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- Harish Rao slams Chandrababu's 'Two Eyes' remark. Accuses AP of misusing Krishna River water. Warns of future water scarcity in Telangana. Chandrababu opposed Kaleshwaram Project. Rao demands fairness in water distribution. Calls for Chandrababu to support Telangana's projects.



due to water scarcity. He criticized Chandrababu for diverting water from the left canal of Nagarjuna Sagar to the right canal, a move he deemed unfair, given the acute water shortage faced by Telangana's farmers. Rao also highlighted that Andhra Pradesh is using 657 TMC of water from the Krishna River, well beyond its allocated 512 TMC, while Telangana receives only 220 TMC of the 343 TMC it is entitled to. Rao accused Chandrababu of betraying Telangana by conspiring with the central government to deny the state its rightful share of water. He also warned that Telangana could face

TPN, Correspondent Hyderabad, Mar 06: Former Telangana Minister and BRS MLA Harish Rao strongly condemned Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's recent remarks regarding Telangana's irrigation projects. Speaking at a public event, Chandrababu

referred to his political approach as "two states, two eyes," advocating for fairness. Harish Rao questioned this stance, pointing out the inconsistencies in Chandrababu's actions towards water distribution between the two states. Rao emphasized that if

fairness were truly the goal, the distribution of Krishna River water would have been equitable, especially in areas like Khammam and Nalgonda where farmers are suffering

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Madhu Yashki Goud Criticizes Revanth and Mallanna for 'Drama'

Madhu Yashki slams Revanth, Mallanna for drama. Demands clarification on caste survey issue. Accuses Congress leaders of manipulating data.

TPN, Correspondent Hyderabad, Mar 06: Senior Congress leader Madhu Yashki Goud made bold accusations against party leaders Revanth

Reddy and Teenmar Mallanna, accusing them of playing "dramas" within the party. In his recent comments,

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Meenakshi Natarajan's Three-Group Formula to Balance T Congress Leadership

Meenakshi Natarajan introduces Three-Group Formula for T Congress. Formula aims to reduce infighting and improve party unity. Effectiveness of the plan remains to be seen.

TPN, Correspondent Hyderabad, Mar 06: In a bid to strengthen the Telangana Congress (T Congress), newly appointed AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan is implementing a strategic plan to address internal conflicts and improve coordination within the party. Natarajan, known for her dynamic leadership style, has been meeting with party leaders across various levels to streamline the organization and ensure its smooth functioning. The key focus of her strategy is to tackle the increasing friction

between the old and new leaders of the party. Natarajan is reportedly introducing a Three-Group Formula, which aims to divide party leaders into three distinct categories: those who have been with the Congress from the beginning, those who joined the party from other parties before the elections, and those who joined post-election under the party's banner. The formula's main goal is to reduce internal rivalry, which has often resulted in party infighting and political damage. Natarajan plans to



distribute party positions and nominated posts based on these categories, giving priority to the different groups according to their contribution and tenure within the party. This, she believes, will help in balancing leadership and ensuring that all factions within the party feel equally valued. The new approach is designed to eliminate the division that

has existed within the party for years. As Congress enjoys power after a decade in the state, leaders have found themselves in competition for positions, which has created unnecessary tensions. Natarajan's plan seeks to address these issues, ensuring

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Southern States Oppose Delimitation Process Amidst Fears of Loss in Representation



Southern States Protest Delimitation 56 Parties Join Tamil Nadu's Protest CM Stalin Demands PM Modi's Assurance

TPN, Correspondent Hyderabad, Mar 06: A political storm is brewing between the Central government and the southern states over the issue of Delimitation. Southern states, including Tamil Nadu, are raising strong objections to the proposed redrawing of constituencies, claiming it could

lead to severe losses for them. While the BJP argues that there is no harm in the process, southern leaders are concerned that it will disadvantage their regions. On Tuesday, an All-Party Meeting was held in Tamil Nadu under the

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BJP Candidate Anji Reddy Wins Graduate MLC Elections in Telangana

TPN, Correspondent Hyderabad, Mar 06: In the Graduate MLC Elections held across Karimnagar, Medak, Nizamabad, and Adilabad, BJP candidate Anji Reddy emerged victorious. The counting process was intense, with Anji Reddy securing the win through second-preference votes. Congress candidate Alphors Narendra Reddy finished in second place, while BSP's Prasanna Harikrishna secured third place.



As the counting continued, reports

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severe water shortages in the future if this trend continued. Commenting on the Godavari water-sharing issue, Rao stated that while Chandrababu had previously claimed to use sea-bound water, the real intention was to divert Godavari water to Penna. Referring to the Bachawath Tribunal's recommendations, Rao noted that Andhra Pradesh had never provided the full share of Godavari water to Telangana, even when united. He also pointed out that Kaleshwaram Project, which was secured by KCR, was opposed by Chandrababu when he was the Chief Minister. Rao revealed that Chandrababu had even written letters to the Centre requesting a halt to Kaleshwaram's development. Rao concluded by demanding that Chandrababu immediately write to the Centre, expressing no objections to Telangana's water projects if he genuinely desired fairness and justice for the state.

Meenakshi Natarajan's Three-Group Formula to Balance T Congress Leadership

a smoother operation within the party. However, the success of this Three-Group Formula remains to be seen. If implemented effectively, it could pave the way for greater unity within T Congress, but its practical application and results will unfold in the coming months.

Madhu Yashki Goud Criticizes Revanth and Mallanna for "Drama"

Goud emphasized that Congress upholds discipline and that any member violating party norms should face consequences, regardless of their position. He pointed out that Mallanna's behavior had crossed boundaries and termed his comments as an example of arrogance. Goud questioned whether Mallanna, who has close ties with both Revanth and the party leadership, would face the same disciplinary actions as others. Goud further demanded clarification from Revanth and Mahesh Kumar Goud, PCC President, over the ongoing controversy surrounding the caste census survey in the state. He challenged the integrity of the survey's numbers, claiming that some party leaders were intentionally undermining its accuracy by providing false figures to the Congress high command. While acknowledging Rahul Gandhi's support for the caste census, Goud alleged that certain leaders were trying to sabotage the process. He called for transparency and honesty in presenting the results and ensuring that the survey accurately reflected the state's needs and demographics. His remarks have sparked a fresh round of debates within the Telangana Congress, as the internal rift intensifies over issues of discipline and leadership. This controversy adds to the growing tensions within the party as it gears up for the upcoming elections.

BJP Candidate Anji Reddy Wins Graduate MLC Elections in Telangana

emerged that Congress candidate Narendra Reddy had left the counting center. Meanwhile, in the Teachers' MLC elections, BJP's Malka Komurayya won with 12,959 votes, while PRTU candidate Mahender Reddy secured second place with 7,182 votes. With these consecutive victories, BJP is riding high in Telangana, with party leaders in high spirits.

Southern States Oppose Delimitation Process Amidst Fears of Loss in Representation

leadership of Chief Minister MK Stalin, where a resolution was passed, urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide a written assurance in Parliament that the delimitation process will not be based on the 1971 census. The leaders argued that conducting the process based on the population from that census would penalize southern states, especially Tamil Nadu, which has effectively implemented family planning measures.

The resolution suggested that delimitation should be based on the 2026 census and continue for the next 30 years. Leaders also called for a coordinated effort across southern states to oppose the decision, with a joint committee of MPs from these states being set up to fight the cause.

A total of 64 parties were invited to the meeting, with 56 participating, including key political figures like Kamal Haasan and Vijaykanth. However, BJP and several other regional parties did not attend. Tamil Nadu's political leaders emphasized the need for unity in the face of the growing threat to southern representation.

The issue has also sparked concern in Telangana, with Congress and BRS leaders criticizing the potential impact on southern states' political power.

Harish Rao Praises KCR's Efforts Behind Successful Sitarama Project

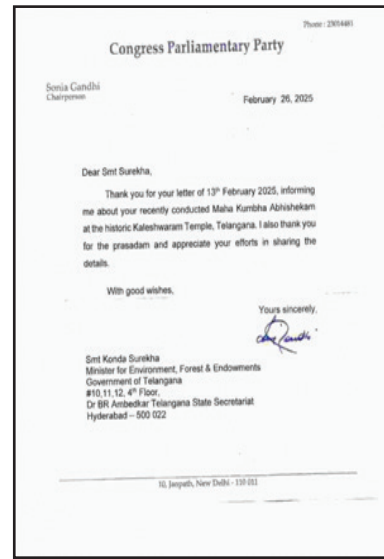
TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 06 : Telangana Irrigation Minister Harish Rao has once again emphasized Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's (KCR) relentless efforts in completing the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project, despite significant opposition from the Congress party. In a post on social media, Harish Rao reminded how Congress had opposed the project and even filed court cases to halt it, claiming the project would not benefit even a single acre of land. He highlighted that while Congress had failed to secure Telangana's water rights and had allowed Krishna river waters to be diverted to Andhra Pradesh, KCR designed the Sitarama project as a solution to the state's water crisis. He credited KCR for overcoming legal and environmental hurdles to ensure the project's completion, which is now benefiting regions like Khammam, Bhadrachalam, Kothagudem, and Mahabubabad.

Sonia Gandhi Thanks Telangana Minister Konda Surekha for Divine Offering

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 06 : Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson, Smt. Sonia Gandhi, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Telangana Endowments Minister Konda Surekha for sending sacred prasadam and holy water from the Triveni Sangam, the confluence of the Godavari, Pranahitha, and Saraswati rivers.

In her message, Smt. Sonia Gandhi commended Smt. Konda Surekha for her significant efforts in organizing the grand Maha Kumbha Abhishekam ceremony at the esteemed Kaleswara and Mukteswara Swamy temples. The ceremony, held at the revered Kaleshwaram Temple, is known for its religious and spiritual significance.

Smt. Sonia Gandhi praised the dedication and meticulous planning that went into



conducting this sacred ritual. She acknowledged the devotion shown by Minister Konda Surekha and her team in successfully completing the divine event with such precision and reverence. The prasadam and sacred water from the Triveni Sangam were sent as a divine

offering, reflecting the spiritual harmony between the Congress leadership and the people of Telangana. The gesture symbolizes the close cultural and religious ties shared by Smt. Sonia Gandhi and the people of the state, reinforcing the connection between tradition and

leadership. This thoughtful offering marks another milestone in the strong bond between the Congress leadership and the people of Telangana, celebrating religious traditions and the devotion shown by local leaders in maintaining them.

Uttam Kumar Reddy Criticizes Harish Rao Over Water Crisis and BRS Government's Mistakes

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 06 : Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy has lashed out at BRS key leader and former Minister Harish Rao, accusing the BRS government of causing significant issues for farmers in Telangana. Speaking with media representatives at Gandhi Bhavan on Wednesday, Reddy stated that Telangana has produced more rice than united Andhra Pradesh during the Kharif season. He added that around 56 lakh acres were under Rabi cultivation and that the Rabi Action Plan had already been announced, with water being distributed as promised. Reddy claimed that the BRS



government's errors in handling the Krishna and Godavari rivers' water distribution have caused problems for farmers.

He accused the BRS government of irresponsibly releasing water to Andhra Pradesh from the Krishna basin, despite their

earlier commitment to supply 512 TMC of water, which, he argued, was not honored when Congress came to power. He also highlighted the failure of the BRS government to build the Tumidihetti project, which he said had resulted in massive losses. Reddy pointed out that the water crisis in the Godavari basin was a direct result of BRS's mismanagement, referring to a report by NDSA that warned of potential village floods if precautionary measures were not taken. Reddy urged Harish Rao to stop making false allegations and focus on addressing the issues created by the BRS government's policies.

Sub-Inspector of Korutla Police Station Arrested in Bribery Case



TPN, Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 06 : On March 5, 2025, Sri Rupavath Shankar,

a Sub-Inspector of Police at Korutla Police Station, Jagtial District, was caught red-handed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs. 5,000. The accused had asked for the bribe in exchange for issuing a notice under section 35 BNSS in a case (Cr.No. 52/2025) registered under the TS Gaming Act, 1974, which involved the

complainant and seven others. The bribe amount was recovered from Shankar's possession at the Korutla Police Station, and a chemical test confirmed the presence of the bribe on his hands. This act was deemed a violation of his official duty, as he sought undue advantage in his official capacity. The ACB has arrested the ac-

cused and produced him before the Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases in Karimnagar. An investigation is ongoing. The ACB has urged the public to report any incidents of bribery by public servants through their toll-free number, 1064, or through social media platforms, assuring complete confidentiality for complainants.

