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- ◆ Revanth claims his government is pro-farmer.
- ◆ The most crucial of the six guarantees is Rythu Bharosa.
- ◆ Loan waivers of up to ₹2 lakh benefited many farmers.
- ◆ Revanth has not fully implemented Rythu Bharosa.
- ◆ Only ₹12,000 provided instead of the promised ₹15,000.
- ◆ Farmers' associations raising concerns over Bharosa implementation.
- ◆ Revanth modified the Rythu Bharosa eligibility rules.
- ◆ Farmers upset with the government's decisions.

Kishore Katta | TPN Hyderabad, Mar 07:
Farmers generally do not react strongly when governments fail to provide benefits. However, when promises are made but not fulfilled, they respond with serious concern. This is exactly what is

happening in Telangana now. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy repeatedly asserts that the Congress government is a farmers' government, yet farmers themselves have mixed opinions about him. Revanth played a crucial role in bringing the Congress to power

in Telangana by promising to waive farm loans of up to ₹2 lakh. Many farmers have benefited from this loan waiver, and though some pending loans remain, leaders assure that they will also be addressed. On the other hand,

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Big Boost for BJP in Telangana



- ❖ **BJP's Twin MLC Wins Strengthen Its Grip**
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- ❖ **Congress Faces Growing Public Dissatisfaction**
- ❖ **BJP's Strategy for Telangana Elections Intensifies**
- ❖ **BJP Credits Victory to Modi's Leadership**
- ❖ **Absence of BRS Boosts BJP's Prospects**
- ❖ **State Politics Set for a Three-Way Battle**

PARDHU, TPN :
The recent MLC elections in Telangana have given a significant boost to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). With victories in the Teachers' MLC and Graduate MLC elections, the party has strengthened its position in the state.

Winning two out of three seats has increased the confidence of BJP leaders, who are now preparing to expand their influence further in Telangana.

BJP's Aggression – Election Results
BJP candidate Malka Komuriah secured a massive vic-

tory in the Karimnagar-Nizamabad-Adilabad-Medak Teachers' MLC seat. Winning with first-preference votes alone gave the party additional strength. Similarly, graduates supported the BJP in the Karimnagar-Adilabad-Medak-Nizamabad Graduate MLC

elections, further consolidating the party's presence in North Telangana.

Over the past few months, BJP has been actively campaigning in Telangana, with both central and state leaders

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Telangana Cabinet approves SC classification bill, announces job recruitments

Telangana Assembly budget sessions from March 12 to 27.

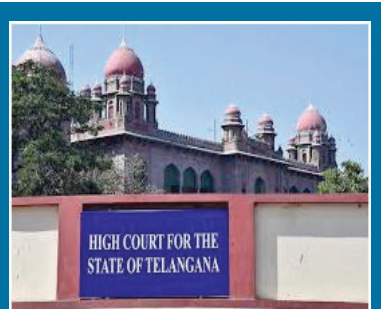
Cabinet approves SC classification draft bill, Future City Board.

Government to fill 10,950 village-level officer posts.

TPN Correspondent, Hyderabad The Telangana Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, convened for nearly six hours and took several key decisions, including significant employment opportunities and legislative developments. In a major policy move, the Cabinet approved the SC classification draft bill, a step aimed

at addressing long-pending demands related to Scheduled Caste categorization. Additionally, the Cabinet cleared the proposal for the establishment of the Future City Board, a strategic initiative expected to drive urban development and infrastructure projects in the state. The Cabinet also focused on inter-state water

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High Court Issues Stay on Hakeempet Land Acquisition Notification

TPN , Correspondent Hyderabad , Mar 07 : In a significant development, the High Court has issued a stay on the land acquisition notification for Hakeempet village, challenging its legality. The petition was filed by Kumari Shivakumar, a resident of Hakeempet, who sought to challenge the

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Harish Rao Criticizes CM Revanth Reddy's Governance

- ◆ **GST Collection Growth Decline**
- ◆ **Decline in Vehicle Sales**
- ◆ **Impact on Revenue**
- ◆ **Demand for Apology**

TPN , Correspondent Hyderabad , Mar 07 : Former Minister and BRS leader Harish

Rao launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister

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JAI TELANGANA - SUPPORT BJP: KISHAN REDDY

TPN , Correspondent Hyderabad , Mar 07 : Union Minister and BJP State President Kishan Reddy has expressed confidence in the party's growing influence following its victory in the MLC

elections, stating that the results have made it clear that the people no longer trust Congress. Kishan Reddy emphasized that the people of Telangana now view BJP as an alternative, as evidenced by

the party winning the sitting Congress seat in the elections. BJP candidates Malka Komuriah and Anji Reddy, who triumphed in the Teacher and Graduate MLC

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focusing on strengthening the party. The recent victories have been received positively by the party's top leadership, which has now decided to increase its efforts for upcoming elections.

Impact on State Politics

Political analysts believe that the absence of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) from this election worked to the BJP's advantage. Additionally, the growing dissatisfaction among the public with the Congress government is evident from the results. Analysts suggest that opposition to government policies, along with the support of teachers and graduates from the BJP, serves as a warning sign for the Congress-led administration.

BJP's Future Strategy

The BJP state president has described the MLC elections as a practice match for the upcoming assembly elections, stating that the party will continue its aggressive approach to gain power in Telangana. Analysts point out that with eight MP seats, eight MLC seats, and the recent two MLC victories, the BJP is building strong momentum in the state.

Key leaders, including Telangana BJP in-charge Pawan Bansal and Union Minister Kishan Reddy, have played a crucial role in the party's campaign. They focused on gaining support from teachers' unions and mobilizing BJP's grassroots workers, ultimately contributing to the party's success. Moving forward, BJP leaders have decided to further strengthen the party at the field level.

BJP's Victory – A Support for Modi's Governance

BJP leaders have credited these victories to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and governance. BJP leader Bandi Sanjay criticized the Congress for its repeated allegations against Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and questioned, "What will Congress leaders say about our victory through ballot boxes now?" He emphasized that the people are rejecting the Congress government and shifting their support to the BJP.

The MLC election results have provided a strong boost to the BJP in Telangana. With a three-way political contest emerging in the state, the coming months are expected to witness intense political developments. The BJP's future strategy, the increasing opposition to the Congress government, and the BRS's response will shape the political landscape in Telangana, making the upcoming elections even more competitive and dynamic.

High Court Issues Stay on Hakeempet Land Acquisition Notification

government's decision to acquire 351 acres of land for the establishment of an industrial park.

The notification was issued by the government on November 29 of the previous year. Shivakumar, in his petition, argued that the government had failed to provide proper compensation as per the 2013 Land Acquisition Act. He contended that the notification should be cancelled as it violated the provisions of the law, particularly in relation to the compensation for the acquired land. The petition also requested that a stay be imposed on the notification until further judicial review. The High Court, while hearing the petition, issued a stay order on the land acquisition process and directed the Revenue Secretary, the District Collector of Vikarabad, the RDO, the Tahsildar, and the Managing Director of TSIC to respond to the notices.

The court has adjourned the matter for further hearings on the 7th of next month.

Telangana Cabinet approves SC classification bill, announces job recruitments

disputes, deciding to set up a special committee to address river water-sharing issues. In another important resolution, the government announced the launch of 'Bhu Bharathi' from Ugaadi, an initiative expected to streamline land-related services.

Providing a major relief to the unemployed, the Cabinet approved the recruitment of 10,950 village-level officers, a move that is expected to boost rural administration and job creation. Further, the government sanctioned 217 new posts for newly formed revenue divisions and mandals, along with 55 positions for 10 district courts to strengthen the judicial system.

The meeting also set the schedule for the upcoming Telangana Assembly budget sessions, which will be held from March 12 to March 27. These sessions are expected to focus on key legislative and financial matters concerning the state's development.

JAI TELANGANA - SUPPORT BJP: KISHAN REDDY

elections, were felicitated by Kishan Reddy at the BJP state office in Nampally on Thursday.

Speaking to the media, Kishan Reddy pointed out that Congress Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's statement about being in power for the next ten years was debunked by the recent election results, where the people rejected Congress and delivered a resounding win to BJP. He noted that Congress's efforts to defeat BJP had failed and reiterated the need for a "Double Engine Government" in Telangana, referring to BJP-led governance at both state and national levels.

He also took a jibe at Congress, accusing them of failing to fulfill promises made to the people of Telangana. Kishan Reddy stated that the results were a slap in the face for Congress and that people had ignored Revanth Reddy's baseless accusations against BJP. He demanded that Congress address issues like the unresolved GO 317 and fulfill their promises, emphasizing that the BJP would move forward with the new slogan "Save Telangana, Support BJP."

KTR Slams Congress for SLBC Tunnel Accident

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad, Mar 07 : BRS Working President KTR strongly criticized the Congress government for its negligence regarding the SLBC Tunnel accident. He alleged that despite prior warnings, including two reports predicting the potential accident, the government failed to act and concealed the facts. KTR accused the government of disregarding worker safety and continuing operations in a hazardous area for the sake of commissions. The two reports had explicitly identified the work zone as a "red zone," yet the government ignored these warnings, lead-

ing to the tragic accident that claimed the lives of eight workers. KTR expressed deep sorrow for the affected families, calling the loss of lives devastating. He also pointed out the wasted public funds amounting to several crores due to the government's negligence. KTR demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the entire cabinet take responsibility for the incident. He called for an investigation led by a High Court judge to clarify the two reports and demanded a detailed explanation from the government regarding the tragedy. He emphasized the need for accountability and



transparency in the matter, urging the government to release all relevant details.

Harish Rao Criticizes Congress Government Over Delay in Foreign Education Scholarships

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad, Mar 07 : Former Minister Harish Rao has strongly criticized the Congress government for its delay in releasing scholarships for students selected under the Overseas Education Scheme. In a social media post, Harish Rao expressed his concerns about the students who have been waiting for their scholarships to pursue education abroad. Despite raising the issue in the Assembly in December, he pointed out that no action had been taken by the government, and after three months, not a



single rupee had been paid. During the Assembly session, Minister Sitakka had assured that the scholarships would be disbursed by March,

but there has been no progress, according to Harish Rao. He accused the government of prioritizing payments to big contractors instead of addressing the needs of students. Harish Rao stressed that the delay is harming the aspirations of underprivileged and backward community students, who rely on this scheme to study abroad.

He reminded that the Overseas Education Scheme, initiated by Former Chief Minister KCR, was designed to support poor and middle-class students, but under the Congress government, it is being neglected. Harish Rao demanded immediate action from the government to release the overdue scholarships and ensure timely completion of the selection process for future students. He urged the government to act swiftly and help students achieve their dreams of higher education abroad.

Shridhar Babu Invites NXP Semiconductors to Join AI City Project

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad, Mar 07 : Telangana Minister Shridhar Babu met with representatives from NXP Semiconductors on Thursday at the Minister's Quarters, encouraging them to partner with the state for its prestigious AI City project. The meeting focused on leveraging Telangana's favorable conditions for the semiconductor manufacturing industry. Minister

Shridhar Babu highlighted the state's growing potential and skilled workforce, which could benefit the semiconductor sector. The minister emphasized that by 2030, India's semiconductor market is expected to reach a value of \$100 billion. He urged NXP Semiconductors to utilize Telangana's talent pool to meet the growing demands of the industry. Additionally, Shridhar

Babu proposed collaboration with skill universities in the state to develop a skilled workforce tailored for semiconductor manufacturing. He further suggested the establishment of an R&D unit for semiconductor manufacturing in Telangana and stressed the importance of collaboration with local startups, universities, and research institutions in Hyderabad. Minister



Shridhar Babu called for NXP Semiconductors to contribute to Telangana's development by investing in the state and joining hands to promote the growth of the semiconductor industry.

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the government had promised to increase farmers' Bharosa to ₹15,000 per year. However, this guarantee has not been fully implemented. As of now, only ₹12,000 is being provided, with assurances that it will be increased to ₹15,000 soon. There is also no clarity on when tenant farmers will receive benefits. Additionally, the eligibility criteria for farmers' Bharosa have been changed, causing concern among farmers. The previous BRS government implemented the Rythu Bandhu scheme, providing benefits to all farmers regardless of the number of acres they owned. However, the Congress government has introduced cuts to this scheme. After coming to power, the government formed a cabinet sub-committee to

finalize the implementation guidelines for farmers' Bharosa. The committee, led by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, and Sridhar Babu, made several recommendations, which the government later approved. A key recommendation of the sub-committee was that farmers' Bharosa should not be provided for lands unsuitable for cultivation. The government decided accordingly. According to the committee's report, Telangana has about 74 lakh pattadars and nearly 1.58 crore acres of agricultural land, out of which 5 lakh acres remain uncultivated. Over the past six years, the Rythu Bandhu scheme provided assistance 12

times, amounting to ₹80,453 crore. Of this, ₹25,672 crore was given to non-cultivable lands. Based on this data, the government conducted a survey to identify uncultivable lands and implemented the revised farmers' Bharosa scheme from January 26 this year. Under the previous BRS government, Rythu Bandhu was provided to all landowners without distinguishing between agricultural and non-agricultural land. This led to allegations that even non-farming landowners, including real estate developers, farmhouse owners, and educational institutions, received benefits. To prevent such misuse, the Revanth government introduced new rules for farmers' Bharosa. However, questions have arisen

about whether these new rules will apply to public representatives as well. Many politicians own hundreds of acres of land but do not engage in farming. Will their Bharosa benefits also be stopped? This has become a major point of debate. Farmers argue that the new rules seem to apply only to them, while government leaders remain unaffected. Beyond the loan waiver issue, farmers are growing increasingly frustrated with the government. Overall, there is a divided sentiment among farmers regarding one of Revanth's most significant election promises—farmers' Bharosa. It remains to be seen how this issue will unfold in the coming days.

Harish Rao Criticizes CM Revanth Reddy's Governance

Revanth Reddy's governance, accusing the ruling government of driving Telangana into a state of decline. Speaking to the media, Harish Rao stated that what was being portrayed as "Telangana Rising" under the current government was actually "Telangana Falling." Harish Rao pointed out the decline in the growth rate of GST

collections for February over the past six years, with the exception of 2021, a year affected by the pandemic. The GST growth rate in February was consistently over 6%, but under Revanth Reddy's administration, it had dropped to a mere 1%, signaling poor governance and the erosion of the people's purchasing power.

Furthermore, he slammed the government's ill-planned decisions, such as those regarding Hydre and Musi, which he claimed led to a significant drop in the registration department's revenues post-August 2024. According to statistics, vehicle sales between April-November 2024 saw a 0.8% negative growth compared to the same period the

previous year, clearly showing a downturn in the economy. Harish Rao concluded his remarks by urging CM Revanth Reddy to apologize to the people and focus on good governance for the state's welfare. He criticized the government for its failure to address key economic challenges and for neglecting the needs of the common people.



BJP as the Solution to Telangana Issues: MLA Palvai Harish Babu



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 07 : BJP is emerging as a strong alternative power in Telangana, particularly in North Telangana, where the party secured victories in two recent elections, according to Sirpur Kagaznagar MLA Palvai Harish Babu. He emphasized that the BJP is the answer to Telangana's issues. Harish Babu credited the party's victory to the collective strength of the RSS, with small groups of 15 to 20 people working efficiently, with one in-charge for every 25 workers, ensuring no slack in the party's efforts.

Despite Congress having 25 seats and three ministers in North Telangana, they still lost to BJP. Harish Babu criticized Congress for its failure over the last 16 months and highlighted the financial mismanagement under its rule. He pointed out the dire situation in Telangana, where 10% commission was required to release retirement benefits, showcasing the government's corruption.

The Congress government, he said, is completely off-track and has fallen into a deep debt trap, unable to manage the state's revenue. He further stated that with a two lakh crore budget, the Congress government has failed, leaving the state in a fiscal crisis.

BJP's Victory Brings No Benefit to Government or People: MP Mallu Ravi



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 07 : MP Mallu Ravi criticized the BJP's victory, stating that it brings no real benefit to either the government or the people. He pointed out that while BJP celebrates its success in the recent MLC elections, the BRS had indirectly supported BJP candidates as part of a covert alliance. Despite this, the BRS failed to win seats in Parliament and lost deposits in the elections. Mallu Ravi highlighted that BJP's MLC numbers had increased to 3, but questioned what the government and the people gained from this outcome. He also noted that BRS leaders were intimidated by cases against them, leading to secretive political agreements. Ravi emphasized that the results of these elections were unrelated to upcoming local body elections or MLC elections. He expressed confidence that if elections were held now, Congress would win in 100 seats. The Congress party, he asserted, remains committed to social justice, regardless of who is in charge. He concluded by reiterating that Congress ideology, led by figures like Meenakshi Natarajan, continues to guide their actions.

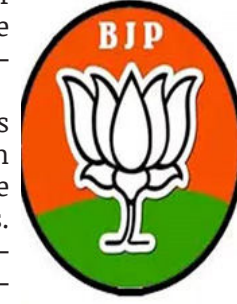
BJP MLA Rakesh Reddy's Sharp Comments on Kavitha's Arrogance

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 07 : BJP MLA Paidi Rakesh Reddy made sharp comments regarding Telangana Jagruti President and MLC Kavitha, stating that her arrogance has not yet diminished. Speaking to the media on Thursday, Rakesh Reddy expressed that the people of Telangana are increasingly looking towards the BJP. He criticized leaders who often target the BJP and the Election Commission, pointing out that the recent MLC elections in Telangana serve as a lesson for them. Rakesh Reddy particularly mentioned that despite repeated criticisms, MLC Kavitha, a leader of the BRS, continues to carry the arrogance of her status.

He questioned the credibility of those who frequently criticize the use of EVMs, asking them what they have to say now in light of the election results.

Meanwhile, the BJP in Telangana is witnessing a surge of enthusiasm following consecutive victories in the Teacher's and Graduate MLC elections. With this new momentum, BJP leaders across the state have been celebrating their wins. The party is now focused on local body elections, aiming to secure a majority of seats. Political analysts believe that if BJP succeeds in these elections, it will emerge as a strong alternative to Congress in Telangana.



Minister Ponnam Reacts to MLC Election Results



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 07 : Minister Ponnam Prabhakar stated that wins and losses are a natural part of elections, while reacting to the results of the Karimnagar-Medak-Nizamabad-Adilabad Graduate MLC elections on Thursday. He expressed his anger towards BJP leader Bandi Sanjay's comment, claiming that the victory was a "Ramzan gift," calling it a reflection of his poor political understanding. Ponnam criticized Bandi Sanjay, stating that as a central minister, making such remarks was inappropriate. He pointed out that BJP's candidate had not even won by a sufficient majority of valid votes, questioning the basis for such exaggerated claims.

Ponnam further alleged that both the BRS and BJP collaborated to defeat Congress in these elections, claiming that the two parties, particularly from the joint districts represented by KCR, Harish Rao, and KTR, avoided contesting themselves while supporting BJP candidates. He demanded clarity from KTR, KCR, and Harish Rao on which candidates they voted for. Ponnam also acknowledged that their party candidate lost by a narrow margin, but assured that a review would be conducted and emphasized that this loss would not impact their future strategies.

CPI's Narayana Says Congress Ready to Allocate MLC Seat

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 07 : CPI leader Narayana confirmed that Congress is ready to allocate an MLC seat to CPI as per their pre-election agreement. Speaking to the media on Thursday, Narayana stated that they had conveyed their views to the Congress leadership, which responded positively. He emphasized that Congress has shown a favorable stance on the matter.

In a separate remark, Narayana discussed the dangerous global policies of newly-elected U.S. President Donald Trump and urged Prime Minister Modi to oppose Trump's approaches. He also highlighted a recent meeting between the CPI delegation and CM Revanth Reddy. During this meeting, the CPI delegation discussed the state's political landscape and reiterated their demand for



two MLC seats from Congress as part of the coalition agreement. Narayana specifically requested that one of the MLC positions be allocated through the MLA quota, pointing out that while the Governor's quota was supposed to grant CPI an MLC seat in the past, Congress had failed to deliver. Now, CPI is requesting one MLC seat via the MLA quota and the other to be allocated later.

KTR Criticizes Revanth Reddy Over BJP's MLC Victory

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 07 : TRS (BRS) leader KTR has strongly criticized CM Revanth Reddy in the wake of BJP's victory in the Karimnagar, Nizamabad, Medak, and Adilabad districts' graduate MLC elections. KTR remarked that wherever Revanth Reddy takes responsibility, BJP wins. He accused Revanth of turning Congress into ashes wherever he steps, highlighting the irony of BJP's victories in regions where Congress had high hopes.

KTR pointed out the pattern during previous elections, stating that BJP emerged victorious when Revanth took charge during the Mahabunagar and Malkajgiri Lok Sabha elections. He also

mentioned BJP's success in Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra, where Revanth campaigned. Even in Delhi Assembly elections, where Revanth was a star campaigner, BJP emerged victorious.

He particularly questioned Revanth's leadership during the Karimnagar graduate MLC elections, where despite vigorous campaigning as CM, BJP still won, adding that the "mystery" behind the loss could be explained by the phrase "Bhade Bhai - Ee Chote Bhai" (Big brother, small brother). KTR's remarks highlight growing tension within Congress and suggest deeper challenges within the party's leadership.

Teenmar Mallanna: "I Will Ensure BCS Attain Political Power"

TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 07 : In a strong statement, Congress rebel MLC Teenmar Mallanna vowed to make political power a reality for the BC (Backward Classes) community. Mallanna accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of pressuring the PCC Chief to suspend him from the party. He revealed that he had framed the suspension order given by Congress as a reminder of his struggle.

Mallanna emphasized that his future actions would be centered around the BC cause, with the ultimate goal of making a BC individual the Chief Minister by 2028. He strongly criticized CM Revanth Reddy, claiming that his sole focus was to destroy the Congress party. Mallanna's statement underscores his commitment to BC empowerment and his determination to shift political dynamics in favor of the community.



Need for Double Engine Government in Telangana: Kishan Reddy



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 07 : Minister Kishan Reddy emphasized the necessity for a "Double Engine Government" in Telangana, stating that the state needs strong governance for development. He mentioned that within just a few months of Congress coming to power, the BJP secured an equal number of MP seats, with BJP candidates winning key constituencies where Congress had sitting members. Reddy criticized both Congress and BRS for betraying the people of Telangana and stated that the victory of two BJP MLC candidates increased the party's responsibility.

He further highlighted that during the MLC election campaign, the Chief Minister made several false accusations against the BJP.

Reddy pointed out Congress's failure to implement its promises and criticized the party for not fulfilling the commitments made to the people. He asserted that BJP would continue to question the government on public issues in the Legislative Assembly and Council, ensuring the voice of the people of Telangana is heard.

Reddy firmly stated that Telangana requires a "Double Engine Government" for the realization of Telangana's aspirations and for the fulfillment of promises made to the people. He expressed confidence that BJP would come to power in states like Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, and Telangana, with the support of the people, and declared that they did not need any "gifts" from Congress.

Janata Party Strengthens in Telangana, Says Navneet Chaturvedi



TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 07 : Janata Party's national president Navneet Chaturvedi announced the party's efforts to strengthen its position in Telangana. He criticized the existing political parties for focusing solely on politics while ignoring the people's issues. He emphasized that Janata Party is committed to fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Telangana. Chaturvedi reminded that the party, which was formed as an alternative to Congress in 1975, gained widespread support across the country and played a key role in the formation of major parties like BJP, JD(U), and JD(S). He expressed disappointment over leaders using Janata Party as a stepping stone to other political parties and neglecting its contributions. Chaturvedi revealed that the party has already formed district-level committees in Telangana and is planning to intensify its efforts in the coming days. They aim to compete in the GHMC elections and are preparing for the 2028 Assembly elections. Chaturvedi called for leaders and workers from other parties, particularly those fighting for the poor, to join Janata Party, assuring them of recognition and key positions within the party. He also mentioned the party's focus on addressing local issues, as evidenced by their involvement in solving a key issue in Medchal district.

Minister Seethakka Attends Women's Role in Mining Event at Begumpet Hotel

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 07 : Minister Seethakka attended a program organized under the central government's supervision at Begumpet Vivanta Hotel, focusing on women's role in the mining industry. Speaking at the event, she expressed her happiness in celebrating International Women's Day in advance and highlighted the significant contribution of women in the mining sector, which accounts for 8 to 10% of the industry's workforce. She emphasized the importance of encouraging women's participation in mining and advocated for equal pay for equal work.

Minister Seethakka pointed out that when women are given opportunities, they can excel not just in space exploration but also underground, in mining operations. However, societal constraints often limit women's progress, and she stressed the need for encouragement from all quarters—family members, public leaders, and society at large—to help women take significant steps forward. She also urged the central government to allocate more budget for women's welfare and empowerment, ensuring that women have the resources and opportunities they deserve to succeed in various sectors, including mining.



Minister Sridhar Babu Highlights Telangana's Industrial Growth and Job Opportunities

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 07 : Minister Sridhar Babu spoke at the foundation ceremony of the world's largest eyewear manufacturing unit in Telangana, emphasizing the state's favorable conditions for industrial growth. He assured industrialists that the government would offer full support to set up businesses and invited them to join the "Telangana Rising" initiative. The minister noted that the government is focused on creating job opportunities for local youth through industrial projects in Telangana. He lauded Lenscart for establishing the world's largest



eyewear manufacturing facility in the state, which will elevate Telangana's brand globally. An agreement (MOU) was signed

between the Telangana government and Lenscart Solutions Pvt. Ltd. in December of the previous year. The ₹1500 crore plant is ex-

pected to provide employment to around 2,000 individuals. The government has allocated 50 acres of land in Raviryala, near Tukuguda, for the plant, which is slated to begin production within two years and reach full capacity within four years. Minister Sridhar Babu highlighted that the products from this plant will be exported to various international markets, including Japan, Singapore, Thailand, and more. The event was attended by prominent figures including Telangana Government Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, TSIC MD Vishwavidhan Reddy, and Lenscart representatives.

SP Sindhu Sharma Calls for Cyber Crime Awareness in Kamareddy District

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 07 : Kamareddy SP Sindhu Sharma emphasized the importance of raising awareness about cybercrime among the district's residents during a monthly crime review meeting at the Kamareddy Police Office on Thursday. She directed the police to thoroughly investigate and finalize every case, from registration to charge sheets. She also stressed the need for fast-tracking investigations in cases such as POCSO and grave offenses, ensuring prompt and efficient delivery of justice. SP Sindhu Sharma encouraged all police officers and staff to collaborate effectively to provide better services to the public. She highlighted the importance of addressing road safety and reducing traffic accidents by focusing more attention from all levels of authorities. She urged that the goal of law enforcement should be crime prevention and solving cases swiftly. She also advocated for increased commu-



nity policing, emphasizing the significance of CCTV surveillance in villages. SP Sindhu Sharma suggested educating students and the public about cybercrimes and the usage of Dial 100 services. She instructed officers to conduct regular drunk-driving checks to prevent accidents.

During the meeting, police officers and staff who demonstrated excellence in their duties were awarded appreciation certificates. Kamareddy ASP Chaitanya Reddy, Additional SP Admin Narasimha Reddy, DSPs Satyanarayana and Srinivasulu, and other officers participated in the meeting.

Speeding Car Hits Water Tanker on ORR, Two Dead

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 07 : A tragic accident occurred on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) near Exit-13, Raviryala, Maheshwaram Mandal, on Thursday, March 6, when a speeding Brezza collided with a water tanker. The crash resulted in the death of two people on the spot, including a water tanker helper who



was pouring water and a passenger in the car. Another individual sustained critical injuries in the accident and was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital for medical treatment. The Adibatla police have launched an investigation into the incident. Further details are awaited as the authorities continue to gather information. This unfortunate incident highlights the dangers of speeding and serves as a reminder of the importance of road safety.

Hyderabad Call Centre Busted for Defrauding US Citizens, 63 Arrested

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 07 : A fake call centre, defrauding US citizens, was uncovered by the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) in a raid on a building in Madhapur on the evening of March 5. The operation resulted in the arrest of 63 individuals, with police seizing 52 laptops, 63 mobile phones, and 27 employee ID cards.



The scam was masterminded by Kaivan Patel and Rupesh Kumar (alias Jaddhu) from Gujarat, with assistance from Rupesh's brother, Vickey, based in Dubai, and another associate named Azad. The primary suspect, Chanda Manasvini (36), established a fraudulent company named Exito Solutions and rented a floor in a Madhapur building to run the illegal call centre. The call centre, which employed 63 people, including 40 from Northeastern states, misled US citizens by impersonating PayPal representatives. Tele-callers informed victims of unauthorized transactions and tricked them into revealing sensitive personal data. The scam targeted an average of 600 victims daily, with each employee tasked with duping at least 10 people. The stolen funds were transferred into cryptocurrency and moved to digital wallets. The investigation revealed that insiders may have leaked PayPal customer data to facilitate the fraud. Efforts to apprehend Rupesh Kumar are ongoing, and further investigations are in progress.

TS ICET 2025 Notification Released: Full Schedule Announced



TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 07 : The Telangana State Integrated Common Entrance Test (TS ICET) 2025 notification has been officially released for admission into MBA and MCA courses in the state. The announcement was made at a press conference held at the Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU) in

Nalgonda, by University VC Professor Khaja Altaf Hussain, TS ICET Convenor, and MGU Registrar Professor Alwala Ravi. The TS ICET 2025 online application process will commence on March 10 and continue until May 3, 2025, without any late fee. