won only after looting the hard-earned money of the poor. He criticized YCP's claims regarding the Veligonda Project, reminding that YCP leaders had previously declared the project complete and even dedicated it to the nation. He questioned how budget allocations could be made now for a project they had already claimed was completed. Payyavula mocked YCP MLAs, saying they pretend they will expose past mistakes, but in reality, they lack the courage to face the Assembly because of the sins they committed during their tenure. He concluded that TDP's transparent governance is now correcting the damage caused by the misrule of YCP and ensuring real development for the people of Andhra Pradesh.

- **YCP MLAs afraid to enter Assembly**
- **Accuses YCP of economic destruction**
- **Questions false claims on Veligonda Project**

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Complaints Filed Against YCP MLC Duvvada Srinivas Over Comments on Pawan Kalyan

TPN Correspondent | Krishna Dist

Complaints have been filed against YCP MLC Duvvada Srinivas at several police stations for allegedly making inappropriate comments against Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan.



Leaders and members of the Janasena Party approached the police, objecting to Duvvada Srinivas' statement that Pawan Kalyan took Rs. 50 crores to avoid being questioned. The Janasena leaders demanded that strict legal action be taken against Duvvada for his offensive remarks.

Complaints have been officially lodged at Gudivada, Machilipatnam, Pamaruru, Pedana, Thiruvuru, and Avanigadda police stations. Additionally, Janasena women councilors submitted a formal complaint to the Amalapuram DSP, urging immediate action against the YCP MLC.

Along with the complaints, Janasena supporters have started protest programs at

various locations, condemning Duvvada's remarks and warning of intensified agitation if no action is taken. Janasena leaders stated that baseless allegations against Pawan Kalyan, who holds a constitutional position, are not only unethical but also a direct insult to the people's mandate. They accused Duvvada Srinivas of spreading falsehoods with political malice.

The Janasena rank and file vowed to continue their protests until Duvvada publicly apologizes and the police initiate legal proceedings. The situation remains tense, with Janasena cadres mobilizing across Krishna district and neighboring areas to pressurize authorities to act swiftly.

Kanna Babu Criticizes Chandrababu Govt Focused on His Own Goals, Ignoring Promises



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Former minister and YCP leader Kurasala Kanna Babu launched a scathing attack on the TDP-led coalition government, alleging that in just 9 months, the government has raised its hands in surrender and failed to implement even a single major promise made to the people. He accused Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu of focusing solely on achieving his personal goals, sidelining the

promises made during the elections. Kanna Babu claimed that those who trusted Chandrababu and voted for the alliance are now witnessing betrayal, as no development works have begun.

Referring to the Uttarandhra Teacher MLC elections, Kanna Babu said the results reflected the public's anger and exposed how low the ruling party can stop for political gains. He criticized TDP leaders for allegedly blocking government works for YSRCP supporters and questioned whether public servants should be divided by party lines. He reminded that YSRCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy had always upheld secular and inclusive values, without discrimination based on caste, religion, or party affiliation.

Let's Work Together to Make Jana Sena Formation Day a Grand Success: Dr. Daneti Sridhar

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

YSRCP State General Secretary SV Satish Kumar Reddy strongly criticized the TDP-led coalition government, highlighting that employees voted for the TDP, BJP, and Jana Sena alliance in the 2024 elections, but their dissatisfaction was clearly reflected in the recent Uttarandhra Teacher MLC election results.

Satish Kumar said employees have been waiting for solutions to their problems for the past nine months, but the government has failed to even constitute a PRC commission, and the PRC chairman has already resigned. He added that the Uttarandhra MLC election result is a wake-up call for the government, exposing the



growing frustration among employees.

He accused the TDP government of constantly blaming the previous administration, instead of addressing current issues. Uttarandhra teachers have already raised their voice, and the people of the state are prepared to do the same in future elections, he warned.

Satish Kumar alleged that Chandrababu violated Articles 14, 16, and 21 of the Constitution, and claimed that the same legal sections imposed on actor Posani Krishna Murali should also apply to Chandrababu.

Ambati Rambabu Slams Police Action Against Posani Krishna Murali



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Senior YSRCP leader Ambati Rambabu has

strongly condemned the continuous transfer of actor Posani Krishna Murali between various police stations and jails in Andhra Pradesh, terming it as deliberate harassment. Ambati expressed outrage at the way 67-year-old Posani is being subjected to unnecessary transfers, despite his age and health condition.

Ambati stated that Posani was first brought from Railway Kodur to Narasaraopet, and later moved to Guntur Sub Jail. Now, the police have obtained a PT warrant to shift him to Adoni, covering a distance of nearly 400 kilometers. Ambati criticized this as cruel and vindictive treatment intended to mentally and physically harass the veteran actor.

The YSRCP leader alleged that the police, under pressure from Nara Lokesh, are act-

ing in a conspiratorial manner to target Posani simply for expressing his views in the media. Sixteen cases have been filed against Posani across different police stations — all related to the same issue, Ambati noted.

Ambati questioned whether Posani had committed any international conspiracy to warrant this excessive legal action. He accused the police system and Nara Lokesh of intentionally dragging Posani through repeated arrests and transfers to exhaust him and intimidate YSRCP supporters.

"This is a clear example of misuse of power to silence dissent, and we will fight this legally," Ambati declared, calling on YSRCP cadres to stand firmly with Posani and resist any further harassment through legal means.

Pulivarthi Sudha Reddy Challenges Chevireddy to Prove Bribery Allegations



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Pulivarthi Sudha Reddy, wife of Chandra-

giri TDP MLA Pulivarthi Nani, has strongly countered allegations made by former YCP MLA Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy. Responding to Chevireddy's claim that she took a bribe of Rs. 50 lakhs, Sudha Reddy challenged him to present evidence if the allegations are true. She warned that Chevireddy, who engaged in corrupt practices, will eventually land in jail.

Sudha Reddy accused Chevireddy of falsely declaring his assets in his election affidavit. She revealed plans to distribute pamphlets listing the actual assets of Chevireddy and his family to every household in the constituency.

Criticizing Chevireddy for targeting her instead of directly facing her husband, Sudha

Reddy questioned, "Why target a woman? If you have the courage, fight with men." She also announced that she intends to contest against Chevireddy in the next elections, expressing confidence that TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu will give her a ticket as part of his commitment to empower women candidates.

Sudha Reddy further alleged that Chevireddy had looted lands belonging to religious institutions over the past five years and stated that his son is living off favors from Chandrababu Naidu.

She concluded by stating that from now on, she will actively fight against Chevireddy's corruption and ensure his misdeeds are exposed to the public.

Alliance Leaders Changed Stand After MLC Poll Results: Gudivada Amarnath

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Former minister and YSRCP leader Gudivada Amarnath strongly criticized the NDA alliance leaders for changing their stance after the results of the MLC elections were declared. Speaking to the media in Visakhapatnam, Amarnath said the results reflect the anger of employees towards the government and the alliance. Amarnath mocked the alliance leaders, saying it was shameful to claim that whoever wins is their candidate. He advised the alliance to accept defeat gracefully rather than twisting narratives after the results.

He particularly took Minister Atchannaidu to task, saying it was surprising to hear him claim that the alliance had nothing to do with Raghuvarma's defeat. Amarnath asserted that the MLC results were

a clear verdict on the government's performance, especially its handling of employee issues.

He reminded that the employees were deceived by the alliance government, which failed to deliver PRC benefits and even delayed salaries. He also criticized alliance leaders for misleading statements, pointing out that even Srinivasulu Naidu distanced the alliance from Raghuvarma after the defeat. Amarnath further highlighted that the YSRCP stayed away from the MLC elections but maintained that the injustice done to Rushikonda Beach and the poor governance under the alliance have severely harmed Uttarandhra.

Amarnath vowed that YSRCP would continue to expose the failures of the government and stand with the employees and people of Uttarandhra.



MP Kesineni Shivrath Urges Nayi Brahmins to Become Entrepreneurs with MSME Loans

- Awareness conference held at MP Office
- Guidance on availing PMEGP loans
- MP assures full support for entrepreneurs



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

On the orders of Vijayawada MP Kesineni Shivrath (Chinni), an awareness conference was conducted for Nayi Brahmins in Vijayawada city limits to encourage them to become entrepreneurs by availing MSME loans under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP). The conference was held on Tuesday at the Vijayawada Parliament Office, NTR Bhavan, located in Guru Nanak Colony. Addressing the gathering, MSME Program Coordinator Madigani Gurunatham stated that MP Kesineni Shivrath is committed to supporting Nayi Brahmins, who traditionally depend on caste-based professions, to evolve into successful entrepreneurs and achieve financial independence. He explained the process of registering on the Udyam portal and provided insights into profitable business units that could be established through the PMEGP scheme. MP Kesineni Shivrath assured that all necessary support, including coordination with bankers and

district authorities, has been arranged to ensure the smooth processing of MSME loans. He urged the community to fully utilize this opportunity and work towards economic self-reliance. The conference was attended by Division Corporator Jasti Sambasivarao, MSME Program Coordinators Madigani Gurunatham and Dr. Sanke Viswanatham, former Corporator Kaku Mallikarjuna Yadav, Nayi Brahmin Corporation Director Suravarapu Nagaraju, State Nayi Brahmin Empowerment Committee Leader Sagarapu Apparao, BC Cell Leader Uppadi Ramu, State SC Cell Authority Representative Parishapogu Rajesh, NTR District SC Cell President Songa Sanjay Varma, and TDP leaders Narasimha Chowdhury and Abid Hussain, along with several other leaders and community members.

Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu Clarifies on Polavaram Project Height Issue

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati
Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu provided strong clarification in the Legislative Council on Tuesday, countering allegations from YSRCP leaders regarding the alleged reduction in the Polavaram project height. Responding to YSRCP MLC and former minister Botsa Satyanarayana, who demanded an explanation on the matter, Minister Nimmala presented a factual timeline. He stated that on February 18, 2019, during Chandrababu Naidu's tenure, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) approved the Polavaram expenditure at Rs 55,000 crore — without any reference to Phase-1 and Phase-2 classifications for the project. He firmly asserted that between 2014 and 2019, there was no mention of any height

reduction, and the project height was set at 41.15 meters, with no proposal to limit it by 4.7 meters. The minister challenged YSRCP leaders to present any evidence showing otherwise. Minister Nimmala accused the YSRCP government, after taking power in 2019, of introducing the Phase-1 and Phase-2 classifications, thereby distorting the original plans. He criticized the Jagan government's 2020 decision to drastically reduce the water capacity of the Polavaram right canal from 17,560 cusecs to 11,650 cusecs, and the left canal from 17,500 cusecs to just 8,122 cusecs, which he called a major betrayal of North Andhra and Rayalaseema. He also condemned misleading reports in sections of the media, terming them politically motivated and far from the truth.



Govt Acts to Restore Blue Flag Certification for Rushikonda Beach

- Certification expected to be restored soon
- Key officials replaced for obstructing tourism efforts
- Stringent corrective measures implemented



TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

The Andhra Pradesh government has taken swift action to address lapses that led to the temporary suspension of the Blue Flag certification for Rushikonda Beach in Visakhapatnam. Following a high-level review chaired by Visakhapatnam Collector MN Harendhira Prasad on February 17, instructions were issued to key departments to urgently implement corrective measures. Authorities anticipate that the certification will be restored within a week, after a compliance audit scheduled for March 4, 2025. The government also took strict administrative action, removing District Tourism Officer (DTO) K Gnanavani and Regional Director K Ramana from their positions due to internal disputes that hindered tourism development. VB Jagadeesh Gedela was appointed as Regional Director (APTA) & Executive Director (APTDC) for the Visakhapatnam Hub, while G. Dasu was given additional charge as DTO/

Tourist Information Officer and Manager Tourism for Alluri Seetharama Raju district. The Blue Flag certification, awarded in 2020 and renewed in October 2024, requires compliance with 33 environmental, safety, and cleanliness criteria. However, a control visit by Blue Flag India in June 2024 highlighted deficiencies in infrastructure, security, parking, and stray dog management, leading to the certification suspension on February 13, 2025. During the February 17 review, the Tourism Department was tasked with improving infrastructure and monitoring staff, the GVMC with addressing sanitation and controlling stray animals, and the police with ensuring traffic management and security. With Rushikonda Beach being Andhra Pradesh's only Blue Flag-certified beach, the government reiterated its commitment to preserving tourism standards and ensuring such lapses do not recur.

Grateful to People for 82,000 Majority to Alapati - Mohammad Fataullah

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
A grand victory celebration was held at the office of State TDP Minority Cell General Secretary Mohammad Fataullah on Ganapathi Rao Road, Vijayawada, after Alapati Rajendra Prasad secured a massive 82,000 majority in the Guntur-Krishna Graduates' MLC elections. Telugu Desam Party workers gathered at Mohammad Fataullah's office, distributing sweets and celebrating the landslide victory. Following the celebrations, a bike rally was organized, with participants heading to the TDP state office to join the victory meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu. Speaking on the occasion, Mohammad Fataullah said the overwhelming support shown by educated voters for Alapati Rajendra Prasad was a clear endorsement of their trust in Chandrababu Naidu and Nara



Lokesh. He highlighted that despite the YSR Congress Party's support for a communist candidate, the graduates overwhelmingly backed the alliance candidate, recognizing that only the Telugu Desam Party can ensure development and address the concerns of educated youth. Fataullah thanked the workers, division presidents, cluster in-charges, and BJP and Jana Sena leaders who worked tirelessly for the victory. He also expressed special gratitude to

Vijayawada MP Kesineni Shivrath (Chinni) for entrusting him with leadership responsibilities during the election. Telugu Mahila State Vice President Sheikh Asha, Cluster In-charge Dhanikula Subba Rao, division presidents, and leaders including Tajuddin, Zaheda, Eeshwar, Kuncham Durga Rao, Ansar, Madhu, Habib, and Vijaya actively participated in the celebrations.

Public Petitions Flood At Jana Sena's Janavani Program

- Large turnout at Jana Sena's Janavani program
- MSME Corporation Chairman received grievances
- Party leaders assured necessary action



TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri

A massive number of people attended the Janavani program organized by the Jana Sena Party at its central office in Mangalagiri on Tuesday, submitting petitions detailing their grievances and seeking resolutions. MSME Corporation Chairman Sri T. Sivasankararao personally received the petitions and assured the attendees that the party would take the necessary steps to address their concerns. He emphasized that the Jana

Sena Party remains committed to standing with the people and resolving their issues effectively. Speaking on the occasion, Jana Sena Party State Secretary Sri Ammisetti Vasu reiterated that Janavani serves as a crucial platform for addressing public grievances and bridging the gap between the people and the administration. Veera Mahila Representative Smt. Somarouthu Anuradha and Legal Cell Representative Sri

Chejarla Venkateswara Rao also participated in the program, interacting with the petitioners and offering legal and procedural guidance. Party leaders highlighted that the program is a testament to Jana Sena's dedication to the welfare of the people, ensuring their voices are heard at every level. They assured that all petitions would be reviewed, and the necessary steps would be taken in coordination with concerned authorities. The event witnessed active participation from party workers and representatives, further reinforcing the Jana Sena Party's commitment to addressing public concerns and striving for a people-centric governance model.

Graduates Stand with NDA Govt - MLA Venigandla Ramu

- MLA Venigandla Ramu congratulates Alapati Raja
- Praises TDP-Jana Sena-BJP workers for united efforts
- Graduates' overwhelming support for coalition

TPN Correspondent | Gudivada

Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu extended his heartfelt congratulations to coalition candidate Alapati Rajendra Prasad for securing a landslide victory in the Krishna-Guntur Graduates' MLC elections. Addressing the media at Praja Vedika, the Gudivada TDP office, MLA Venigandla Ramu expressed his gratitude to graduates for placing their trust in the coalition and supporting its vision for progress. He also lauded the tireless efforts of TDP,



Jana Sena, and BJP workers, whose coordinated campaign ensured Alapati Raja's resounding win. MLA Ramu highlighted that Alapati Rajendra Prasad maintained an unassailable lead in every round of counting, which reflects the strong faith graduates and teachers have placed in the coalition government. He emphasized that the graduates' overwhelming support underscores the widespread confidence in the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. MLA Ramu reiterated that the coalition government will continue working towards the state's development and the welfare of its people, keeping in mind the aspirations of both the public and party cadre.

VMC Conducts Fire Prevention Awareness Program for Vastralatha Traders

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
On the instructions of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) Commissioner Dhyanchandra, VMC Fire Officers organized a fire prevention awareness program for traders and staff at Vastralatha Wholesale Market on Tuesday morning. During the program, participants were briefed on essential preventive measures to avoid fire accidents and were given hands-on training on the proper use of fire safety equipment.



The Fire Officers demonstrated how to handle fire extinguishers, operate fire sprinklers, and install smoke detectors. They also explained how smoke

detectors function and trigger alarms during fire emergencies. Additionally, the traders were advised on the importance of maintaining clear emergency exits, avoiding overloading electrical circuits, and ensuring the proper placement of fire safety equipment throughout the complex. District Fire Officer Malyadri, Station Fire Officer Raja, along with traders and staff from Vastralatha Wholesale Market, actively participated in the awareness session.

Perabathula Rajasekharam Wins Godavari Graduate MLC Seat with Huge Majority

Certificate handed over by District Collector Vetriseelvi



TPN Correspondent | Godavari Dist

The ruling coalition candidate Perabathula Rajasekharam secured a resounding victory in the MLC elections for the joint Godavari district graduate constituency. The counting process, which started on Monday morning, concluded by Tuesday evening at Sir CR Reddy Engineering College in Eluru, under the supervision of election observers Sridhar, District Collector and Returning Officer K. Vetriseelvi, Joint Collector P. Dhatri Reddy, and District SP K.P.S. Kishore. Rajasekharam maintained a clear lead from the very first round and sustained it till the end, ultimately defeating his nearest rival, PDF candidate Didla Veera Raghavulu, by a massive margin of 77,461 votes. Out of 2,18,997 votes polled, 19,789 were declared invalid. Of the remaining 1,99,208 valid

votes, Rajasekharam secured 1,24,702 votes, while Veera Raghavulu managed 47,241 votes. Another contestant, G.V. Sundar, secured 16,183 votes, while the rest of the 30 candidates failed to secure even a thousand votes each. Though 17 rounds of counting were initially scheduled, the process concluded within just 8 rounds as Rajasekharam's victory margin was unassailable. With the approval of the Election Commission, District Collector and Returning Officer K. Vetriseelvi officially handed over the election certificate to Rajasekharam. Additional SP N. Suryachandra Rao and DSP Sravana Kumar ensured peaceful and smooth conduct of the counting process. PDF candidate Didla Veera Raghavulu personally congratulated Rajasekharam on his remarkable victory.

Pithapuram In-charge Marreddy Srinivas Urged to Ensure Grand Success of Formation Day Celebrations

TPN Correspondent | Pithapuram

A meeting of Jana Sena Party workers was held at the residence of Deputy Chief Minister and Pithapuram MLA Konidala Pawan Kalyan in Gollaprolu Mandal, Pithapuram constituency, Kakinada district. Speaking at the meeting, Pithapuram constituency in-charge Marreddy Srinivas called upon party workers to actively participate and ensure the success of Jana Sena Party's 12th Formation Day celebrations, scheduled for March 14th. He announced that Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan has appointed Dasari Raju and P.N. Raju as observers for Pithapuram constituency to oversee arrangements for the celebrations.

On this occasion, Dasari Raju urged party workers to treat the first major celebration under the new government as a festival, with village-level meetings and widespread participation. Chodavaram in-charge P.N. Raju emphasized that committees have already been formed, including a spe-



cial invitation committee, to ensure smooth execution. He called for coordination among workers to extend a grand welcome to leaders and fans arriving from other districts and states. Later, leaders, fans, and activists gathered at Pawan Kalyan's residence to celebrate the victory of coalition graduate MLC candidate Perabathula Rajasekharam, who secured 1,24,702 votes (62.59%) from the joint East Godavari district. Marreddy Srinivas, along with Dasari Raju and P.N. Raju, cut a celebratory cake and distributed sweets. The celebrations were marked by fireworks, with fans expressing their joy. Marreddy Srinivas thanked all Jana Sena leaders, alliance leaders, fans, and activists for their dedicated efforts in ensuring Rajasekharam's victory.

ASHA Workers to Hold 'Chalo Vijayawada' Protest on March 6 for Minimum Wages



TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam

The AP ASHA Workers Union (CITU) has called for a 'Chalo Vijayawada' program on March 6, 2025, demanding the release of minimum wages and necessary government orders (GOs) for contract em-

ployment benefits for ASHA workers. CITU District President C.H. Amman Naidu led a delegation that submitted petitions to Rawada and Patharlapalli Medical and Health Department officials, P.S. Janardhana Naidu and BVP Anusha, outlining the long-pending issues faced by ASHA workers.

Speaking at the event, Amman Naidu urged all ASHA workers to actively participate in the state-wide dharna at Vijayawada to press for their demands. These demands include minimum wages, government holidays, casual leaves, raising the retirement age to 62, retirement benefits, insurance coverage, and additional allowances to meet rising living costs.

Naidu criticized the government's failure to increase wages over the past five years, despite repeated talks and agreements. He said that successive governments have ignored ASHA workers' demands for recognition as full-time workers, denying them basic legal protections and retirement benefits. He condemned political leaders for making false promises before elections and expressed concern over reduced allocations to the health sector, which is jeopardizing public health and worker safety. Leaders Kantamma, D. Mary, P. Lakshmi, M. Suguna, and others participated in the program.

Steps Towards Rebuilding Swarnandhra with Budget - MLA Gundu Shankar



TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam

Srikakulam MLA Gundu Shankar delivered an emotional speech in the Assembly, highlighting the achievements of the coalition government and criticizing the destructive rule of the previous YSRCP government. He said that after the coalition govern-

ment was formed, a well-balanced budget was presented, focusing on development, welfare, and long-term goals under 'Swarnandhra-2047'. He thanked Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu for good governance and praised Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav for presenting a budget that balances welfare and development.

Gundu Shankar said the TDP government between 2014-19 spent 59% on capital expenditure, while the YSRCP government between 2019-24 spent only 22%, reducing capital investment by 60%. He said the current government has doubled investment spending to Rs. 40,635 crore, prioritizing infrastructure and welfare programs, including the Super Six promises. He criticized YSRCP for misusing local body funds and praised Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan for releasing Rs. 2,400 crore soon after taking charge. Highlighting local development, he said the Amdalavala-Srikakulam road was completed with Rs. 16 crore, and 18 kilometers of CC roads were laid in the constituency.

He also emphasized quick payments to farmers for paddy procurement within 24 hours, and highlighted affordable sand prices, reduced from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 700 per tractor, supporting construction workers.

Gundu Shankar thanked CM Chandrababu for restoring dignity to the Assembly, turning it from a Kaurava Sabha into a House of Honor.

Police Raids Expose Cricket Betting in Someshwaram Six arrested, 50 phones and 4 laptops seized



TPN Correspondent | Someshwaram

Cricket betting, once confined to cities and towns, has now spread to rural areas, raising serious concerns. Despite frequent complaints, police action has been minimal, allowing illegal betting to flourish unchecked. However, following credible information, police launched a major crackdown on Sunday night during the India-New Zealand match, part of the Champions Trophy, in Someshwaram village of Rayavaram Mandal.

Ramachandrapuram DSP B. Raghuvver revealed on Monday evening that six cricket bookies were arrested in coordinated raids at two locations. Acting on orders from District SP B. Krishna Rao, police raided the residence of Lingapu Satish in Vinayaka Colony, Someshwaram, where two individuals were caught red-handed conducting online cricket betting. Based on their inputs, police raided a second location, an apartment in Yamuna Block, Chakradharabandam village of Rajanaga-

ram Mandal, where four more bookies were arrested. The arrested include Ketha Nagendra (Kothapeta), Karri Appa Reddy, Nimmakayala Ravi Teja (Someshwaram), Akkireddy Vinay (Gollaprolu), Gadi Ganesh (Bhimavaram), and Puli Venkatesh (Bhimavaram). Lingapu Satish is currently absconding.

Police seized 2 cricket line boxes, 4 laptops, a voice recorder, a TV, 2 tabs, and 50 cellphones, along with freezing an online account containing ₹7.38 lakh linked to betting transactions. DSP Raghuvver confirmed that investigations are ongoing to track other suspects and networks involved, with special teams deployed to apprehend the absconding accused. This successful operation, led by DSP Raghuvver, involved Mandapet Rural CI P. Dora Raju, Rayavaram SI D. Suresh Babu, Mandapet Rural SI V. Bujji Babu, and several other police personnel, all of whom were congratulated by SP B. Krishna Rao for their swift action.

Leopard Spotted Near Galigopuram on Alipiri Steps

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

A leopard was spotted roaming near the Galigopuram area on the Alipiri footpath leading to Tirumala in the early hours of Tuesday. The incident was captured on CCTV cameras installed at a nearby shop, leaving shopkeepers and devotees shocked.

According to the footage recorded around 1 am, the leopard entered the footpath, hunted a cat, and then disappeared into the forest area adjacent to the steps. Concerned shopkeepers immediately alerted the Forest Department and TTD Vigilance officials, who have since increased patrolling in the area.

In response to the sighting, TTD has issued fresh safety guidelines for devotees walking on the footpath. Children under 12 years are now allowed to walk the footpath only until 2 pm, and TTD is



advising all devotees to walk in groups after noon to ensure safety.

Forest officials and TTD Vigilance teams have intensified surveillance along the Alipiri route and are actively monitoring the area for any further movements of the animal. Devotees have been urged to remain cautious, follow official advisories, and avoid isolated walks along the path, especially after evening hours. The TTD reassured devotees that all necessary safety measures are being taken to ensure a safe pilgrimage experience for all.

Aghori Woman Creates Uproar at Tanuku Police Station, Attempts Suicide



TPN Correspondent | Tanuku

A tense situation unfolded at the Tanuku Police Station in West Godavari district when an Aghori woman created a commotion after her complaint was reportedly refused by the police. The Aghori had approached the station seeking action against Aghora Rajesh Nath, alleging that he had been harassing women. However, when the police allegedly refused to register her complaint, the Aghori woman expressed her strong displeasure, accusing the police of negligence. In a shocking turn of events, she poured petrol on herself and attempted to set herself on fire right in front of

the police personnel present at the station.

The alert police officers and lady constables at the scene acted swiftly, preventing the self-immolation attempt by pouring water on her and physically restraining her.

The entire incident was captured on video and has since gone viral on social media, drawing attention to the woman's allegations and the dramatic confrontation at the station.

Local residents and activists are demanding a thorough inquiry into the incident, questioning why the police refused to accept the complaint in the first place.

Modi Govt's Plan for the 'World's Largest Museum' Raises Many Red Flags

The Narendra Modi government's ambitious plan to create the "largest museum in the world," the Yuga Yugeen Bharat National Museum (YYBNM), in partnership with France has sparked significant debate. While details remain scarce due to a cloud of secrecy, early proposals and public statements suggest that the museum may serve as a platform to align India's history with the BJP's ideological agenda, which emphasizes Hinduism as eternal, portrays Muslim rulers as villains, and promotes 'Bharat' as the origin of modern concepts like democracy.

The YYBNM will be housed in the North and South Block buildings, part of the Central Vista Project, and will be a massive 1,55,000 square meters in size. This move has generated excitement due to the museum's scale and its collaboration with France. However, concerns have emerged about the lack of transparency surrounding the museum's design and curatorial direction. The Ministry of Culture has refrained from answering detailed queries, and there is little clarity about the budget, design plans, or how artifacts will be transported and stored.

In May 2023, Modi unveiled a virtual walk-



through of the YYBNM at the International Museum Expo, which showcased 950 rooms organized into thematic sections like "Bharatiya gyan parampara" (Indian knowledge traditions) and "swatantrata andolan" (freedom struggle). However, it left unclear how artifacts would be displayed or what objects would be used to support these narratives.

Internal documents accessed by The Wire have revealed plans for 12 wings, spanning from the "pre-historic age" to Indian independence. The proposed document shows

a clear emphasis on presenting history through the lens of 'Bharat' and suggests a reframing of India's past to align with the ruling party's Hindutva narrative. This has raised alarm among critics, who worry that the museum might reduce India's rich, pluralistic history to a single ideological viewpoint.

The YYBNM's development continues to face scrutiny, particularly concerning the lack of public consultation and transparency in the curatorial process, prompting fears of a politically motivated distortion of history.



Is China Driving Trump Towards Putin?

In a surprising turn of events, US President Donald Trump's foreign policy has been increasingly shaped by his focus on China, shifting away from traditional alliances and concerns about Russia. Trump's decision to abandon Ukraine and ease tensions with Russia has raised questions about his strategy, especially after his confrontation with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at the White House. Despite European leaders pushing for stronger support for Ukraine, Trump remains angered with Zelensky, pausing military aid and refusing to commit to further support.

Trump's primary goal appears to be isolating China, which he considers the United States' main strategic threat. His administration's actions, including tariffs on Chinese goods and efforts to secure critical minerals from countries like Ukraine, reveal a clear pattern. China controls over 60% of vital minerals, such as lithium and cobalt, essential for modern technology and military applications. Trump is particularly concerned about China's dominance in these sectors and has been working to secure alternative sources of supply, including deals with Ukraine, which possesses large reserves of critical minerals.

Trump's stance on Russia also appears to be driven by his desire to wean Moscow away from China, reminiscent of the US strategy to split the Soviet Union and China in the 1970s. He aims to rebuild US-Russia relations, with discussions about potentially readmitting Russia to the G-7 once a peace deal with Ukraine is reached. However, European leaders remain cautious, viewing Russia as a persistent security threat.

As for China, Trump's policies are framed by national security concerns, including the exploitation of US technology and the destabilizing impact of Beijing's global economic practices. His administration has also ramped up actions to combat the import of fentanyl from China, further complicating the relationship.

For India, Trump's shifting foreign policy could be a double-edged sword. While the potential thaw in US-Russia relations could ease New Delhi's concerns over Moscow's growing ties with Beijing, India must navigate its own complex relationship with China.

The Challenges and Future of Manipur Under President's Rule



With President's Rule now in place in Manipur, it is crucial to assess the underlying forces that have shaped the state's political landscape and what this new development means for its future. The imposition of central rule, combined with the resignation of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, has sparked both hope and skepticism regarding the resolution of the ongoing ethnic conflict that has plagued the state since May 2023.

What next after President's Rule?

While the removal of N. Biren Singh is seen by many as a necessary step toward peace talks, the Kuki-Zomi groups are skeptical that a new Chief Minister, regardless of their background, can bridge the deep divides. A non-Maitei Chief Minister is unlikely, and even then, such a leader may not be seen as a neutral party. The Kuki-Zomi communities have long felt marginalized by the Maitei-dominated government, and this tension traces back to historical grievances over territorial and cultural rights.

The Kuki-Zomi groups have welcomed President's Rule, viewing it as a potential opportunity to address the root causes of the ethnic violence that has simmered for decades. The Zomi Council, in a February 2025 statement, highlighted the need for a careful evaluation of the discriminatory and communal administration that contributed to the current crisis. However, protests have erupted in the Maitei-dominated valley districts, where demands for the rollback of



President's Rule underscore the ongoing divisions within the state.

The historical context is key to understanding the current unrest. In 2015, under N. Biren Singh's leadership, the government introduced controversial bills that bypassed

tribal consultations, fueling protests and violence. The fallout from these bills continues to impact the political landscape, with the Kuki-Zomi groups seeing the bills as a direct attack on their rights and autonomy.

For the central government, the path forward involves addressing conflicting narratives and reconciling deeply entrenched divisions. While talks and ceasefire agreements between the government and Kuki-Zomi groups provide a framework for dialogue, the government's challenge is to create a more inclusive solution. The possibility of granting greater autonomy to tribal areas under constitutional provisions is one option, but this will require careful consideration and input from all stakeholders.

Ultimately, the government's success in Manipur will depend on its ability to engage in meaningful dialogue and offer a politically viable solution that promotes peace and national integration.

Insiders, outsiders, and land, Uttarakhand closes off while J&K opens up



Uttarakhand has joined the growing list of states in India that have imposed restrictions on the purchase of agricultural land by outsiders. Following in the footsteps of states like Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, and Sikkim, the Uttarakhand government has introduced the Uttarakhand (Uttar Pradesh Zamindari Abolition and Land Reforms Act, 1950) (Amendment) Act, aiming to protect the state's resources, cultural heritage, and identity. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami heralded the move as a historic step to safeguard the region's "original identity."

However, the new legislation has sparked tensions between the hill districts and the plains, particularly in areas like Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar, which have been excluded from the new law's scope. Critics argue that the law has deepened the divide between highlanders and plainspeople, with many in the plains opposing the provisions.

Uttarakhand's land ownership laws have evolved over time, reflecting the state's unique geography and history. Before it became a separate state in 2000, Uttarakhand was part of Uttar Pradesh, where landholdings were largely governed by the Zamindari system. Under British rule, the region saw a mixture of systems, with peasants in hill districts holding proprietary rights to land. After independence, the UP Zamindari Abolition Act, 1950, impacted these areas, leading to reforms in land ownership. Following the creation of Uttarakhand, there were demands for a law similar to Himachal Pradesh's, which restricts non-residents from purchasing land.

Very big step': India, Belgium aim to seal defence cooperation pact this year

India and Belgium aim to finalize a defence agreement
Proposed a task force to accelerate the agreement process.

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India and Belgium are working towards finalizing a defence agreement by the end of this year to enhance cooperation between their armed forces and strengthen defence industrial collaboration. This announcement was made by Belgian Defence Minister Theo Francken on Tuesday during a media briefing in New Delhi.

urging both sides to finalize the agreement as soon as possible. "Your prime minister asked us to form the task force here in New Delhi and in Brussels to conclude the agreement before the end of the year," Francken shared. In addition, Belgium plans to appoint a defence attaché at its embassy in New Delhi, which will serve as a point of contact for India's military and defence industries.

Francken, alongside Belgian Foreign Minister Maxime Prévot, was part of a delegation led by Princess Astrid, which met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During the briefing, Francken described the agreement as a "very big step" towards establishing structural cooperation between the two countries' armed forces and creating a framework for collaboration between their defence industries. Prime Minister Modi proposed the formation of a task force to expedite the process,

Francken emphasized the importance of mutual growth in defence capabilities between the two nations. He noted that both countries could learn from each other in terms of military technology, and he reiterated the need for "peace through strength" in today's geopolitical landscape.

Foreign Minister Prévot highlighted the evolving global situation, mentioning the shifting policies of the U.S. administration. He stressed the need to



strengthen ties between Belgium and India, calling India a powerful democracy and emphasizing the importance of reinforcing their bilateral relations.

The proposed defence agreement is expected to boost cooperation between India and Belgium in various sectors, including defence technology, military

training, and defence industry collaboration, aligning with both nations' shared interests in regional and global security.



Accused seen dragging suitcase with Congress worker's body inside

- CCTV footage shows accused hauling suitcase on deserted road
- Victim Himani Narwal was allegedly strangled by a friend over a dispute
- Accused arrested; police investigating monetary angle in the murder

TPN Correspondent | Haryana

Days after Congress worker Himani Narwal was found murdered and stuffed inside a suitcase, chilling CCTV footage has surfaced showing the accused dragging the luggage on a deserted road.

exact details are yet to be confirmed. "After strangling her, Sachin took her jewellery and laptop, rode her scooter to Jhajjar to hide these items, and later returned to her home," said Mr Rao. He then stuffed her body into a suitcase, took an auto-rickshaw, and dumped the bag near the Sampla bus stand to mislead investigators.

The footage, recorded at 10:16 pm on February 28, shows a masked man hauling a hard-shell black suitcase. The body of Narwal, who was in her late 20s, was found near the Rohtak bus stand on Saturday.

Narwal was cremated on Monday evening after her family initially refused to perform the last rites until the accused was arrested.

The accused, Sachin, believed to be a friend of the victim, was arrested earlier today. Police say he allegedly strangled Narwal with a mobile phone charger after a heated argument. Additional DGP K K Rao stated that there was a monetary issue between them, but the

Former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda spoke to Rohtak's Superintendent of Police regarding the investigation. Congress MLA BB Batra described Narwal as an active party worker and demanded strict punishment for those responsible for her murder.

"Heard Inner Self": Minister Quits As Aide Is Arrested For Sarpanch Murder

TPN Correspondent | Mumbai

Maharashtra Minister Dhananjay Munde has resigned from his post after his close aide, Walmik Karad, was arrested in connection with the horrific murder of a sarpanch in Beed district. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis accepted the resignation and forwarded it to Governor CP Radhakrishnan.



Munde, who held the portfolios of food and civil supplies, stepped down citing both political and personal reasons, stating that he had "heard his inner self" while making the decision. He also mentioned health concerns, saying his doctors had advised him to undergo treatment soon.

ing murder of Santosh Deshmukh, the sarpanch of Massajog village, who was abducted, brutally tortured, and killed on December 9. The Maharashtra Crime Investigation Department (CID) has filed a 1,200-page

chargesheet, invoking the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) against eight accused, including Karad. Seven of them have been arrested, while one remains at large.

The investigation revealed that Deshmukh was killed after attempting to stop an extortion bid against an energy company. He was beaten with iron rods, wooden sticks, and sharp weapons for over two hours, with his attackers recording videos of the brutality.

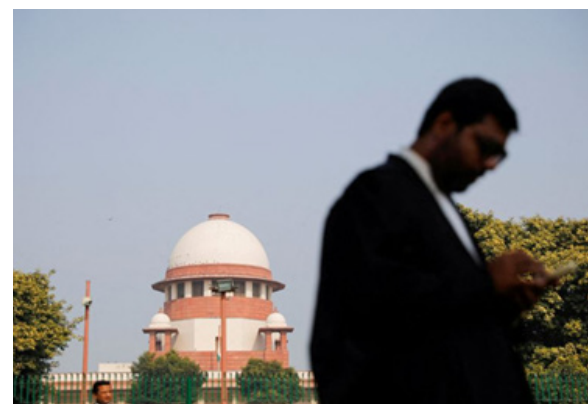
With the political fallout intensifying, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and Devendra Fadnavis held discussions before Munde's resignation was finalized. The case continues to shake Maharashtra's political landscape.

Calling someone 'Miyani-Tiyan' or 'Pakistani' not an offence

SC closes case, says remarks may be in poor taste but not illegal

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that calling someone 'Miyani-Tiyan' or 'Pakistani' may be inappropriate but does not constitute an offence under the Indian Penal Code (IPC). A bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and Satish Chandra Sharma made the observation while quashing a case against a man accused of using the terms against a government servant in Jharkhand. The complaint was filed by an Urdu translator and acting clerk, who alleged that the accused had insulted



him based on his religion while he was furnishing information related to a Right To Information (RTI) application. The FIR against the accused

included charges under IPC Sections 298 (hurting religious sentiments), 504 (insult intended to provoke breach of peace), and 353 (assault or criminal force to deter a public servant from duty).

However, the Supreme Court overturned a previous Jharkhand High Court order, stating that while the remarks were in poor taste, they did not amount to hurting religious sentiments. The bench observed that there was no act on the accused's part that could have incited violence or a breach of peace.

With this ruling, the case against the accused has been dismissed.

"Bihar budget inflated, written with ink dipped in lies": Tejashwi Yadav

TPN Correspondent | Patna

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Monday strongly criticized the Bihar Budget 2025-26, calling it "inflated" and drafted with "ink dipped in lies." He claimed that the BJP-led NDA government was misleading people with exaggerated figures and that the ruling alliance would be voted out in the upcoming elections.

He further termed the budget a "lost opportunity" for the NDA, stating that it failed to introduce pro-people measures. "We had urged the government to announce a ₹2,500 monthly stipend for women and 200 units of free electricity. They missed the chance, but the RJD will ensure these benefits when we form the next government," he asserted.

Shortly after Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary presented the budget, Yadav told reporters outside the Vidhan Sabha that the ₹3.71 lakh-crore budget was unrealistic. "Despite no revenue generation, the budget size keeps increasing. They could have made it ₹5 lakh crore as well, given the way they fabricate numbers," he said.

Yadav also took a swipe at Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for appreciating Choudhary inside the House. "This is his style. Whenever he is with younger leaders, he says in a self-effacing manner—'the future belongs to you.' But people have seen through his politics," Yadav remarked, recalling how Kumar had once called him his political successor before suddenly switching sides to the BJP.



Jaishankar to visit UK, Ireland for talks on Ties, Trade

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- Jaishankar to meet UK Foreign Secretary in London
- Discussions likely on India-UK trade deal
- Visit to Ireland includes meetings with Foreign Minister and Indian community

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will embark on a six-day visit to the United Kingdom and Ireland starting Tuesday to enhance bilateral cooperation across multiple sectors.

Jaishankar's visit to London will include talks with his British counterpart David Lammy on a range of bilateral, regional, and global issues. Their meeting comes amid geopolitical developments, including the recent exchanges between US President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, as well as British Prime Minister Keir Starmer's

summit with European leaders to push for a Ukraine peace deal. Observers will be keen to see whether the ongoing conflict in Ukraine features in their discussions. Another key focus of Jaishankar's visit will be the long-pending India-UK free trade agreement. Negotiations on the deal were recently revived during British Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds' visit to New Delhi. Strengthening defence, security, trade, and economic partnerships will also be on the agenda, as India and the UK continue to expand their strategic ties.

During his stay in the UK, Jaishankar is also expected to meet other dignitaries and interact with the Indian community.



Following his engagements in London, Jaishankar will travel to Ireland from March 6-7, where he will meet Irish Foreign Minister Simon Harris, key officials, and members of the Indian diaspora. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the visit aims to give renewed momentum to India's ties with both nations.

Turning War Into Graft Meat Grinder": Elon Musk Calls Zelensky "Evil"



TPN Correspondent | Washington

Billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk has launched a sharp attack on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, calling him "evil" and accusing him of deliberately extending the war with Russia for personal and political gain. Musk's remarks came in response to a Truth Social post by former US President Donald Trump, who criticized Zelensky's handling of the conflict.

"Zelensky wants a forever war, a never-ending graft meat grinder. This is evil," Musk posted on X, echoing Trump's frustration. The statement coincided with Trump's decision to suspend military aid to Ukraine, further pressuring Kyiv to consider peace negotiations. Trump also warned that he would not tolerate Zelensky's stance much longer, stating that the Ukrainian leader should be more grateful for US support.

Reports suggest Trump is pushing Zelensky to enter peace talks, but diplomatic progress remains uncertain. Tensions between the two leaders have intensified, especially after a contentious White House meeting attended by US Vice President JD Vance. Zelensky's recent statement that an end to the war remains "very, very far away" further fueled the rift. Trump labeled the remark "the worst statement that could have been made," warning that US patience was wearing thin.

Musk, a long-time critic of Zelensky, reiterated his belief that the Ukrainian leader is rejecting opportunities for peace. "Two years ago, I said Ukraine should seek peace or suffer severe loss of life for no gains. The latter was Zelensky's choice. Now, he wants to do that again. This is cruel and inhumane," Musk wrote on X.

Musk has previously accused Zelensky of exploiting the war, alleging without evidence that he operates a "massive graft machine feeding off the dead bodies of Ukrainian soldiers." He suggested that Zelensky's reluctance to end the conflict stems from his desire to maintain international attention and financial support. A week earlier, Musk reignited criticism of Zelensky by mocking his 2022 Vogue photoshoot with First Lady Olena Zelenska. The photos, taken in war-ravaged Ukraine, were meant to highlight the country's resilience. "He did this while kids are dying in trenches on the war front," Musk commented on X, reacting to the resurfaced images.

India Sends 2 Tons Of Life-Saving Medicines To War-Torn Sudan

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India has dispatched over two tons of life-saving medicines, including anti-cancer drugs, to Sudan as part of its ongoing humanitarian assistance efforts. The Indian Coast Guard Ship Sachet departed on Friday carrying the medical aid to the war-torn nation, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) confirmed.

Additionally, the ship is also transporting 20 haemodialysis machines and a reverse osmosis (RO) plant to Djibouti, further extending India's support to the region.

The ongoing conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) has severely impacted food security in Sudan, South Sudan, and Chad. According to the World Food Programme, over 25 million people are at risk, with at least 17 million in Sudan facing severe hunger, making it one of the world's worst humanitarian crises.

India has remained committed to providing global aid in times of crisis. Last



month, the country sent 26 tons of humanitarian assistance to Honduras following Tropical Storm SARA, including medical supplies, surgical equipment, and hygiene kits.

On January 27, India also dispatched a relief consignment to the Kurdistan region

of Iraq, comprising bronchodilators, inhalers, and ventilators to aid those in need. Over the years, India has maintained its commitment to humanitarian efforts, including a \$20 million aid pledge to Iraq in response to the UN Secretary-General's appeal in 2003.

Russia lauds 'best contribution' by US as Trump freezes Ukraine aid amid war



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Russia has welcomed the United States' decision to pause military aid to Ukraine, calling it a significant step toward ending the ongoing war. The Kremlin on Tuesday described the suspension as the "best contribution to peace," following escalating tensions between US and Ukrainian leaders.

The move, which went into immediate effect on Monday, impacts military supplies worth hundreds of millions of dollars that were in the process of being sent to Ukraine, according to The New York Times. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov

stated, "If the United States stops (military supplies), this would probably be the best contribution to peace. It is a solution that could really push the Kyiv regime towards a peace process." He further noted that the US has been Ukraine's primary military supplier since Russia launched its offensive in February 2023. "We will see how the situation on the ground evolves," Peskov added.

The pause in aid comes amid a public dispute between former US President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, highlighting growing uncertainty over continued Western support for Ukraine in its conflict with Russia.

FBI's "Most Wanted" Drug Lord, "Narco of Narcos," Handed Over to US by Mexico

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In a significant move, Mexico has extradited some of its most notorious drug lords to the United States, including Rafael Caro Quintero, the infamous "Narco of Narcos." Caro Quintero, 72, was on the US Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) list of 10 most-wanted fugitives until his capture in 2022. He is accused of ordering the kidnap, torture, and murder of US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) special agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in the 1980s.

A total of 29 cartel figures were handed over to US authorities as Mexico seeks to prevent sweeping tariffs that former US President Donald Trump has linked to illegal migration and drug trafficking. The US Department of Justice stated that if convicted, Caro Quintero and several others could face the death penalty. Prosecutors are also considering terrorism charges against them.

The extradition of such a high number of suspects at once was described as "historic" by former DEA official Mike Vigil. "In the past, Mexico would extradite only a few suspects at a time," he noted, adding that the move was likely aimed at easing ongoing trade negotiations with the US.

Major Cartel Leaders Among Those Extradited

The list of extradited criminals includes some of the most dangerous



figures in Mexico's drug underworld. Among them are Omar and Miguel Angel Trevino Morales, former leaders of the ultra-violent Zetas cartel, Vicente Carrillo, ex-boss of the Juarez cartel, and a brother of Nemesio Oseguera, head of the powerful Jalisco New Generation Cartel.

The DEA welcomed Caro Quintero's extradition with special enthusiasm, as his role in Camarena's killing had remained an unresolved wound for the agency. DEA acting administrator Derek S. Maltz called it an "extremely personal" moment for the organization.

US and Mexico Strengthen Anti-Drug Efforts

The extradition announcement came during a high-level visit by Mexican officials to Washington, where they met US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and other top American officials. According to the

Mexican government, both countries agreed to take coordinated actions to combat drug trafficking, particularly fentanyl smuggling, and illegal firearms trade.

Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum has pledged to collaborate with the US on these issues while rejecting any "invasion" of her country's sovereignty. She has also expressed optimism that the two nations can avoid the tariffs imposed by Trump.

Trump's Tough Stance on Cartels Since returning to office in January, Trump has designated eight Latin American drug trafficking organizations as terrorist groups, including six Mexican cartels. He has signed an executive order labeling the cartels a national security threat, raising speculation about potential US military action against them.

Amid increasing US pressure, Mexico has recently carried out large-

Markets Tread Water Amid Tariff Turbulence; Late Buying in Banks and Metals Offers Partial Relief

Domestic stock markets suffered a slight loss. They moved within the range on Monday. Benchmark indices started the morning gap-down on negative signals from international markets. Trump's tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China coming into effect from today and those countries imposing retaliatory tariffs led to negative sentiment. After some time, the indices recovered as buying increased in bank, finance, media and metal shares. However, they could not cross the daily highs. Market breadth improved slightly compared to yesterday. In total, Nifty lost 36 points and Sensex lost 96 points.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 73,085 in the previous session, opened at 72,817 on Tuesday. It touched an intraday low of 72,633. It reached an intraday high of 73,033. It ended at 72,989, down 96 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 21,974, touched a low of 21,964 and a high of 22,105. It closed at 22,082, down 36 points. The Nifty Bank rose 130 points to settle at 48,245.

In the Nifty50, 22 companies gained while 28 lost. SBI, BPCL, BEL, Shriram Finance, Adani Enterprises were the top gainers. Bajaj Auto, Hero Moto, Bajaj Finserv, HCL Tech, Eicher Motors were the biggest losers. Bank, finance, media, metal, PSU bank, consumption, oil and gas shares rose. Auto, FMCG, IT, and pharma indices lost.

Market breadth in NSE turned in favour of buyers today. Out of 2954 shares traded, 1658 gained and 1214 lost. Shares of 13 companies reached 52-week highs. 487 shares reached 52-week lows. Shares of 95 companies touched upper circuit.

Rupee settled at 87.30 against dollar. NLC India shares rose 11 per cent to Rs 226 today. 15 lakh shares changed hands in NMDC. Kotak AMC Nilesch Shah said that valuations are reaching normal levels and the shares can be accumulated with a long-term perspective. ICICI Securities



has given a buy rating to Adani Power with a target price of Rs 600. Nomura said it may buy shares of Ultratech, Ambuja and Ramco Cement companies. Morgan Stanley has given an overweight rating to Canfin Homes with a target price of Rs 885. Shares of Domes Industries rose 8.11 percent to Rs 2553. 11 lakh shares changed hands in Emami. SBI shares rose the most in 14 weeks today. The Trump administration has ordered the US to stop cyber operations against Russia.

1. Indigo (InterGlobe Aviation Ltd.)

Indigo is India's largest low-cost carrier, known for its operational efficiency, on-time performance, and extensive domestic network. It focuses primarily on short-haul flights and has maintained a



strong market share in the Indian aviation sector. Long-term prospects are positive if domestic travel demand continues to recover and cost management remains efficient.

2. Bluestar Ltd.



Bluestar is a leading manufacturer in the HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) segment in India, offering air conditioners and commercial refrigeration solutions. It caters to both residential and commercial markets with a well-established brand and distribution network. Positive, as continued urban development and consumer demand for efficient and sustainable HVAC solutions drive growth.

3. Voltas Ltd.



Voltas, a Tata Group company, is a market leader in air-conditioning and cooling solutions in India. It serves both residential and commercial customers and is expanding its portfolio into engineering solutions. Long-term outlook remains positive, supported by sustained demand and brand strength in the cooling solutions market.

4. Power India Ltd.



Power India Ltd. is a public sector enterprise engaged in power generation and renewable energy initiatives. It benefits from government support and regulated revenue streams through long-term power purchase agreements. Stable, with long-term growth potential given the government's focus on expanding and modernizing power infrastructure.

5. State Bank of India (SBI)



SBI is India's largest public sector bank, boasting an extensive branch network, diversified loan portfolio, and significant presence in both domestic and international markets. It plays a pivotal role in financial inclusion and supports a wide range of banking services. Positive over the long term, given its dominant market position, continuous digital transformation, and strong backing from the government.

Bombay HC stays FIR against ex-SEBI chief Madhabi Buch



- HC grants relief in alleged market fraud case
- Special court's decision deemed "mechanical" and lacking specific attribution.
- SEBI calls complainant a habitual litigant.

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The Bombay High Court on Tuesday granted relief to former SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and five others by staying a special court's order directing the registration of an FIR in an alleged market fraud case. The court observed that the lower court's order was passed mechanically without detailing the specific roles of the accused.

Justice Shivkumar Dige, presiding over the case, stayed the March 1 special court order for four weeks and granted time for the complainant, journalist Sapan Shrivastava, to file his affidavit in response to the petitions seeking quashing of the order. The petitions were filed by Ms. Buch, SEBI directors Ashwani Bhatia, Ananth Narayan, and Kamlesh Chandra Varshney, along with Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) Managing Director and CEO Sundararaman Ramamurthy and former BSE chairman Pramod Agarwal.

The case stems from allegations of fraud related to a company's listing on the BSE in 1994. A special court had directed the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) to file an FIR, citing "prima facie evidence of regulatory lapses and collusion requiring a fair and impartial probe." The court noted that the allegations warranted an investigation due to the perceived inaction by SEBI and law enforcement agencies. On Monday, the High Court had already restrained the ACB from taking action until the hearing was concluded. Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the SEBI directors, argued that the special court's order was "manifestly erroneous, patently illegal, and beyond jurisdiction."

In response, SEBI reaffirmed its commitment to regulatory compliance and announced its intention to challenge the order. The market regulator dismissed the allegations as frivolous, pointing out that the complainant had a history of filing baseless litigation, some of which had previously been dismissed with penalties. Meanwhile, the BSE also rejected the allegations, calling them "frivolous and vexatious." The High Court will take up the matter again after four weeks.

Suzuki Motorcycle India's domestic sales dip, exports rise by 19%

Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt. Ltd. (SMIPL) reported a mixed performance in February 2025, with domestic sales witnessing a 7.4% decline compared to February 2024, while exports surged by 19%.

The company recorded total sales of 90,206 units last month, comprising 73,455 units sold in the domestic market and 16,751 units shipped overseas. In contrast, Suzuki sold 97,435 units in February 2024, with 83,304 units domestically and 14,131 units in exports.

Commenting on the sales, Devashish Handa, Executive Vice President - Sales, Marketing, and After Sales at SMIPL,



said, "February sales reflect a mix of market dynamics with exports showing growth. Although the domestic sales witnessed a temporary slowdown, our focus remains on offering products that

align with customers' expectations while continuously improving the overall ownership experience."

Despite the slowdown in domestic demand, Suzuki remains optimistic about future growth, driven by its recent launches at the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025. The company introduced its first electric scooter, the e-Access, alongside the ICE variant of the Access 125. Suzuki also launched the Gixxer SF 250 Flex Fuel, India's first E85-compatible bike. These new models are expected to boost Suzuki's sales momentum in the coming months.

Tencent Raises Stake in FromSoftware Parent Kadokawa to 7.97%

Chinese tech giant Tencent Holdings has increased its stake in Kadokawa Corporation, the parent company of renowned game developer FromSoftware. According to reports, Tencent acquired an additional 1.11 percent of Kadokawa shares on Monday, raising its ownership from 6.86 percent to 7.97 percent. This move follows Tencent's initial investment in 2021, when it acquired a stake in the Japanese firm for JPY 30 billion (approximately Rs. 1,757 crore).

The share purchase was carried out through SixJoy Hong Kong Limited, a Tencent subsidiary, which submitted a large shareholding report to the Kanto Finance Bureau. According to a report from Nikkei, the acquisition is part of an ongoing capital and business alliance between the two companies.

Sony's Growing Influence in Kadokawa

Tencent's increased investment comes amid Sony's efforts to expand its stake



in Kadokawa. In December 2024, Sony raised its ownership from two percent to nearly 10 percent, making it the largest shareholder in the FromSoftware parent company. Sony invested JPY 50 billion (\$320 million or roughly Rs. 2,722 crore) to acquire new Kadokawa shares, aiming to strengthen its collaboration with the publishing giant and maximize the global impact of their intellectual properties (IP).

South Korean firm Kakao Investment currently holds an 8.44 percent stake, making it the second-largest shareholder

er in Kadokawa.

Kadokawa's Influence in the Gaming Industry

Kadokawa is a major player in the entertainment industry, serving as the parent company of FromSoftware, the acclaimed studio behind games such as the Dark Souls series, Bloodborne, Sekiro: Shadows Die Twice, and Elden Ring. The company has been in the spotlight recently due to its strategic partnerships and acquisition talks with major industry players like Sony and Tencent.

Tencent's increased stake in Kadokawa signals its growing interest in the gaming sector, reinforcing its position in the Japanese gaming market while competing with Sony for influence over the publisher's future. With both tech giants expanding their stakes, Kadokawa's role in shaping the gaming industry is expected to become even more significant in the coming years.

Scroll Smarter: Why Reddit is the Thinking Person's Social Media



By Yansi Gopisetty
Tired of political debates that go nowhere and movie discussions that end at 'mass or class'? Maybe it's time you discovered Reddit - where the internet actually thinks. Reddit is the internet's best-kept secret and a goldmine for curious readers who love a good debate. If you've never heard of it, don't worry- you're not alone. Reddit quietly operates as a massive global forum where people discuss everything, from serious political issues to bizarre conspiracy theories. Think of it as a WhatsApp group, but without the "Good morning" messages. Instead of endless reels and one-sided debates - Reddit offers real conversations where people actually think before they comment, well, most of the time. The platform is made up of topic-specific communities called subreddits, where users post news, opinions, thoughts, questions, gossip, and memes while others respond with insightful or sometimes sarcastic comments.

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YouTube Working on Netflix-Like Redesign to Compete With Amazon Prime Video



YouTube is reportedly developing a redesigned version of its smart TV app that could resemble Netflix and Disney+, aiming to make it easier for users to discover paid content from third-party streaming services. This move is seen as an effort to compete with Amazon Prime Video, which already integrates external services like Apple TV+ and Paramount+ within its interface. According to a report from The Information (via The Verge),

the Alphabet-owned platform plans to spotlight paid content from third-party providers directly on the YouTube home page, offering users a more seamless content discovery experience. YouTube already allows US customers to subscribe to services like Max, Paramount+, and Crunchyroll through its "Primetime Channels" feature in the Movies and TV tab. However, the redesign could expand this integration significantly. Amazon's Prime Video currently highlights content from external platforms throughout its app and allows users to purchase subscriptions within the interface. YouTube appears to be following a similar strategy to boost engagement and make its app a more comprehensive entertainment hub. Kurt Wilms, Senior Director of Product Management at YouTube, confirmed that the company is working on a unified viewing experience. "The vision is that when you come to our app and you're looking for a show, it'll just blend away whether that show is from a Primetime Channel or that show is from a creator," he told The Information. The move comes amid growing competition among streaming services, with platforms like Netflix, Disney+, and Amazon Prime Video constantly refining their user experience. By enhancing its smart TV app to integrate third-party services more prominently, YouTube aims to position itself as a key player in the premium streaming market.

Microsoft unveils new AI assistant 'Dragon Copilot' How safe are AI tools in healthcare?



Microsoft has launched a groundbreaking voice-activated AI assistant, named Dragon Copilot, aimed at streamlining the administrative tasks of healthcare professionals. The new tool is designed to help doctors and healthcare workers efficiently transcribe clinical notes, draft essential paperwork, and swiftly search for information from medical sources. Integrated into the Microsoft Cloud for Healthcare platform, Dragon Copilot represents a significant step toward improving productivity and reducing the time spent on routine adminis-

trative work. Dragon Copilot utilizes advanced natural language voice dictation and ambient listening technology developed by Nuance, an AI voice company acquired by Microsoft in 2021 for \$16 billion. This acquisition enabled Microsoft to leverage Nuance's expertise in AI-driven voice recognition and transcription tools, which are already widely used in the healthcare industry. By using Dragon Copilot, healthcare professionals can dictate patient notes and other clinical documentation hands-free, improving both the speed and accuracy of their work. The tool can transcribe real-time conversations and adapt to medical terminology, ensuring that the resulting records are precise and compliant with industry standards. Additionally, Dragon Copilot can instantly search through vast databases of medical knowledge to provide relevant information or

suggestions, assisting doctors in making quicker and more informed decisions. The integration of Dragon Copilot into Microsoft Cloud for Healthcare offers significant advantages in terms of data security, scalability, and interoperability, ensuring that healthcare providers can access and manage their AI-powered tools securely. As part of the larger shift towards digitization in healthcare, this AI assistant is poised to reduce administrative burdens, allowing doctors and other healthcare professionals to focus more on patient care rather than paperwork. Dragon Copilot is a game-changer for the healthcare industry, enhancing efficiency, improving the accuracy of medical documentation, and allowing healthcare professionals to deliver better patient outcomes. By harnessing cutting-edge AI technology, Microsoft continues to push the boundaries of innovation in healthcare.

Apple Set to Launch MacBook Air M4 with AI Features This Week



Apple is ready to unveil its highly anticipated MacBook Air M4 this week, confirming the launch via social media on Monday. The new laptop will succeed the MacBook Air M3, which debuted only a year ago in March 2024. The MacBook Air M4 is expected to come in two sizes—13-inch and 15-inch models—and will be powered by the new M4 chipset. In a teaser shared on X (formerly Twitter), Apple CEO Tim Cook posted a video with the tagline, "There's something in the AIR," hinting at the arrival of the new MacBook Air. While the design of the new laptop is expected to remain largely unchanged from its predecessor, the major update will be the introduction of the M4 processor, which is expected to boost performance and efficiency. The MacBook Air M4 is rumored to offer two display sizes—13-inch and 15-inch—codenamed J713 and J715, respectively. The laptop will likely feature the same Liquid Retina display as the current model, though

there are speculations that Apple could introduce a new nano-texture coating, which it currently offers on the MacBook Pro (M4, 2024), to the MacBook Air M4. Additionally, the upcoming model may see an upgrade in connectivity, with Thunderbolt 4 ports replacing the Thunderbolt 3 ports found in the current MacBook Air. Another significant upgrade for the MacBook Air M4 could be the introduction of Apple Intelligence—Apple's suite of AI-powered features. This would likely require a minimum of 8GB of RAM, aligning with Apple's specifications for running its AI suite. This upgrade hints at a more powerful, AI-enhanced experience for users. The news of the M4 chip was first reported by Bloomberg's Mark Gurman in October 2024, and the launch of the MacBook Air M4 is expected to be followed by the release of an M4-powered Mac Studio, which may debut between March and June 2025.

Giving Up Your Phone For Just 3 Days Can Change Brain, Study Shows



A recent study has revealed that giving up your smartphone for just three days can lead to significant changes in brain activity. The research, conducted by scientists from Heidelberg University and the University of Cologne in Germany, involved 25 young adults aged 18 to 30. Participants were asked to limit their phone use to essential communication and work tasks for a period of 72 hours. Before and after the three-day "phone diet," participants underwent MRI scans and psychological tests. The aim of the study was to observe how restricting smartphone use would affect brain patterns, particularly focusing on addiction-related neurotransmitter systems. The results showed notable changes in brain activation associated with these systems, indicating that even short-term phone restrictions can influence neural responses. The researchers used a longitudinal approach to examine the effects of smartphone restriction, as detailed in their published paper. They found associations between changes in brain activation over time

and the neurotransmitter systems related to addiction. Participants were shown various images during the scans, including pictures of smartphones (both on and off) and neutral images like boats and flowers, to examine their brain responses. The study suggests that smartphone use has a profound effect on brain activity, even in the short term. These findings provide valuable insight into how digital devices shape our neural patterns. However, the researchers caution that their data does not fully distinguish between craving smartphone use and craving social interaction, two processes that are often closely intertwined in today's digital age. While the study reveals robust findings, the researchers highlight the need for future research to further explore these aspects, particularly to clarify how smartphone use affects both our craving for devices and the social connections we seek through them. This study adds to the growing body of evidence that points to the powerful influence of smartphones on our brains.

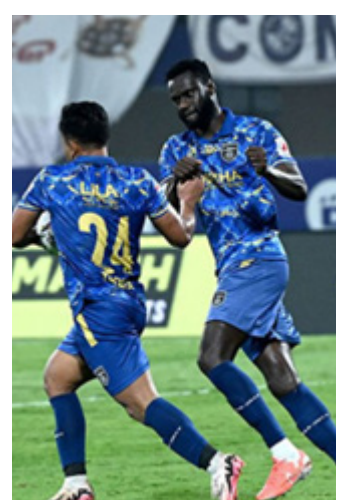
India Defeat Australia by 4 Wickets to Enter Champions Trophy 2025 Final



India booked their spot in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 final after defeating Australia by 4 wickets in a thrilling semi-final at Dubai International Stadium. Chasing a target of 265, India reached 267/6 in 48.1 overs, with Virat Kohli leading the way with a composed 84-run innings. Shreyas Iyer (45), KL Rahul (42 not out), and Hardik Pandya (28) played key supporting roles in the successful chase. Earlier, India's bowlers restricted Australia to 264, with Mohammed Shami claiming 3 wickets for 48 runs. Varun Chakravarthi and Ravindra Jadeja each picked up two wickets. Steve Smith top-scored for Australia with 73 runs off 96 balls. India's clinical bowling effort and solid chase secured a spot in the final, where they will face the winner of the South Africa vs New Zealand match.

Odisha FC Eye Crucial Win Against Jamshedpur FC to Keep Playoff Hopes Alive

Odisha FC will face Jamshedpur FC at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur on Wednesday in a crucial Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 match. Jamshedpur FC, already qualified for the playoffs, sit fourth in the table with 38 points from 22 matches, while Odisha FC are seventh with 30 points from 23 games. A win will take Odisha FC to 33 points, keeping them in contention for the final playoff spot. If Mumbai City FC, currently in sixth place, loses both of their remaining games, Odisha FC could still advance based on goal difference, with their current advantage of +6 over Mumbai's 0. Odisha FC have struggled recently, failing to



score in their last two matches, but are the fourth-highest scoring team this season with 41 goals. Jamshedpur FC, on the other hand, will aim for a strong performance at home, with their goalkeeper Albino Gomes making the most saves in the league.

Indian Dragflickers Sharpen Skills with Taeke Taekema Ahead of FIH Pro League 2024-25



The Indian Women's Hockey Team enhanced their penalty corner conversion skills in a specialized dragflicking camp held from February 10-16, 2025, in Bhubaneswar. Led by legendary Dutch dragflicker Taeke Taekema, renowned for his precision in penalty corners, the camp aimed to refine the team's technical abilities ahead of their home leg in the FIH Pro League 2024-25. Taekema, a former player with 170 goals in 94 appearances for the Netherlands, worked with senior

players like Deepika, Manisha Chauhan, and Sonam, focusing on body positioning, footwork, and shot release. Deepika, who scored two of her three goals through penalty corners during the Pro League, praised the camp's impact on her technique and mental resilience. Coach Harendra Singh expressed excitement about Taekema's contribution, emphasizing the need for continuous development in dragflicking for success in future competitions, including the 2028 LA Olympics.

India Paddle Festival 2025: National Champion Sekar Patchai to Lead India's Charge



The second edition of the India Paddle Festival is set to take place from March 7 to 9, 2025, at the scenic Sasi-hithlu Beach in Mangalore, Karnataka. This prestigious event, sanctioned by the Association of PaddleSurf Professionals (APP) World Tour, will showcase elite stand-up paddling (SUP) races, featuring a star-studded lineup. The festival will see world number two Christian Andersen, former World Champion Daniel Hasulyo, and defending Women's Champion Esperanza Barreras among the top

competitors. Leading India's charge is Sekar Patchai, the 25-time national champion and current titleholder. Patchai, alongside rising star Manikandan, will represent India against a strong international field, including athletes from Spain, South Africa, and Korea. The three-day event will feature sprint, technical, and distance races in multiple categories, with over 40 paddlers competing for supremacy. The festival will also feature cultural performances, making it a celebration of water sports and vibrant festivities.

World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025 to Be Held in Delhi from March 11-13

The Paralympic Committee of India has announced the launch of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2025, which will take place at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, from March 11-13. The event will feature over 90 competitions, with participation from elite para-athletes across 20 countries, including Germany, Japan, Australia, Saudi Arabia, and Brazil.



The event's logo reflects India's rich cultural heritage and sporting excellence, incorporating elements like traditional musical instruments and para-athletic sports such as wheelchair racing, javelin throw, and running. The logo also celebrates India's connection to holistic well-being and fitness through motifs of yoga and athletic movements. Devendra Jhajha-

ria, President of the Paralympic Committee of India, emphasized that the Grand Prix is not just a competition but a celebration of resilience, inclusivity, and excellence. This event will provide Indian para-athletes with the opportunity to compete against top global talent, boosting the nation's growing reputation in para-sports.

India to Host 2nd Asian Yogasana Championship in March 2025

India will host the 2nd Asian Yogasana Championship from March 29 to 31, 2025, at the Indira Gandhi Arena in New Delhi, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sports Authority of India (SAI), and Yogasana Bharat. This event aims to promote Yogasana as a competitive sport globally while showcasing its rich cultural heritage. The championship will bring together top athletes from across Asia to compete in various Yogasana categories, emphasizing bal-

ance, strength, and flexibility. The event is supported by leading organizations, including the Olympic Council of Asia, World Yogasana, and Asian Yogasana, with the long-term goal of including Yogasana in the Olympics. Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya emphasized that the championship will highlight the transformative power of Yogasana, not only as a sport but as a practice that fosters physical and mental well-being. The event marks a major step in making Yogasana a mainstream global sport.



Samantha Reflects on Her Career Milestones and Cringe-Worthy Performances



Samantha Ruth Prabhu, celebrating 15 years in the industry, reflects on her journey in an interview with ETimes. The actress, who made her Telugu debut with *Ye Maaya Chesave* in 2010, admits there were moments in her early career that now make her cringe. "The performances that make me cringe are the ones where I was struggling to fit in," she shared, recalling how she once tried to mimic her peers. Despite those initial challenges, Samantha is proud of her growth. "I feel more mature and sure of myself now," she said. Looking ahead, she's excited for the future and finds immense joy in her work, which no longer feels like a job.

Vicky Kaushal's Chhaava Crosses Rs 450 Crore, Becomes 11th-Highest-Grossing Indian Film



Vicky Kaushal's *Chhaava* continues to shine at the box office, crossing a major milestone with Rs 467 crore in domestic earnings. Directed by Laxman Utekar, the historical drama has now become the 11th highest-grossing Indian film, surpassing the earnings of *Baahubali - The Beginning* (2015) and outgrossing films like *Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire* and 2.0. On day 18, it earned Rs 8.25 crore. The film, based on the Marathi novel *Chhaava* by Shivaji Sawant, depicts the life of Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, played by Kaushal. *Chhaava* has received an emotional response from audiences, including a touching moment shared by Kaushal on Instagram, showcasing a fan moved by the film's story.

Alia Bhatt Hosts Heartwarming Meet and Greet with Fans in Mumbai



Alia Bhatt took a break from her busy schedule to connect with her fans in Mumbai at a special meet and greet event. The actress joined her admirers for lunch at a local restaurant, where she curated a menu filled with her favorite dishes, including french fries, mac & cheese, pizza, pasta, and more. Each fan was gifted a personalized goodies bag containing items like a hair straightener brush, perfume, makeup products, a customized Spotify playlist, a Rs 5K travel gift card, and chocolates. Attendees shared heartfelt moments on social media, showing Alia interacting, posing for photos, and signing autographs. On the work front, Alia will star in *Love & War* alongside Ranbir Kapoor and Vicky Kaushal, and has *Alpha* coming up with YRF.

Nagarjuna Reportedly Quits Bigg Boss Telugu 9: Vijay Deverakonda to Host?



Bigg Boss Telugu, one of the most popular reality shows in India, is set to return for its 9th season, but with significant changes. After hosting Seasons 3 to 8, Nagarjuna is reportedly stepping down, creating a buzz about who will take his place. To reignite the excitement, the show is considering Tollywood star Vijay Deverakonda as the new host. Sources suggest that Deverakonda has been offered a substantial amount and is contemplating the role, but no official confirmation has been made yet. In addition to the change in hosting, *Bigg Boss Telugu* Season 9 will feature a star-studded lineup of contestants. Unlike previous seasons, which included common people, only well-known celebrities will participate this time, including actors, comedians, singers, and choreographers. This shift aims to boost the show's appeal and engage viewers. Fans eagerly await the official announcement, hopeful that these changes will bring back the excitement.

Telugu Cinema Celebration: Iconic Films at Red Lorry Film Festival in Hyderabad



The Red Lorry Film Festival: Parallel Verse is set to debut in Hyderabad from March 21st to 23rd, 2025, at Prasads Multiplex, celebrating South Indian cinema with over 70 exceptional titles. The festival shines a special spotlight on Telugu cinema, featuring beloved classics and contemporary masterpieces. Key highlights include iconic films such as *Mayabazar* (1957), *Missamma* (1955), *Pushpaka Vimana* (1987), and *Aditya 369* (1991), all showcasing legendary directors and actors. *Pushpaka* Vi-

mana and *Aditya 369* will pay tribute to director Singeetham Srinivasa Rao's visionary storytelling, while *Manmadhudu* (2002) and *Kshana Kshanam* (1991) continue to captivate audiences with their humor and suspense. *Happy Days* (2007) and *Chandamama* (2007) will offer a nostalgic look at youth and love, while *Nene Raju Nene Mantri* (2017) explores political drama. The festival also features masterclasses and panel discussions with filmmakers, offering valuable insights into the evolution of Indian cinema. This celebration of Telugu and global cinema is organized by BookAChange, under the BookMyShow Foundation. With festival passes starting at Rs. 750/-, cinemaphiles can purchase them exclusively on BookMyShow and immerse themselves in this cinematic journey. Don't miss out on this spectacular event!