Minister Seethakka's Shocking Decision to Step Down as Adilabad In-Charge

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 06 : In a surprising turn of events, Minister Seethakka announced her decision to step down from her responsibilities as the in-charge of the Adilabad Lok Sabha constituency. During a review meeting at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad, Seethakka expressed dissatisfaction with the performance of the constituency in-charge in the united Adilabad district. She revealed her plan to meet Chief Minister Revanth Reddy soon to explain the situation and officially resign from the position.



Seethakka also spoke about the proposal to form a committee to improve coordination between the party and the government in Adilabad, as suggested by Meenakshi Natarajan. Additionally, Minister Seethakka took a strong stand against MLC Teenmar Mallanna, criticizing him for undermining the Congress party's reputation. She reminded that Mallanna was elected as an MLC

thanks to the hard work of Congress party workers and urged him to communicate concerns about the caste census in a respectful manner, instead of making statements that could tarnish the party's image. Seethakka also expressed her frustration over the criticism directed at her party, noting that they had achieved what the BRS government could not during its ten years in power. Meanwhile, Teenmar Mallanna, who was suspended from the party, responded with fiery comments, vowing to continue his BC movement and warning that the BC community would not tolerate any attempts to suppress them.



Meenakshi Natarajan Meets CM Revanth Reddy, Discusses Party Affairs

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 06 : AICC State Affairs In-charge Meenakshi Natarajan met Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Wednesday morning at his residence in Hyderabad's Jubilee Hills. During the meeting, the Chief Minister warmly welcomed Meenakshi by presenting her with a bouquet of flowers and honored her with a shawl. Additionally, he gifted her a traditional spinning wheel (charkha) and a plant as a token of respect. The meeting was attended by Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, and TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud. Following the formal greetings, discussions focused on various party matters, including the reasons behind the party's defeat in the Teachers' and Graduates' MLC elections. In addition, the meeting involved deliberations on the upcoming MLC elections, the MLA quota, and the selection of party candidates for these elections. The conversation centered on evaluating strategies to strengthen the party and improve its performance in future elections.



Prasanna Harikrishna Makes Sensational Comments on Political Future



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 06 : In a recent press conference held in Hyderabad, Prasanna Harikrishna, the B.Sc. candidate for the Karimnagar Graduate MLC seat, made explosive remarks about the political landscape. He accused both Congress and BJP of uniting to defeat him in the elections. According to Harikrishna, the ideologies of both parties had merged on the ballot paper in the graduate constituency. He firmly stated that he has no plans to return to his previous job, emphasizing that he will continue to fight for the issues of those who supported him in the political arena.

Harikrishna highlighted that the political environment was being polluted by unrelated individuals, which led him to enter the politics. He also mentioned that if he won, he would create new leaders in politics, expressing his confidence in his support base. Harikrishna also claimed that he conducted meetings and rallies without spending any money, and that the Congress and BJP were alarmed by his rise. Despite efforts by ministers, MLAs, and MLCs to block his nomination, he managed to secure over 60,000 votes without offering any financial incentives to voters.

He concluded by thanking those who worked tirelessly for him over the past seven months.

Congress Government Prioritizes Education: MLA Madhusudan Reddy



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 06 : In a recent statement, Devarkadra MLA G. Madhusudan Reddy criticized the previous government for neglecting the education system and failing to invest in its development. Speaking during an event organized by the GMR Seva Samiti at Appampally School and Boys Higher Secondary School in Devarkadra, he emphasized that the past government's failure to address infrastructure in schools and appoint teachers was detrimental to the education sector.

Reddy highlighted the significant changes under the Congress government, stating that as soon as they came to power, they prioritized education by allocating substantial funds to the sector. The Congress government, he mentioned, filled 11,062 teacher vacancies and provided promotions to around 19,000 teachers after 15 years. Additionally, he pointed out that the Congress government also ensured the establishment of modern infrastructure in schools under the "Amma Adarsha" schools initiative.

Furthermore, Reddy criticized the previous government for being in power for ten years without establishing even a single degree college in the Devarkadra constituency. He reiterated that the Congress government's focus on education was a turning point for the state's progress, marking a clear distinction from the failures of the past.

Minister Seethakka Slams Teenmar Mallanna's Remarks on Caste Census

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 06 : Minister Seethakka has strongly countered the controversial remarks made by former Congress leader and MLC Teenmar Mallanna regarding the EWS (Economically Weaker Sections) reservation and the caste census. Mallanna had accused CM Revanth Reddy of manipulating the caste census to reduce the BC (Backward Classes) count and claimed the survey was a tactic to safeguard EWS reservations. He also challenged the government's

caste census as flawed.

In response, Minister Seethakka urged Mallanna to think carefully before speaking, criticizing him for making baseless comments. She remarked that no BC community stands behind Mallanna and that certain BJP and BRS leaders were speaking through him. Seethakka defended the caste census as a historic step, being the first of its kind in the country, and expressed disappointment that instead of being appreciated, it was being criticized.

She further highlighted that Congress came to power through the hard work of its activists and that she had accomplished what the BRS government could not. She also emphasized that if anyone had concerns regarding the caste census, they could address them in the legislative assembly, as 50 days had been allotted for discussions. Minister Seethakka also remarked that Mallanna was not on the same level as Rahul Gandhi in terms of stature or credibility.



BJP MP Dharmapuri Arvind Criticizes Revanth Reddy and Congress Leadership

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 06 : BJP's Nizamabad MP Dharmapuri Arvind held a media conference at the party's state office, where he responded to recent statements by Telangana Congress leader Revanth Reddy and his criticism of Union Minister Kishan Reddy. Arvind accused Revanth Reddy of misleading the public by claiming that the Centre was providing resources to Telangana, but Kishan Reddy was allegedly hindering the process.

Arvind highlighted the Modi government's contribution to Telangana, citing the establishment of seven Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in the state, two of which are in his constituency of Nizamabad and Jagityala. He explained that these schools would particularly benefit students from rural areas, which is why they are being set up in district centers.

The MP also addressed internal BJP matters, revealing how he had to convince BJP MLA Rakesh Reddy to agree on the location of the new school in Armoor. He went on to criticize Congress leaders, particularly MLA Sudhakar Reddy, for their behavior, stating that they



were hindering development by not cooperating and obstructing initiatives such as the setting up of a new factory in the Nizamabad region. Arvind took a jibe at Revanth Reddy, accusing him of playing politics while offering him an invitation to join the BJP, claiming that Reddy was being insincere in his ap-

proach. Arvind also expressed his frustration with Congress leaders like K Kavitha, saying their outdated leadership is holding the state back. In his closing remarks, Arvind urged Congress leadership to acknowledge their administrative failures and emphasized that Modi's governance was benefitting the state.

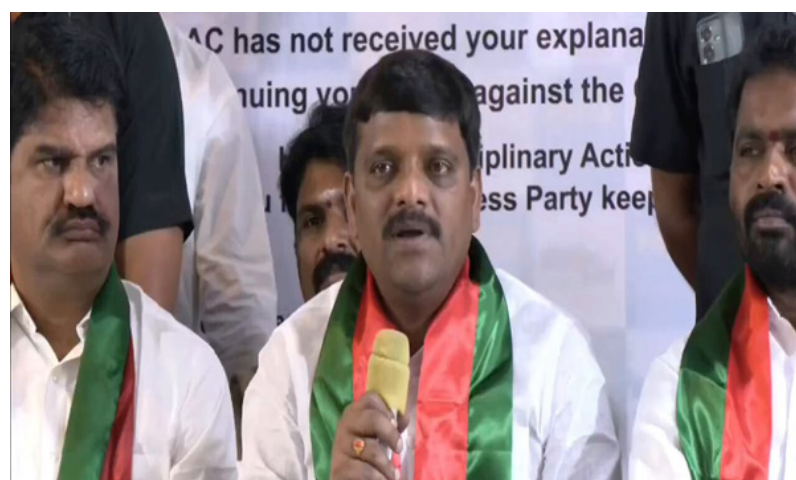
Teenmar Mallanna's Sensational Comments on CM Revanth Reddy

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 06 : In a shocking statement, Teenmar Mallanna referred to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy as the "villain" and explained that his villainy is the reason for his negative image. Speaking to the media, Mallanna expressed that the Congress party's decision to make Revanth Reddy the Chief Minister is not something they oppose, but questioned the outcomes of Revanth's leadership.

Mallanna also highlighted his stance, saying that he is not someone who seeks a ministerial position or any other political appointment. He added that he is committed to bringing about a change in Telangana politics, unlike others who may only aim for power. He also made a provocative remark on the subject of BC (Backward Class) leadership, questioning who the BC Chief Minister of the state is and expressed that it is not appropriate to ask such questions.

Mallanna went on to question the whereabouts of the lost BC population in the state, suggesting that it is crucial to recognize their needs and presence for political progress. He further criticized the inability of the current government to address the issues faced by BC communities.



BJP Gains Ground in Telangana: Kishan Reddy's Bold Statement



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Hyderabad , Mar 06 : BJP's recent victory in the Graduate MLC Elections in Karimnagar, Medak, Nizamabad, and Adilabad has marked a significant milestone. BJP candidate Anji Reddy secured victory through second-preference votes, showcasing the growing influence of the party in Telangana. Reacting to the win, BJP Telangana President and Union Minister Kishan Reddy described the victory as historic, stating that it has heightened the party's responsibility. He emphasized that BJP has emerged as a major political force in the state and expressed confidence that the party will win every future election in Telangana.

Kishan Reddy further asserted that BJP's growing presence is evident, with the party now holding significant control in almost half of Telangana. From a single seat in the 2018 elections, BJP now holds 8 Assembly seats, 8 Lok Sabha seats, and has expanded its reach in 6 Lok Sabha constituencies, 42 Assembly constituencies, 13 districts, and 217 mandals. This victory is seen as a sign of BJP's increasing dominance in the region.

Additionally, BJP candidate Malka Komurayya also secured a landslide victory in the Teacher's MLC election, surpassing the required votes and winning with first-preference votes. BJP's consistent performance has amplified celebrations within the party ranks, further solidifying their presence in Telangana's political landscape.

Vamsichander Reddy Responds to Teenmar Mallanna's Allegations on Revanth Reddy

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 06 : Vamsichander Reddy, the Congress party's CWMC member, has strongly countered the allegations made by Teenmar Mallanna regarding his defeat in the Mahabubnagar parliamentary elections. Mallanna had previously accused CM Revanth Reddy of conspiring against his victory, but Vamsichander Reddy firmly rejected



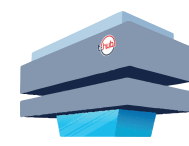
these claims. He expressed his anger, asserting that Mallanna's remarks were baseless and that Mallanna was simply looking for relevance by blaming Revanth

Reddy for his defeat.

Vamsichander Reddy clarified that his decision to contest from Mahabubnagar was made by the party leadership, and CM Revanth Reddy worked hard for his success. He claimed that the BJP's victory in the constituency was a result of the political collaboration between BRS and BJP. Reddy further alleged that, with Kavitha in jail, the BRS and BJP

had made a deal to undermine Congress, leading to the BJP's victory in a traditionally Congress-strong region.

He praised the efforts of CM Revanth Reddy and Congress workers at all levels for their hard work in his campaign, emphasizing that his defeat was not a result of internal conspiracies but rather a result of broader political dynamics in the region.



AIG Hospitals Launches 'Break the Weight' Initiative on World Obesity Day

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 06 : AIG Hospitals marked World Obesity Day with 'Break the Weight', an initiative addressing obesity as a growing global health crisis. The event brought together medical experts and policymakers to raise awareness, promote engagement, and explore solutions for obesity management. Shri CV Anand, Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and shared his insights on the far-reaching impact of obesity beyond just diet and lifestyle.

Advancing Obesity Care

AIG Hospitals showcased its advanced Obesity and Metabolic Center, which provides minimally invasive endoscopic weight-loss procedures. Experts discussed the latest bariatric surgeries, emerging weight-loss medications, and cost-effective treatment options.



Recognizing that obesity affects multiple organs, AIG Hospitals gathered 15 specialists from internal medicine, endocrinology, hepatology, cardiology, gynecology, pulmonology, orthopedics, physiotherapy, and nutrition to discuss obesity care. The program emphasized a multidisciplinary approach to tackling obesity, medical advancements, and treatment options.

Dr. Rakesh, Director of Endoscopy (Bariatric & Metabolic Sciences) at AIG Hospitals, highlighted the need for a holistic approach. "Obesity is



a chronic, relapsing disorder requiring a multidisciplinary response," he stated. He also urged people to address obesity with sensitivity, reducing the stigma around the condition.

The Rising Obesity Crisis in India

Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman of AIG Hospitals, raised concerns over India's growing obesity rates. "Obesity is not just a Western issue—60% of Indians are overweight, and 30% are on the path to obesity," he said. He warned that obesity worsens conditions affecting the heart, liver, lungs,

and kidneys.

A study conducted by AIG Hospitals among IT professionals in Hyderabad's Hitech City found that 80% were overweight. Additionally, 40% of children in government schools have non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), highlighting the urgency of action. "Obesity is no longer a future concern—it is a present crisis. If we don't intervene now, the burden on individual health and the healthcare system will be overwhelming," Dr. Reddy added.

Obesity Beyond Diet: Mental and Socioeconomic Factors

Chief Guest CV Anand stressed that obesity is influenced by more than just food choices. "Obesity is shaped by lifestyle, environment, societal influences, and stress," he noted. As part of his efforts to promote health among police personnel, CV Anand launched Fit Cop, an app with

18,000 enrolled officers. The initiative identified 300-400 officers at risk for lifestyle diseases, reinforcing that obesity is also a mental battle. "We must address both the medical and psychological aspects of obesity," he said.

A Long-Term Commitment

AIG Hospitals announced the launch of a dedicated website for its Center for Obesity and Metabolic Therapy, providing expert consultations and treatment information. The hospital committed to holding this awareness program annually to promote healthier lifestyles. With obesity rates on the rise, 'Break the Weight' plays a vital role in uniting healthcare professionals, policymakers, and the public to find sustainable solutions. AIG Hospitals remains committed to ensuring individuals receive the support they need to lead healthier lives.

Kukatpally Company Cheats 14 Crores with High Interest Promises



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 06 : In a shocking incident in Kukatpally, the company "Well Vision Infra Private Limited" has been accused of cheating investors by promising high-interest returns and offering electronic goods as bonuses. The company collected a staggering Rs. 14 crores from investors, assuring them monthly returns in the form of fridges, TVs, and washing machines. For every Rs. 1 lakh investment, they promised a TV, Rs. 2 lakh would fetch a washing machine, and Rs. 3 lakh would bring a fridge. However, the company failed to deliver on its promises, leading to complaints from around 35 victims who have now filed a case.

The company's management, led by Chairman Kandukuri Srinivas, faced legal action from the Cyberabad EOW (Economic Offences Wing), who arrested him following the complaint. The company had been collecting money from investors for the past three years under the pretext of investment schemes. In January, the office was locked under the guise of a holiday during Sankranti, and since then, the management failed to reopen, which raised suspicions among investors, leading to the filing of complaints. Authorities are investigating the scam to ensure justice for the victims.

Huge Ganja Seizure at Secunderabad Railway Station



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 06 : Railway police have apprehended an individual involved in the illegal transportation of ganja at Secunderabad Railway Station. The police seized a large quantity of contraband ganja from the suspect. The incident occurred on Tuesday but came to light later.

According to the Secunderabad Railway Police, special checks were conducted on a train traveling from Bhubaneswar to Mumbai. During the inspection, a suspicious individual was detained for questioning. Upon inspecting his bag, police found 26.885 kilograms of ganja. The bag was confiscated, and the suspect was taken into custody. Further details regarding the incident are awaited.

Singer Kalpana's Health Incident: Police Provide Clarification

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 06 : The police from KPHB have given a detailed explanation regarding the health incident of singer Kalpana. According to the police, Kalpana and her family have been residing in Ernakulam, and for the past few years, they have been living in a villa in Nizamabad. Kalpana had some disagreements with her daughter, Daya Prasad, over her studies, which had caused some tension between them.

On the day of the incident, Kalpana arrived in Hyderabad from Ernakulam at 11:45 AM. After reaching home, she couldn't sleep, so she took one sleeping pill, but when that didn't help, she took another 10 sleeping pills and fell into an unconscious state. Kalpana later stated that she couldn't remember what happened afterward.

Kalpana's husband, Prasad, tried calling her several times but couldn't reach her. Concerned, he contacted the welfare members of the colony and then dialed 100 to report the matter. Upon receiving the call, police arrived at the house. After knocking on the main door several times with no response, the police entered through the kitchen and found Kalpana unconscious in her bedroom. She was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital in an ambulance.

The police clarified that Kalpana's condition was due to taking an excessive amount of sleeping pills, as she had difficulty sleeping.



Malakpet Murder Case Twist: Sister and Husband Arrested for Shireesh's Death



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 06 : The Malakpet Shireesh murder case has taken a shocking new turn. Investigations have revealed that Shireesh's husband, Vinay, and her sister, Saritha, were involved in the murder. It appears that Saritha murdered Shireesh because she questioned her illicit relationship. Saritha had returned to Hyderabad from the U.S. six months ago, and she had been involved in the affair for a few months. Shireesh had reprimanded her sister, Saritha, for the affair, which was threatening the family's reputation.

On the 2nd of this month, an argument ensued between Shireesh and Saritha regarding the affair. Saritha, who had been using sedative injections to help Shireesh sleep, apologized and gave her an injection to make her fall asleep. However, Saritha gave Shireesh an overdose while she was unconscious, causing her to die in her sleep.

The next day, Saritha pretended to wake Shireesh and took her to the hospital, claiming that Shireesh had died of a heart attack. The body was later hurriedly transported to Domasapeta by Saritha and Vinay. The murder was uncovered when Shireesh's maternal uncle intervened. After a postmortem, it was confirmed that Shireesh had been murdered, leading to the arrest of Saritha and Vinay.

Cyber Crime Awareness Program Held at Nalgonda Medical College

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 06 : On March 5, 2025, an awareness program on cyber crimes was organized at Nalgonda Government Medical College as part of Cyber Awareness Day. The initiative was led by Nalgonda Cyber Crime DSP Lakshminarayana, under the guidance of Nalgonda SP Sharath Chandra Pawar and Nalgonda D.S.P. K. Sivarama Reddy.

Speaking at the event, DSP Lakshminarayana emphasized the growing menace of cyber crimes, highlighting various types such as digital fraud, cyber stalking, and scams disguised as work-from-home opportunities. He urged everyone to stay cautious of such tactics, which often manipulate individuals to lose money. He advised victims of cyber crimes to immediately report incidents to the Cyber Crime Helpline at 1930 or visit the nearest police station to register a complaint.

DSP Lakshminarayana also focused on the importance of internet safety for students. He warned against sharing personal information on social media and urged students not to accept friend requests from strangers or attend video calls from unknown sources. He also cautioned against engaging with betting apps, which could

compromise their personal data.

The event concluded with the participation of Medical College Principal, faculty, police officers, and students. The session was designed to help students understand the risks of cyber crimes and how to protect themselves in the digital age.



Cherla Police Organizes Volleyball Tournament for Youth in Kothagudem



TPN , Correspondent
Kothagudem , Mar 06 : Cherla police have organized a three-day mandal-level volleyball competition to encourage and showcase the talent of youth living in Maoist-af-

ected areas. The tournament, which began on Wednesday, has seen registrations from teams across 49 villages, including those from neighboring Chhattisgarh. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Additional SP (Operations) Pankaj Paritosh and Bhadrachalam ASP Vikrant Kumar Singh. Paritosh emphasized that youth in agency areas should balance both sports and education. He highlighted the importance of continuing studies while excelling in sports, using Gongidi Trisha, a cricket player from the agency area who contributed to India's World Cup victory, as an inspiration for local youth. This initiative is part of the broader efforts by the police department under SP B Rohith Raju's guidance, focusing on providing education, healthcare, and transportation facilities for the community. ASP Vikrant Kumar Singh urged the youth to stay away from harmful habits and actively participate in development programs for a brighter future.

Nalgonda Collector Directs Govt Institutions to Serve as NEET Exam Centers

TPN , Correspondent
Nalgonda, Mar 06 : Nalgonda District Collector Ila Tripathi has directed officials to identify government institutions as NEET exam centers for the upcoming entrance test on May 4. During a meeting with district officials, including SP Sharath Chandra Pawar and other department heads, Tripathi emphasized the need for conducting the exam within government-run colleges and schools. She instructed the authorities to assess available government institutions in Nalgonda town to ensure they



meet the required infrastructure and facilities for smooth conduct of the exam. This year, around 2,800 candidates from Nalgonda are expected to appear for the NEET exam, and offi-

cial have been tasked with ensuring all necessary amenities at the exam centers. The meeting was attended by several senior officials, including Additional Collector J. Srinivas, Sub-Collector Narayana Amit, District Revenue Officer V. Ashok Reddy, NEET Nodal Officer and Kendriya Vidyalaya Principal Srinivasulu, and others, to discuss the arrangements. Collector Tripathi stressed the importance of efficient coordination to ensure the centers are fully prepared for the test.

Minister Komatireddy Venkatareddy Inaugurates Glaucoma Center in Kothagudem



TPN , Correspondent
Siddipet , Mar 06 : Telangana's Minister for Roads, Buildings, and Cinematography, Komatireddy Venkatareddy, inaugurated the first-ever glaucoma center at the Primary Health Center (PHC) in Kothagudem, marking a significant step towards providing better healthcare services to the local population. Speaking at the inauguration, the Minister emphasized the importance of timely health checks, particularly for those above 40 years of age, to detect glaucoma early. He highlighted that the newly established glaucoma center would help

prevent vision loss by diagnosing the condition at an early stage. Minister Venkatareddy also mentioned that the state government is giving priority to education and healthcare, with plans to establish model Primary Health Centers (PHCs) in every constituency of Nalgonda district. The PHCs will be equipped with advanced facilities, providing comprehensive medical services, including regular deliveries and minor surgeries. Further, he announced that mega medical camps would be organized in the district during the summer and that efforts would be made to repair schools and hospitals after the completion of board exams. On the infrastructure front, he revealed that tenders for roadworks linking Kothagudem and Sagar Highway were underway, with Rs. 60 crore allocated for road development in Kothagudem Mandal. District Collector Ila Tripathi also expressed gratitude for the efforts in setting up the glaucoma center and highlighted its role in identifying eye problems early. She added that such developments would enhance healthcare access for the public, especially in rural areas.

Minister Sridhar Babu to Lay Foundations for Key Projects in Maheshwaram Today



TPN , Correspondent
Maheshwaram , Mar 06 : Congress in-charge Kichennagari Lakshmireddy stated that the Congress government is committed to the overall development of Maheshwaram constituency. He expressed confidence that today's visit of Minister for IT and Rangareddy District in-charge, Sridhar Babu, will further accelerate the developmental initiatives in the region. Minister Sridhar Babu is visiting Maheshwaram today to lay the foundation for several development projects. Lakshmireddy mentioned that the area, which is poised to transform into a mega city with the Fourth City project, will see the construction of a modern police office, indicating the government's focus on improving infrastructure and security in the region. The Chief Minister's government, he added, is

prioritizing peace and security. During a visit with police officials, including Rachakonda Police Commissioner Sudheer Babu and DCP Sunitha Reddy, to inspect the project sites, Lakshmireddy also noted the progress of the world-class Lenskart industry being set up in Jennayiguda. He urged the representatives of Lenskart to prioritize local employment opportunities in the new industry. Lakshmireddy also urged the police to immediately remove any encroachments on government land in the area. He was accompanied by senior Congress leaders such as Deppa Bhaskar Reddy, SC Cell state president Narasimha, Bokka Jangareddy, Enugu Jangareddy, Krishna Nayak, Kaki Eshwar Mudiraj, Subhan Yadav, and others during the inspection.

Telangana Agrarian Crisis: Erratic Power Supply Adds to Farmers' Struggles

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 06 : Telangana, once hailed for its 24x7 free power supply to farmers, is now grappling with severe challenges in the agricultural sector due to erratic power supply. Despite claims of uninterrupted electricity, farmers across the state are facing frequent and prolonged outages, exacerbating their struggles. Since the introduction of the 24x7 power supply initiative in January 2018, farmers benefited from a shift to irrigated agriculture, boosting crop yields and income. However, following the change in government, the power supply to the agriculture sector has not remained stable. Farmers attribute the frequent power cuts to a deliberate attempt to curtail subsidies and conserve resources, while officials cite maintenance issues. With the agriculture sector accounting for over 40% of the state's total electricity demand, the situation is dire. Complaints of low voltage are rising, causing extensive damage to motors and pump sets. In Devarakonda mandal alone, at least 2,000 pump sets were damaged in February due to voltage issues, driving up repair costs by 30%. Farmers like Sekhar Reddy from Nalgonda district are bearing the brunt of these escalating costs.



The situation is equally dire in Sangareddy and Wanaparthy districts. In Pulkal mandal, farmers are struggling to save their paddy crops as low voltage issues burn out their motors. The drying up of groundwater and non-release of water from the Singur Left Canal has further compounded their problems. Farmers in Wanaparthy face a similar crisis, with frequent power cuts causing crops to wither and motors to burn out. Despite repeated demands for re-

placement transformers, officials have failed to address the issue, leaving farmers frustrated and helpless. The situation is worsening across various districts, where farmers are now forced to use their paddy crops as fodder for cattle due to insufficient irrigation. The once-thriving agriculture sector is now facing its worst crisis, with farmers growing increasingly disillusioned by the government's failure to resolve power supply issues.

National Lok Adalat to be Held on March 8 in Telangana

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 06 : Telangana will host a National Lok Adalat on March 8, 2025, to facilitate the settlement of all kinds of civil and compoundable criminal cases, including both pre-litigation and pending litigation cases. This initiative will take place across various levels, from the High Court to the Taluq level. The Lok Adalat will provide a platform for dispute resolution without any fees or expenditure. If any court fee was paid in pending cases, it will be refunded if the matter is successfully settled through the Lok Adalat. It is also important to note that no appeals can be filed against the awards passed in the Lok Adalat. The public is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to settle their disputes in both physical and virtual modes. Those wishing to resolve their pending or pre-litigation cases can approach the Chairman/Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority, Nyayya Seva Sadan in the District Court complex of their respective districts, or visit the nearest Mandal Legal Services Committee or court.

Grieving Teen Writes Inter Exam, Attends Father's Funeral in Siddipet

TPN , Correspondent
Siddipet , Mar 06 : In a remarkable display of strength and composure, 17-year-old Pasula Tejasri wrote her intermediate exam on Wednesday, despite the devastating loss of her father just hours before the exam. Tejasri's father, Lingam (50), a goods vehicle driver, was tragically killed in a road accident the previous night in Nacharam when his vehicle crashed into a roadside electric pole. The tragic news shocked Tejasri, her mother Yadamma, and her brother Sai Kumar. However, the family decided to conduct the funeral on Wednesday morning. Despite the sorrow, Tejasri chose to honor her father's dreams of her education. She decided to write her exam, ensuring that his wishes for her bright future were not hindered by the tragedy. After composing herself, Tejasri reached the exam center in Wargal and completed the test. She then returned home in the afternoon to participate in her father's funeral, demonstrating extraordinary strength in the face of grief.

Health Minister Emphasizes Time Management and Accountability in Govt. Hospitals

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 06 : Telangana's Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha issued a stern warning to doctors and medical staff, stressing the importance of time management and responsibility in government hospitals. During a review meeting with senior health department officials, the Minister emphasized that neglecting duties would not be tolerated and strict actions would be taken against absenteeism. Minister Rajanarsimha noted that effective functioning of government hospitals depends on the discipline of doctors and staff. He expressed dissatisfaction with the absence of doctors at Gandhi Hospital without prior information and urged them to set an example of responsibility, as their behavior influences the attitude of other staff members. The meeting discussed several issues, including the management of diagnostic equipment, organ transplantations, and progress in the construction of medical colleges and their teaching hospitals. The Minister stressed the need for speed in completing ongoing construction projects before the onset of the monsoon. He also highlighted the shortage of skilled biomedical engineers and technicians, directing the officials to take immediate steps to address the issue, including providing training through NIMS. Rajanarsimha also instructed the officials to monitor attendance at all medical colleges and hospitals more closely, recommending that a senior professor be appointed as the nodal officer for attendance monitoring.



The Delimitation Debate: Why Stalin's Argument Falls Flat



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has recently raised concerns about the upcoming delimitation process based on the 2026 Census, claiming it would unfairly reduce Tamil Nadu's parliamentary strength. In a post on social media, Stalin warned that southern states like Tamil Nadu, which have successfully controlled population growth, could see their representation in Parliament decrease, thus weakening their voice. This claim, however, has been debunked by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who reassured the southern states that their interests would be safeguarded, and there would be no reduction in their seats. Stalin's statements are unsur-

prising, considering the DMK's history of exploiting regional sentiments and promoting a North-South divide for political gains. The primary aim is to rally the Dravidian vote bank by creating fear about potential political marginalization. But what exactly is delimitation? Delimitation is the process of redrawing electoral boundaries based on the latest population data to ensure fair representation. It is a constitutional exercise, mandated by Articles 82 and 170 of the Indian Constitution, which requires periodic adjustments to maintain democratic equality. Contrary to Stalin's claims, delimitation is a legitimate and necessary process to ensure proportional

representation in Parliament and state assemblies. In India, delimitation has been carried out multiple times, with the last exercise conducted in 2002. Population-based adjustments in the distribution of parliamentary seats are based on Census data, and the 2026 Census will guide the next review. While delimitation can result in an increase or decrease in the number of constituencies, it does not alter the total number of seats in Parliament. As India's population grows, the number of Lok Sabha seats is expected to increase, benefiting the southern states in terms of absolute representation. For example, based on population projections, southern

states like Tamil Nadu are likely to see an increase in their parliamentary seats post-delimitation. Tamil Nadu, which currently holds 39 Lok Sabha seats, could see its share rise to 41. This represents a 5.12% increase in Tamil Nadu's seat share, not a decrease, as Stalin claims. Moreover, Stalin's opposition to delimitation is inconsistent with his party's stance on other issues. For instance, the DMK has not criticized the Congress party's slogan "Jitni Aabadi, Utna Haq," which calls for representation based on population. If population is an acceptable yardstick for reservations, why oppose its use for delimitation?



SEBI Under Scrutiny: A Call for Reform and Accountability

Recent developments surrounding the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the country's capital market regulator, have raised significant concerns about its credibility and ability to effectively regulate the stock market. On one hand, former Finance and Revenue Secretary Tuhin Kant Pandey took over as SEBI's chairperson. On the other, a special court in Mumbai directed the Anti-Corruption Bureau to file a First Information Report (FIR) against Pandey's predecessor, Madhabi Puri Buch, and other officials, regarding alleged stock market fraud and regulatory violations dating back to 1994. The case revolves around the fraudulent listing of a company on the stock exchange, allegedly facilitated by authorities at the time.

Though Buch was SEBI chairperson years after the alleged fraud occurred, the court's directive highlights concerns about inaction by law enforcement and regulatory authorities over the years. The failure of SEBI and other agencies to

address the matter earlier has now triggered a judicial intervention, which calls for a thorough investigation into whether Buch ignored or mishandled complaints related to this historical case. This is a serious issue that requires immediate attention to preserve the integrity of the regulator.

Buch had previously faced another controversy when the now-defunct US short-seller firm, Hindenburg Research, accused her and her husband of having stakes in offshore entities allegedly linked to the Adani Group, a matter that was under SEBI's scrutiny at the time. This accusation triggered calls for her resignation, with critics citing a potential conflict of interest. Although Buch managed to weather the storm and continue in her role, the damage to SEBI's reputation was undeniable. These controversies have cast a long shadow over SEBI, undermining investor confidence and tarnishing its image as an impartial and trustworthy regulator.

Haleem hopping in Hyderabad why Ramzan is worth every sleepless night in this Telangana city

When Ramzan begins in Hyderabad, a distinct transformation takes place across the city, particularly in its food culture. While the religious observance of fasting is at the heart of the month, it's the evolving food scene that attracts people from all walks of life. The city's gastronomic offerings gain an entirely new dimension, becoming the main attraction during this holy month.

Haleem, the iconic dish of Hyderabad during Ramzan, is undoubtedly the most celebrated food of the season. This meat-lentil dish, which originated in the 1940s at Irani ca-



fes, has now become a culinary obsession. Despite its increasing price, with mutton Haleem now costing nearly Rs 300, it remains a favorite for many. The tradition of "Haleem hopping," where

people visit different restaurants to sample and compare versions of the dish, has become a popular activity. Irani restaurants like Grand Hotel and eateries in the Old City, such as Nayab Ho-

stel, are among the hotspots for Haleem enthusiasts.

However, in the last decade, the Ramzan food culture in Hyderabad has expanded beyond Haleem. Dishes like Marag (creamy mutton stew) and Pathar Ka Gosht (mutton cooked on stone slabs) have also gained significant popularity. These dishes, which were once hard to find, are now a staple at roadside stalls that emerge during Ramzan, especially in the bustling Old City. The crowds that gather around these stalls are a testament to how food brings people from all parts of the city together, including those who

might never have ventured into the crowded streets before.

The Old City, especially around Charminar, becomes a maze of food stalls and eateries during Ramzan nights. It's no longer uncommon to find people, regardless of their religion, enjoying the vibrant food scene. The atmosphere is electrifying, with both locals and IT professionals from newer parts of the city joining the late-night food tours. This surge in visitors is partly due to the government allowing establishments to stay open all night, making late-night strolls to Charminar a must-do for food lovers and

tourists alike.

Sehri, the pre-dawn meal before fasting, also adds to the unique culinary experience of Ramzan. While dishes like Biryani and Haleem are more commonly associated with Ramzan, Sehri offers a different menu with options like Khichdi Khatta-Kheema and a variety of kebabs, giving visitors a taste of traditional household meals. For many, the night isn't complete without a cup of Irani Chai at Nimrah Café, just outside Charminar. Whether Muslim or non-Muslim, the food scene in Hyderabad during Ramzan is an experience cherished by all.

Why the Death of a Nepali Student in Odisha Should Be a Wake-Up Call

The tragic death of a 20-year-old Nepali student at KIIT (Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology) University in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, has sparked not only outrage but also serious diplomatic concerns between India and Nepal. The incident on February 17 led to protests by over 500 Nepali students at the university, who were reportedly mistreated and forcibly removed from the campus. This alarming situation escalated when Nepal's Prime Minister, K.P. Sharma Oli, took to social media, demanding action from the Indian government and the Nepalese embassy, ultimately leading to the reversal of the eviction decision. This incident raises crucial

questions about India's treatment of foreign students, particularly from its neighboring countries like Nepal, with whom it shares deep cultural and historical ties. The unfortunate events also highlight the need for India to address its foreign student policies more effectively, as failing to do so could risk alienating a neighbor at a time when India is working to counterbalance China's growing influence in the region.

The turmoil triggered significant backlash in Nepal, leading to an official warning that Nepal would stop issuing No Objection Certificates (NOCs) to students wishing to study in India unless the situation was resolved fair-

ly. The Nepalese National Human Rights Commission called for an investigation into the student's death, citing allegations of negligence and mistreatment. In response, Prime Minister Oli suggested that Nepalese students should consider pursuing higher education in China instead of India.

Nepal has traditionally sent a large number of students to India for higher education due to geographical proximity and cultural familiarity. The incident at KIIT, however, risks pushing these students—and others from neighboring countries—towards alternative destinations like China, which could have long-term consequences for India's educational

and diplomatic ties.

The KIIT case is far from an isolated incident. Foreign students, particularly those from Africa and Northeast India, have repeatedly faced discriminatory treatment and racism in India.

This not only damages India's reputation but also complicates bilateral relations with other countries. Stereotyping and mistreating students based on region, religion, or culture can have severe political and diplomatic repercussions.

Prime Minister Oli's suggestion to pursue education in China reflects a shift in Nepal's diplomatic stance. His government has already distanced itself from India by opting to visit China first



during his tenure and signing on to the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in December 2024. This move signals a growing strategic shift in Nepal's foreign policy, with potential implications for India-Nepal relations in the years to come. India has long been a hub for foreign students, offering an affordable education system with relatively high stan-

dards compared to Western institutions. However, incidents like the one at KIIT highlight significant gaps in how Indian institutions address the welfare of foreign students. The government's silence on the issue is concerning, and there needs to be a stronger institutional framework to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of foreign students.



Kamal Haasan accuses BJP of creating "Hindia", Opposes delimitation and Hindi Imposition

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Actor-politician Kamal Haasan has accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of trying to create a concept of "Hindia" by imposing Hindi on non-Hindi-speaking states, a move he argues undermines federal principles. Haasan, leader of the Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM), made these remarks while attending an all-party meeting convened by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin. The meeting primarily focused on issues related to the Centre's proposed delimitation exercise and the three-language formula under the National Education Policy (NEP).

Haasan strongly opposed the Centre's push for the three-language formula, which includes Hindi as a compulsory language alongside regional languages. He said, "They are creating Hindia. Whatever decision taken by the Centre will not be in favour of non-Hindi-speaking states. This decision, which is against federal principles, is unnecessary." The three-language formula has sparked controversy in Tamil Nadu, where many fear it is an attempt to impose Hindi on the state, disregarding regional linguistic diversity.

The actor-politician also pointed out the deep-rooted linguistic pride among Tamilians, stating, "Tamilians have lost their lives for a language. Don't play with those things. Tamilians, even children, know what language they need." His comments resonate with the long-standing cultural and linguistic sensitivities in Tamil Nadu, where there is a strong sentiment against imposing Hindi as a dominant language.

Haasan further criticized the proposed delimitation exercise, which aims to adjust parliamentary constituencies based on population. He questioned the need for such changes, asking, "Why are they repairing something that is not broken? Why are they sending democracy to the workshop for repair?" His concerns reflect fears that southern states, including Tamil Nadu, might lose seats in Parliament due to successful population control measures. During the meeting, Chief Minister Stalin echoed these concerns, suggesting that the delimitation exercise should be based on the 1971 Census for the next 30 years.

S Jaishankar Arrives In London, Holds Bilateral Talks With UK PM

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.

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, 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.

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.

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.

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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.

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. 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 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.

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

'Defer delimitation exercise indefinitely,' Vijay tells union government

TPN Correspondent | Chennai

Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) President and actor Vijay on Wednesday strongly opposed any move to reduce Tamil Nadu's representation in the Lok Sabha based on population growth. He called for the number of seats in the Lok Sabha to be frozen indefinitely at 543, based on the 1971 Census figures, arguing that any changes that would lead to a reduction in the representation of Tamil Nadu and other South Indian states would be seen as "punishment."

Vijay's statement comes ahead of an all-party meeting chaired by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin to discuss the issue. He emphasized that if South Indian states were to lose seats while states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar gained more due to population, it would be unfair. "Tamil Nadu and other South Indian states have invested heavily in education and population control measures over the past 50 years. A reduction in seats for these states would only punish them," Vijay said.

The actor-politician also strongly opposed using population alone as the basis for delimitation, pointing out that it was a flawed approach. He noted that the new Parliament building has seating arrangements for 888 members, which he believes suggests that the intention is to increase the number of Lok Sabha seats. Vijay stressed that increasing the number of MPs was not a pressing issue for ordinary citizens and that it should not be a priority.

Vijay argued that the number of Lok Sabha seats should be frozen, as the current population-based representation system has not seen



any changes in the last 50 years. He further stated that not all 543 MPs even have the time to ask questions in Parliament, proving that more seats are not necessarily needed.

Vijay also raised concerns over the appointment of Election Commissioners, suggesting that their selection process should be more transparent and carried out with consensus to ensure free and fair elections. He criticized the Centre for unilaterally choosing Election Commissioners and questioned the fairness of the process. In a political dig at the BJP, Vijay said that this issue would reveal which parties truly stand with the people of Tamil Nadu.

NDA govt ended Hindu-Muslim riots in Bihar: Nitish Kumar

TPN Correspondent | Bihar

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday asserted that his NDA government had successfully put an end to frequent Hindu-Muslim clashes in the state. Speaking during a debate on the motion of thanks to the governor's address, Kumar highlighted the government's measures, including the fencing of graveyards and bringing perpetrators of communal riots to justice, as key steps in improving law and order in Bihar.

Kumar, who is seeking a fifth consecutive term in office during the upcoming assembly elections, began his address by reminiscing on Bihar's law and order situation prior to the NDA's rise to power in 2005. He stated, "Before we came to power in 2005, the law and order situation was so pathetic that people feared for their safety." His remarks aimed to emphasize the drastic improvements made under his administration, particularly in terms of restoring peace and security in the state.

The chief minister claimed that the proactive steps taken by his government, including efforts to address communal tensions and the installation of security measures, had ensured a decline in religious violence. He specifically cited the fencing of graveyards, a step that was perceived as a preventive measure to curb the illegal encroachment of these sites, and the prosecution of those involved in past communal riots as significant actions that contributed to improved peace and stability in Bihar.



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However, as Kumar continued his speech, opposition members began raising angry slogans, challenging his assertions about the law and order situation. The tension in the assembly underscored the deep political divisions over the state's governance, with opposition leaders questioning the effectiveness of the government's policies and leadership.

With assembly elections looming later this year, Kumar's remarks are likely to play a significant role in shaping the discourse around law and order and communal harmony in the state.

Trump Announces Reciprocal Tariffs on India and Other Nations

- reciprocal tariffs on India and others from April 2.
- Targets high tariffs on US exports, India's 100% auto tariff
- Move escalates trade tensions, impacting economic relations

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

US President Donald Trump has reiterated his criticism of what he calls the "very unfair" tariffs imposed by India and other countries and announced plans to impose reciprocal tariffs on these nations, effective April 2. Trump's statement was made during his address to a Joint Session of Congress, marking the first of his second term.

Trump pointed to nations like India, China, and the European Union, which he claims have imposed significantly higher tariffs on US exports than the US charges in return. "Other countries have used tariffs against us for decades, and now it's our turn to start using them against those other countries," Trump declared. He further criticized India, saying, "India charges us auto tariffs higher than 100 percent."

Echoing his stance on inequitable trade policies, Trump reiterated that the United States would soon implement reciprocal tariffs on countries, including India and China. He noted that during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington, he made it clear that India would not be exempt from the new tariff measures. "Nobody can argue with me on this," Trump added confidently.

The new policy, set to take effect on April 2, will impose tariffs on imports from foreign



countries that match the tariff rates those countries impose on US exports. Trump emphasized the principle of reciprocity, stating, "Whatever they tariff us, other countries, we will tariff them. That's reciprocal – back and forth."

Trump's remarks come after the US administration imposed tariffs on imports from Mexico, Canada, and China, citing issues like illegal immigration and drug traffick-

ing. These moves have been met with international criticism, including from Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Trudeau accused Trump of trying to cripple Canada's economy while also "appeasing" Russia over its actions in Ukraine.

The new tariff measures are expected to escalate global trade tensions and may have significant implications for international economic relations.



Very dumb thing to do: Trudeau after US imposes 25% tariffs

TPN Correspondent | Canada

In response to the U.S.'s recent decision to impose new tariffs, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has expressed strong criticism, calling the move "a very dumb thing to do." Speaking to Canadians, Trudeau stated that while it's not common for him to agree with the Wall Street Journal, he found it necessary to acknowledge their viewpoint on the matter. "Donald, they point out that even though you're a very smart guy, this is a very dumb thing to do," said Trudeau in his speech.

The prime minister's remarks came just a day after Canada retaliated with its own import taxes in response to the U.S. tariffs. Trudeau emphasized the negative consequences of the tariff escalation, particularly the impact it would have on the relationship between the two neighboring countries. He also highlighted the broader geopolitical implications, stressing that the ongoing dispute was precisely what global adversaries wanted to see: two close allies fighting each other.

The controversy over tariffs marks the latest chapter in the tense trade relations between the U.S. and Canada. The U.S. tariffs, which are part of broader efforts by President Donald Trump to impose stricter trade measures on various nations, have drawn sharp rebukes from Canadian officials. Trudeau's comments reflect a broader sentiment in Canada, where leaders are expressing concern that the trade conflict could harm both economies and their long-standing partnership.

Trudeau's speech came in the presence of key ministers, including Foreign Affairs Minister Melanie Joly, Finance Minister Dominic LeBlanc, and Public Safety Minister David McGuinty, who are all working to navigate the ongoing trade tensions. As both countries continue to grapple with the new tariff measures, the prime minister remains adamant that the issue can be resolved through diplomacy and cooperation, rather than escalating hostilities.

Hardest Part Is.. : Sunita Williams Discusses Unexpectedly Long Space Stay

NASA astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore have been aboard the International Space Station (ISS) since June 2024, initially arriving on a Boeing Co. Starliner spacecraft for a test flight. Their mission, which was intended to last about a week, turned into an unexpectedly extended stay due to technical difficulties with the Starliner. As a result, NASA declared it too risky to bring them back home on the same craft, leaving the astronauts in space for what has now been almost 10 months.

The pair are now set to return to Earth in March 2025 on a SpaceX mission, but their prolonged time in orbit has drawn significant attention. While the extended stay has led to political commentary from figures like former President Donald Trump and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, both Williams and Wilmore have downplayed the impact of politics on their mission.

Wilmore dismissed political claims, stating, "The words they said, well, that's politics... From my standpoint, politics has not played into this at all." He further explained that there was little information on any potential offers to return them to Earth earlier, con-



trary to Musk's claims of offering to bring them back sooner.

In response to Musk's suggestion that the ISS should be retired early, Williams emphasized that the station was still performing at its best. "We're actually in our prime right now," she said, adding that discontinuing the ISS ahead of its planned 2030 retirement would not be the right decision.

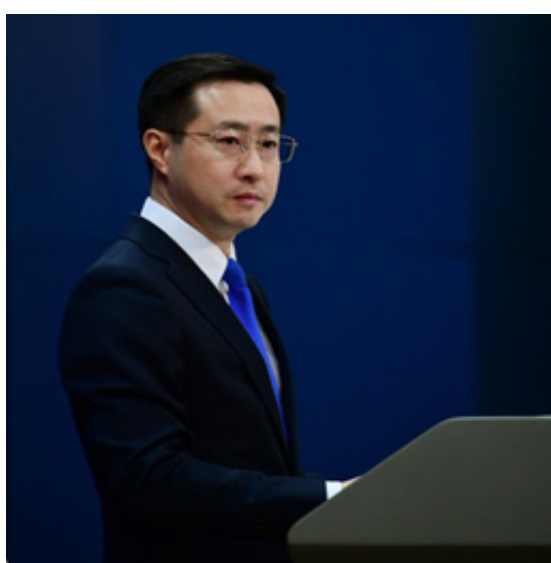
However, while both astronauts have shown remarkable resilience, Williams acknowledged that the most challenging aspect of their extended stay has been the uncertainty for loved ones back home. "I think the hardest part is having the folks on the ground have to not know exactly when we're coming back," she said, highlighting the emotional toll the delay has caused for their families.

If war is what US wants, we're ready: China says fentanyl 'flimsy excuse' to raise tariffs

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China has strongly criticized the United States' decision to raise tariffs on Chinese imports, calling the fentanyl issue a "flimsy excuse" to justify the tariff hikes. In a statement posted on social media platform X, the Chinese Foreign Ministry rebuffed Washington's claims that China has not taken adequate steps to combat the fentanyl crisis, stressing that the U.S. is solely responsible for the situation within its borders.

The Chinese government emphasized that, contrary to U.S. accusations, Beijing had made significant efforts to help tackle the fentanyl problem. However, these efforts, according to the ministry, have not been acknowledged by the U.S. Instead, China claims that Washington has used these actions as a pretext to escalate tariffs, viewing it as a form of blackmail and punishment for China's cooperation. "We have taken robust



steps to assist the U.S. in dealing with the issue," the statement read. "But the U.S. has smeared us and used pressure tactics, which will not resolve the problem."

The Chinese Foreign Ministry further stressed that the approach of coercion, threats, and pressure would not work on China. "If the U.S. truly wants to solve the fentanyl issue, the right approach is to consult with China and treat each other as equals," it added. The ministry warned that the U.S. was miscalculating by resorting to maximum pressure tactics.

In a response to the U.S. tariffs, the Chinese Embassy in Washington warned that Beijing is prepared for any conflict, whether trade, tariff, or otherwise. "If war is what the U.S. wants, be it a tariff war or any other type of war, we are ready to fight till the end," the embassy posted.

The tensions stem from the recent increase in U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports, rising from 10% to 20%, following accusations that China has not done enough to prevent fentanyl shipments from entering the U.S.

Bangladesh got 'no official response' from India on Hasina's extradition request: Yunus



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Bangladesh's interim government Chief Adviser, Muhammad Yunus, has revealed that Dhaka sent formal letters to India requesting the extradition of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, but received no official response from New Delhi. Yunus, in an interview with UK-based Sky News, asserted that Hasina would face trial for "crimes against humanity" in Bangladesh, with the state-run BSS news agency reporting his statements.

Hasina, 77, fled Bangladesh on August 5 last year amid a massive student-led protest that led to the collapse of her 16-year rule under the Awami League. Following her departure, the Bangladesh International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) issued arrest warrants for Hasina and several of her close associates, including former ministers, military officers, and civil officials, accusing them of crimes against humanity and genocide.

Yunus emphasized that Hasina, along with her family and associates, would face trial either in person or in absentia, even if she remains in India. Despite Bangladesh's formal communication to India, Yunus confirmed that the Indian government had not responded officially to the extradition request. Last year, India acknowledged receiving a "note verbale" from the Bangladesh High Commission but refrained from commenting on the matter. The accusations against Hasina involve her use of security forces and police to orchestrate the abduction, torture, and murder of hundreds of activists. However, Hasina denies the allegations, claiming political persecution. Yunus also criticized the "House of Mirrors," a secret jail where detainees were allegedly tortured and murdered, calling it "the ugliest thing" he had ever seen.

After Ten Days of Decline, Markets Bounce Back: Tariff Optimism Fuels Rally, Sensex +740, Nifty +254

The ten-day losing streak has come to an end. Domestic markets gained heavily on Wednesday. They surprised investors with a spectacular rally. Despite mixed signals from the international community, our benchmark indices started with a gap-up. The US government said that Trump would consider reducing tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China, and the dollar's value fell. On the other hand, investors bought on the expectation that the US Fed would cut interest rates and valuable shares were available at attractive prices. They invested in metal, media, tourism, PSE and PSU bank shares. In total, Nifty rose by 254 points and Sensex by 740 points.



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The BSE Sensex, which closed at 72,989 in the previous session, opened at 73,005 on Wednesday. It touched an intraday low of 72,894. It reached an intraday high of 73,933. It finally closed at 73,730 with a gain of 740 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 22,073, reached a low of 22,067 and a high of 22,394. It rose by 254 points in total and closed at 22,337. The Nifty Bank rose by 244 points to settle at 48,289.

In the Nifty50, 46 companies gained while 4 lost. Metal, PSE, media, PSU bank, tourism, energy, defence, commodities and auto stocks were the top gainers. Adani Ports, Tata Steel, Adani Enterprises, Mahindra and Mahindra were the top gainers. Bajaj Finance, IndusInd Bank, HDFC Bank and Shriram Finance were the biggest losers.

Today, the market breadth has completely shifted in favor of buyers. Out of 2967 shares traded, 2461 gained. 436 lost. Shares of 14 companies reached 52-week highs while 124 reached 52-week lows. Shares of 290 companies simultaneously touched the upper circuit.

Ola Electric Company received an incentive of Rs. 73.7 crore under the PLI Auto Scheme. The Union Cabinet approved Rs. 3880 crore for the Jeevala Arogya Scheme. With this, shares of Hester Biosciences rose. Shares of Adani Group companies surged today. Shares of Adani Green and Adani Energy rose by 10%. Citi has given a buy rating to Lupin with a target price of Rs. 2260. 13 lakh shares changed hands in ICICI Bank. Jefferies maintains buy rating on Adani Wilmar with a target price of Rs 370. 10 lakh shares changed hands in Tata Steel. Avanti Feeds debuts in pet food market under the name Avanti First. Jindal Drilling shares rise 8% after Jindal acquires Pioneer for \$75 million. Motilal Oswal maintains buy rating on DCB Bank with a target price of Rs 150. Bharti Airtel has been given a buy rating with a target price of Rs 1950. MindTech India MD and CEO Anand Balakrishnan resigns from his posts. Rail Vikas Nigam gets letter of acceptance worth Rs 729 crore for a project. Jefferies gives buy rating to Varun Beverages with a target price of Rs 715

Tata Steel

Tata Steel is a global leader in steel production with diversified operations in India and internationally. It manufactures a broad range of steel products, serving sectors like automotive, construction, and consumer durables. Domestic infrastructure spending and urbanization. Global steel demand from emerging markets. Commodity price volatility and cyclical downturns in the steel industry. Long-term growth potential remains positive if infrastructure demand sustains and cost management initiatives continue.



NTPC

NTPC is India's largest power utility, predominantly operating in thermal power generation with a growing portfolio in renewable energy. It benefits from long-term power purchase agreements and regulated tariffs. Expansion into renewable energy projects. Government initiatives for increased power capacity. Regulatory changes and fuel price volatility. A defensive stock with stable long-term growth, bolstered by its transition to renewables.



JSW Steel

JSW Steel is one of India's top steel manufacturers with a significant presence in both domestic and export markets. It offers a diversified product mix, catering to infrastructure, automotive, and industrial sectors. Increased demand from infrastructure projects and a rebound in global steel markets. Strategic investments in technology and capacity expansion. Exposure to raw material price volatility and global economic cycles.



Positive, with long-term prospects linked to domestic infrastructure and export performance, though subject to cyclical fluctuations.

Adani Power

Adani Power is a leading private power generation company in India, primarily focused on thermal power but increasingly investing in renewable energy. It is part of the larger Adani Group, which has a diversified business model across energy, infrastructure, and logistics. Expansion in renewable energy capacity and modernization of existing plants. Government policies promoting increased power generation. Regulatory uncertainties and environmental compliance challenges. High debt burden impacting short-term profitability. Mixed in the near term due to market volatility and regulatory risks, but long-term growth will depend on successful transition to renewable energy and effective debt management.



JSW Energy

JSW Energy, part of the JSW Group, focuses on power generation through a mix of thermal and renewable energy sources. The company is actively expanding its renewable portfolio to capitalize on the global shift toward clean energy. Increased capacity in solar and wind energy. Government support for renewable energy initiatives. Volatility in fuel prices for thermal generation and project execution risks in renewable ventures. Positive long-term outlook as the company shifts more towards renewable energy, though near-term performance may be affected by market and regulatory dynamics.



RBI appoints Dr Ajit Ratnakar Joshi as new Executive Director



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Dr. Ajit Ratnakar Joshi as its Executive Director (ED), effective from March 3, 2025. Dr. Joshi's extensive career spans over three decades, with significant expertise in the fields of statistics, information technology, and cyber risk management. Prior to his promotion, he served as the Principal Adviser in the RBI's Department of Statistics and Information Management.

Dr. Joshi has a rich background in the compilation of macroeconomic statistics and policy formulation. He has contributed to numerous committees and working groups that focused on these critical areas. Additionally, he has shared his knowledge as a faculty member at the Institute of Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), Hyderabad, where he helped shape the next generation of banking and financial professionals.

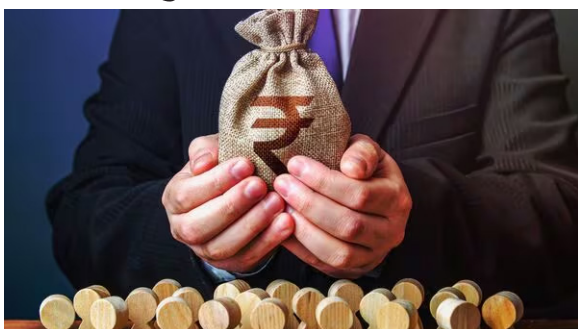
As Executive Director, Dr. Joshi will oversee the Department of Statistics and Information Management as well as the Financial Stability Department, two key areas crucial to the RBI's operational and regulatory framework. His leadership is expected to enhance the RBI's efforts in strengthening statistical analysis, improving financial stability, and addressing the evolving challenges in the financial sector.

Dr. Joshi holds a master's degree in statistics from Nagpur University, a Ph.D. in monetary economics from the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, and a Diploma in Development Policy and Planning from the Institute of Economic Growth in Delhi. Furthermore, he is a Certified Associate of the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance (CAIIB), which adds to his credentials in the banking and finance sector.

With his vast experience and academic qualifications, Dr. Joshi's appointment as Executive Director is poised to bring valuable insights and leadership to the RBI, particularly in areas crucial to the country's financial and economic stability. His appointment is seen as a positive move towards strengthening the RBI's capacity to address emerging challenges in the Indian financial system.

India's high-net-worth individuals grow 6% to 85,698, projected to hit 93,753 by THIS year

India has seen a notable rise in its population of high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs), those possessing assets over \$10 million, with the number increasing by six percent in 2024. According to Knight Frank's *Wealth Report 2025*, the number of HNWIs in India reached 85,698 last year, up from 80,686 in 2023. This growth highlights the country's expanding wealth landscape and economic potential.



The report projects that the number of HNWIs in India will continue to rise, reaching 93,753 by 2028, further solidifying the nation's position as a key player in global wealth creation. This increase in the HNWI population reflects India's long-term economic growth, rising investment opportunities, and the evolving luxury market. It is a sign of the country's growing prosperity, driven by strong economic fundamentals and an increasingly affluent elite class.

Shishir Bajjal, Chairman & Managing Director of Knight Frank India, emphasized that India's growing wealth underscores its economic resilience and long-term growth potential. This surge in wealth is not just about scale but also reflects a shift in the investment preferences of India's elite. The country's affluent individuals are diversifying their portfolios, investing in everything from real estate to global equities.

India's billionaire population has also seen significant growth. As of 2024, the country is home to 191 billionaires, an impressive rise from just 7 in 2019. Of these, 26 billionaires joined the ranks in the last year alone. The combined wealth of India's billionaires is estimated at USD 950 billion, ranking the country third globally, following the US (USD 5.7 trillion) and Mainland China (USD 1.34 trillion).

Looking ahead, Knight Frank predicts that India's influence in global wealth creation will only strengthen in the coming decade, driven by entrepreneurial dynamism, global integration, and emerging industries. This growth represents both the nation's economic vibrancy and its increasing prominence in the global wealth ecosystem.

SEBI Eases Nomination and Asset Transmission Rules

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced a new circular to streamline the nomination process and asset transmission procedures in the Indian securities market. The updated guidelines aim to provide greater flexibility and ease for investors, particularly those with single-holding accounts.



Under the new regulations, investors with single-holding demat accounts now have the option to opt out of nomination both online and offline. Depository Participants (DPs), rather than the Depositories themselves, will facilitate the online opt-out process for both new and existing investors.

Additionally, the new rules offer more flexibility for investors. Nominees can now be changed an unlimited number of times, providing greater control over the nomination process.

Transmission

of Assets Made Simpler

SEBI has also revised the transmission of assets rules for joint account holders. In the event of a joint account holder's death, the assets will automatically be transferred to the surviving joint holders without the need for fresh Know Your Customer (KYC) verification. However, the existing KYC must be updated to complete the process.

Surviving holders will also have the opportunity to update key details, such as their address, mobile number, email, and bank account information during the asset transmission process.

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Phased Implementation

The new rules will be implemented in a phased manner, starting from March 1, 2025, and are expected to conclude by September 2025. These changes are set to make the securities market more accessible, efficient, and investor-friendly.

Banksy's Reimagined The Singing Butler Sells for \$5.5 Million at Auction



A rare reimagining of Jack Vettriano's iconic painting "The Singing Butler" by street artist Banksy fetched nearly £4.3 million (\$5.5 million) at a Sotheby's auction in London on Tuesday. The sale of the piece, titled "Crude Oil (Vettriano)," came just a day after the announcement of the death of Scottish painter Jack Vettriano, aged 73. Vettriano's original "The Singing Butler" depicts a couple dancing on a windswept beach, accompanied by a butler and maid holding umbrellas. It became a commercial sensation after it was sold in 2004 for £744,800, setting a Scottish auction record. The image also went on to become the UK's best-selling print reproduction, outselling works by Monet and Van Gogh. Banksy's version, however, flips the romantic narrative into a stark environmental commentary. In "Crude Oil (Vettriano)," often dubbed "Toxic Beach," the artist adds a sinking oil tanker and two men in hazmat suits unloading toxic waste onto the beach. The piece critiques press-

ing issues like pollution, environmental damage, and the capitalist-driven destruction of nature. The artwork was sold by Mark Hoppus, bassist for the band Blink-182, who had purchased it years earlier. Hoppus, speaking at the auction, noted that his family had deeply appreciated the work but hoped to use some of the proceeds to support up-and-coming artists. He also pledged a portion of the sale's proceeds to Los Angeles-based medical charities and the California Fire Foundation, following the wildfires in the state earlier this year. Banksy's "Crude Oil (Vettriano)" was first exhibited in his 2005 show "Crude Oils: A Gallery of Remixed Masterpieces, Vandalism, and Vermin." Sotheby's described the work as "more relevant today than ever" due to the increasing frequency of environmental disasters. Meanwhile, tributes have poured in for Vettriano, whose work resonated with fans around the world, despite being rejected by some art critics.

PepsiCo vs Coca-Cola: The Latest Chapter in the Cola Wars



The rivalry between Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, two of the world's leading beverage giants, has flared up again with a new advertising clash. PepsiCo India recently launched its "Anytime is Pepsi Time" campaign, directly taking aim at Coca-Cola's "Half-Time" campaign in the context of the ongoing ICC Champions Trophy tournament. Coca-Cola's "Half-Time" campaign, which debuted a month ago across TV and digital platforms, positions the drink as the ideal beverage to enjoy during half-time breaks of cricket matches. In contrast, PepsiCo has cleverly flipped the script, urging consumers to enjoy Pepsi "any time" — emphasizing that no pause is necessary to savor the refreshment. Pepsi's latest campaign evokes nostalgia for its iconic 1996 "Nothing Official About It" ad campaign, which starred cricket legends like Sachin Tendulkar, Vinod Kambli, and Mohammad Azharuddin. At the time, Pepsi boldly took on Coca-Cola's official sponsorship of the cricket World Cup, with the

tagline suggesting that Pepsi was the drink for the people, not the official sponsors. "Nothing Official About It" became a cultural moment, and PepsiCo is clearly trying to channel that same effortless cool with its new campaign. The rivalry between Coca-Cola and PepsiCo is one of the most storied in advertising history. The 'Cola Wars' reached their peak in the 1980s, with Pepsi launching the famous "Pepsi Challenge" — a blind taste test where consumers preferred the sweeter taste of Pepsi over Coke. In response, Coca-Cola famously introduced "New Coke" in 1985, only to face backlash when consumers demanded the return of the original formula, which was rebranded as "Coca-Cola Classic." While both brands have histories dating back to the late 19th century — Coca-Cola launched in 1886 and Pepsi in 1893 — their rivalry continues to fuel creative marketing and bold advertising moves, with each trying to outdo the other in the battle for global dominance.

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

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.



Yansi Gopisetty

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. Now, why should you, a reader interested in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana politics, care about Reddit? Because this is where real, unfiltered discussions happen - without paid promotions, screaming debates, or viral propaganda that often

plague mainstream platforms.

If politics feels too heavy, Reddit also happens to be a paradise for cinephiles. Unlike YouTube comments that just say "goosebumps", Reddit's film communities break down every frame, dialogue, and hidden meaning in a movie. It's not just for politics and movies. Reddit has communities for everything under the sun - cricket debates, stock market trends, startup advice, space exploration,

memes, or even niche topics like conspiracy theories and historical mysteries, there's a subreddit for you. But since anyone can post, be wise in choosing communities, fact-check before believing anything, and remember: upvotes don't always mean truth. Fact-check before believing.

If you're tired of news that feels like a rerun and movie debates that never go beyond box office numbers, Reddit is your upgrade. It's where facts get more love than clickbait, where politics is discussed without panelists yelling, and where a simple movie thread can turn into a full-blown thesis, and one click can take you from serious policy talk to a heated debate on the best Maggi flavor. So jump in, explore, and stay curious—you might just find the most interesting conversations happening in the unlikeliest corners of the internet.

- How to navigate Reddit: Lurk for a while, read posts, and observe how discussions flow. Upvote smart discussions, ignore the noise.
- To get started, check out these subreddits: r/india for national issues, r/andhra_pradesh and r/hyderabad for local updates, r/IndiaCricket for cricket fans, r/tollywood for all things Telugu cinema.

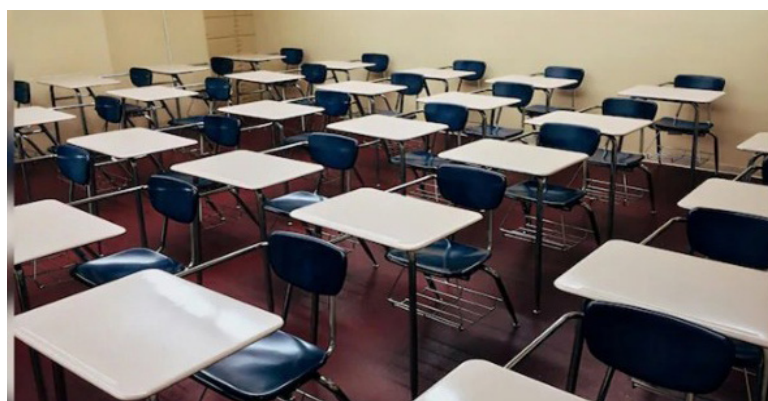
Social Media Giants Urge Australia to Reconsider YouTube Exemption for Children's Ban

Social media giants, including Meta Platforms (owner of Facebook and Instagram), Snapchat, and TikTok, have called on the Australian government to reconsider its decision to exempt YouTube from new laws that restrict social media access for children under the age of 16. The legislation, which passed in November, imposes some of the world's toughest restrictions on social media platforms, requiring companies to either prevent minors from logging into their services or face hefty fines up to AUD 49.5 million (\$31 million or roughly Rs. 269 crore). Under the current law, YouTube is exempted from the ban, as it is seen as a key educational tool and is the only platform permitted for children when part of a family account with parental supervision rights. However, Meta, along with TikTok and Snapchat, argues that YouTube should not be exempt, pointing out that minors using the platform are exposed to the same risks as other social media sites. YouTube, like its competitors, offers algorithmic content recommendations, social interaction features, and potential exposure to harmful content. Meta expressed its concerns in a blog post, stating that YouTube's exemption contradicts the stated purpose of the legislation. It called on the government to ensure that the law is applied equally to all social media services, urging a consistent approach across the industry. TikTok raised similar concerns, arguing that the decision to

exempt YouTube is "illogical, anticompetitive, and short-sighted." The company urged the government to ensure that no platform receives preferential treatment. Likewise, Snapchat echoed this sentiment, calling for fair and impartial application of the rules. Experts in mental health and extremism have also raised alarms about YouTube, arguing that the platform can expose children to addictive and harmful content, including material that can be just as dangerous as what is found on other social media sites. With increasing scrutiny on how social media affects young people, these companies are urging Australia to revise its approach to ensure a level playing field.



School In England Removes Mirrors From Toilets To Get Students Back In Class



A school in England has sparked controversy by removing mirrors from its toilets to address what it sees as an issue with students spending too much time in the restrooms. Grant Edgar, headteacher of William Farr Comprehensive in Welton, explained that the decision was made to prevent students from gathering in large groups and potentially delaying their return to class. According to Mr. Edgar, mirrors in the toilets often encourage students to spend excessive time there, which affects punctuality and creates discomfort for others who need to use the facilities. "Mirrors can encourage students to spend too much

time in toilets often in large groups," he stated, adding that this could cause some students to feel uncomfortable. The decision has sparked a variety of reactions from parents. Some have expressed frustration, with one parent commenting, "They're just mirrors, aren't they? We have mirrors at home, why can't we have them in school?" Others have called the move "silly," "a bit extreme," and "strange." Despite the criticism, Mr. Edgar defended the measure, emphasizing that the school had faced challenges during transition times and that the absence of mirrors would help keep students focused and on time for their lessons. For students who require mirrors for medical purposes, the school has made provisions, stating they can request a mirror at the reception. This is not the first time mirrors have been removed from school bathrooms for similar reasons. In January 2024, a middle school in North Carolina removed bathroom mirrors due to concerns about students using class time to create TikTok videos. In 2023, Christopher Whitehead Language College in Worcester replaced mirrors in girls' toilets with posters warning against the harmful effects of makeup. While the decision has generated debate, the school maintains that the goal is to help students make the most of their learning time and reduce distractions.

Champions Trophy: New Zealand Beats South Africa by 50 Runs, Set to Face India in Final



New Zealand secured a dominant 50-run victory over South Africa in a thrilling semi-final to reach the Champions Trophy final, where they will face India on Sunday in Dubai. Rachin Ravindra (108 off 101 balls) and Kane Williamson (102 off 94 balls) led the

charge with impressive centuries, helping New Zealand post a mammoth total of 362/6, the highest score in Champions Trophy history. Daryl Mitchell (49), Glenn Phillips (49*), and Michael Bracewell (16) contributed in the final 10 overs, adding 112 runs to the total.

In reply, South Africa, despite a fighting century from David Miller (100* off 67 balls) and fifties from Rassie van der Dussen (69) and Temba Bavuma (56), fell short, finishing at 312/9. Mitchell Santner was the standout bowler for New Zealand, taking 3/43 to help restrict the Proteas.

Achanta Sharath Kamal Announces Retirement After WTT Contender Chennai



Indian table tennis legend Achanta Sharath Kamal has announced that the upcoming WTT Contender Chennai, from March 25 to 30, will be his final tournament as a professional athlete. The 42-year-old, who made his international debut in Chennai, will conclude his illustrious career in the same city. Sharath Kamal has an impressive legacy, winning 13 Com-

monwealth Games medals, including six golds, and two Asian Games bronze medals. Despite his remarkable achievements, including participation in five Olympic Games, he has yet to win an Olympic medal. As the highest-ranked Indian at world number 42, Kamal expressed hope that the younger generation will carry forward his dream of Olympic success.

Rejuvenated Virat Kohli Ready to Conquer New Peaks



Virat Kohli's 84-run knock in India's Champions Trophy semi-final against Australia showcased his determination to overcome past challenges. While his century would have been his 25th in a chase, his measured approach was just as effective. Kohli tamed spinners, a long-standing Achilles' heel, and demonstrated

his readiness for more challenges. His disciplined batting against Australia's Adam Zampa and others highlighted his adaptability, particularly on a slow Dubai pitch. India head coach Gautam Gambhir praised Kohli's tactical approach, while Steve Smith acknowledged his exceptional chasing abilities. Kohli,

with 5999 runs in successful chases, continues to dominate ODI run chases, even surpassing 8000 career runs in the process. Kohli's focus on singles and patience, rather than aggressive strokes, helped settle his nerves and maintain control. His rejuvenation is clear—Kohli is back, more determined than ever to conquer new heights.

Champions Trophy: Ravindra, Williamson Tons Propel NZ to 362/6 Against South Africa in Semis



Rachin Ravindra and Kane Williamson's centuries guided New Zealand to a formidable total of 362 for six against South Africa in the second semi-final of the Champions Trophy on Wednesday. Ravindra's 108 off 101 balls and Williamson's 102 off 94 balls, along with contributions from Daryl Mitchell (49) and Glenn Phillips (49*), helped New Zealand set a daunting target. Lungi Ngidi (3/72), Kagiso Rabada (2/70), and

Wiaan Mulder (1/48) were the standout bowlers for South Africa. With the winner of this match set to face India in the summit clash on Sunday in Dubai, New Zealand's strong batting display has set the stage for an exciting finale.
Brief Score:
New Zealand: 362/6 in 50 overs (Rachin Ravindra 108, Kane Williamson 102; Lungi Ngidi 3/72).

Teams:
New Zealand: Santner (c), Young, Ravindra, Williamson, Mitchell, Latham (wk), Phillips, Bracewell, Henry, Jamieson, O'Rourke.
South Africa: Bavuma (c), Ricketton, van der Dussen, Klaasen (wk), Miller, Markram, Mulder, Jansen, Maharaj, Rabada, Ngidi.

East Bengal vs FK Arkadag AFC Challenge League: Live Streaming Details



Indian football giants East Bengal will face Turkmenistan's FK Arkadag in the first leg of the AFC Challenge League quarter-finals on March 5, 2024. The match will take place at Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata, starting at 7:00 PM IST. Despite being eliminated from the Indian Super League playoffs, East Bengal has been in excellent form

in the continental competition, topping Group A of the West region. However, they will face a tough challenge against FK Arkadag, the 2024 Turkmenistan champions, who went undefeated in their domestic league. While the match will not be televised in India, fans can catch the live streaming on the FanCode app and website.

Special Olympics Bharat Sends Off 49-Member Contingent to World Winter Games

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Special Olympics Bharat organized a grand send-off ceremony for the Indian contingent heading to the 2025 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Turin, Italy, from March 8 to 15. The 49-member team, including 30 athletes and 19 support staff, was honored at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi. Dignitaries such as Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya, Special Olympics Bharat President Dr. Mallika Nadda,

and Executive Director Dr. VK Mahendru attended the event. Indian athletes will compete in six sports disciplines: Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Floorball, Short-track Speed Skating, Snowboarding, and Snowshoeing, among 1,500 athletes from 102 countries. Minister Mandaviya and Dr. Nadda praised the athletes for their dedication and determination, wishing them success. The athletes were also gifted traditional Himachali woollen caps for good luck.



India's First Film Festival in Montana Celebrates Cultural Diversity



The Consulate General of India in Seattle, in partnership with the Montana World Affairs Council, hosted the first-ever 'Festival of Indian Cinema' in Missoula from March 2-4, 2025. The event, held at the University of Montana, featured screenings of popular Indian films like English Vinglish, Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara, and Raksha Bandhan. Over 500 students from 33 schools participated in the Montana Academic World Quest 2025, where India was the 'Theme Country.' Along with the film festival, interactive sessions on Indian classical dance, music, and digital payment platforms were organized. The event aimed to deepen students' understanding of India's cultural richness. The winning students will visit India later this year.

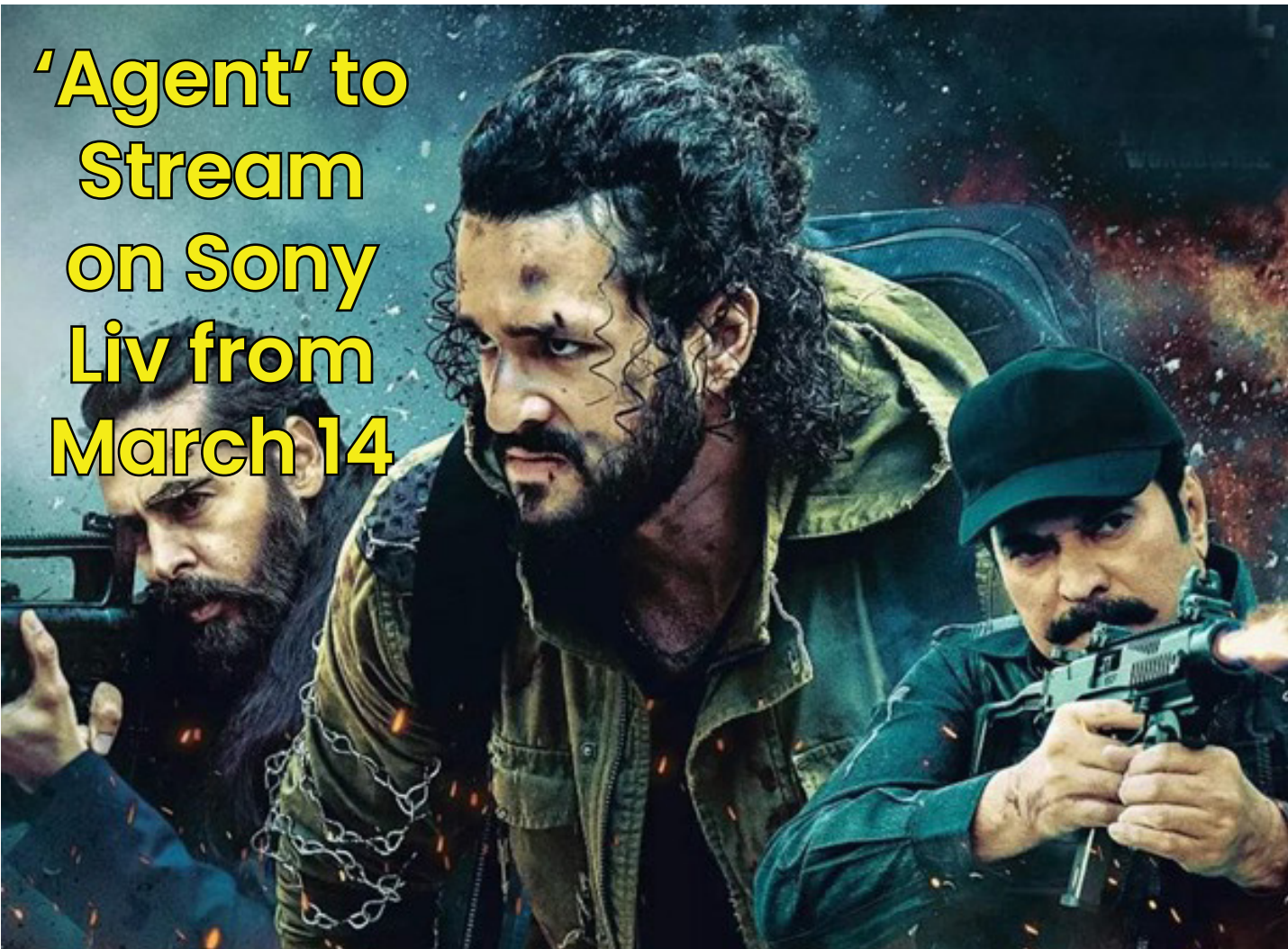
'Kanchana 4': Lawrence's Biggest Venture Yet!



Lawrence, who achieved a superhit with 'Kanchana' in 2011, followed it up with 'Kanchana 2' in 2015, which grossed 120 crores and became a blockbuster. As the franchise gained immense popularity, Lawrence increased the budget for each successive film. For 'Kanchana 4', a massive 65 crores have been allocated. This

time, Lawrence aims to make the film a huge success both in terms of content and box office collections. Pooja Hegde will be seen playing a 'deaf' character in the movie. Lawrence plans to release the film either by the end of this year or the beginning of next year, aiming for it to be his biggest hit yet.

'Agent' to Stream on Sony Liv from March 14



Akhil Akkineni's action-packed spy thriller Agent, directed by Surender Reddy, will be available for streaming on Sony Liv starting March 14. The film follows Ricky, a talented RAW agent assigned a dangerous mis-

sion by Colonel Mahadev, the leader of a secretive organization known as The Devil. As Ricky works covertly to complete the mission, former RAW agent Dharma, alias God, plots to destroy India, leading to unexpected

twists in the story. The movie stars Akhil Akkineni alongside Malayalam superstar Mamootty, Dino Morea, Sakshi Vaidya, Denzel Smith, and Vikramjeet Virk. Their performances add excitement to the

film. Written by Vakkantham Vamsi, with screenplay by Surender Reddy, Agent is produced by Ramabrahmam Sunkara, Ajay Sunkara, and Pathi Deepa Reddy under AK Entertainments and Surender 2 banners.

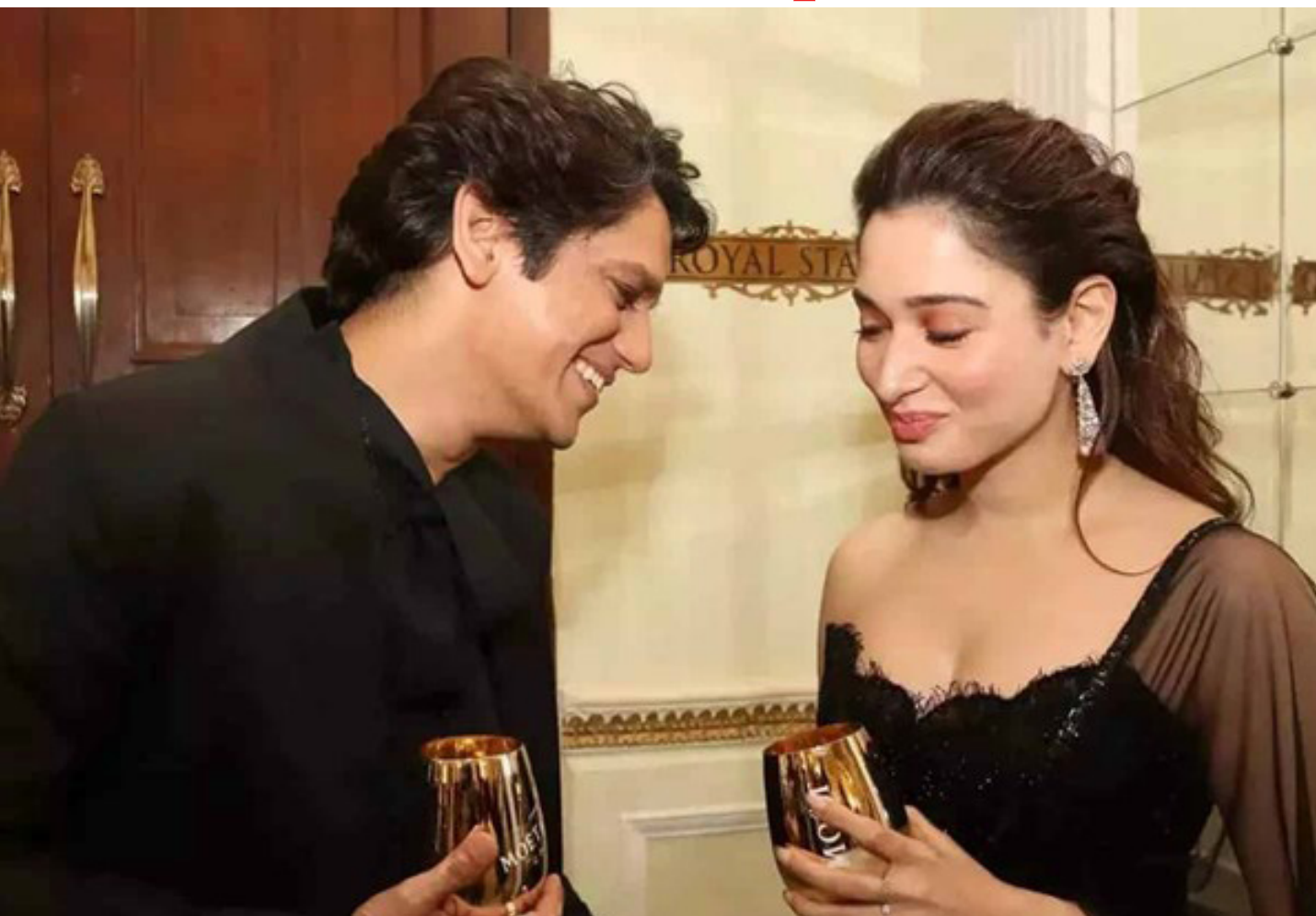
Nayanthara Requests Fans and Media to Drop 'Lady Superstar' Title



Actress Nayanthara, often referred to as 'Lady Superstar' by her fans, has requested the media and audiences to address her simply as Nayanthara from now on. In a heartfelt statement, she thanked her fans for their immense love and support throughout her career. While acknowledging that the title "Lady Superstar" was born from the affection of her fans, Nayanthara shared that it meant a lot to her. However, she humbly expressed

her desire to be called by her name, Nayanthara, as it holds a special place in her heart and represents who she is both as an actor and as an individual. She emphasized that while titles and accolades are meaningful, they could sometimes create a barrier between the stars and their work. Nayanthara reiterated that the bond of love with her fans is what truly matters, and she remains committed to entertaining them with her work in cinema.

Tamannaah and Vijay Varma's Breakup



Rumors have emerged surrounding the breakup of Tamannaah Bhatia and Vijay Varma, who had been dating for two years. Sources suggest their busy schedules and personal differences led to the split, though neither has confirmed it. An alleged reason for the breakup is Ta-

mannaah's desire to settle down, as she reportedly grew impatient with the relationship's pace. Speculation also suggests that her controlling nature created tension, causing frequent disagreements. The couple met on the sets of Lust Stories 2, where their on-screen chemistry

blossomed into a real-life romance. Despite the breakup, both actors remain focused on their careers, with Tamannaah working on Odela 2 and Vijay starring in Ul Jalool Ishq. Fans continue to await an official statement from the duo to address the rumors.

Yami Gautam Opens Up About Turning Down a Big-Budget Film



Bollywood actress Yami Gautam has revealed that she turned down a big-budget film due to her preference for content-driven cinema. In a recent interview, Yami shared that she prioritizes scripts that resonate with her, emphasizing that every professional decision is a conscious one. While she did not disclose the film's title, she explained, "I value the time I spend on projects that truly connect with me." Yami also expressed gratitude for the respect and appreciation she receives for her work, rather than just the film's scale. She further highlighted her instinctive approach to script selection, aiming for versatility and avoiding comfort in repeating past roles.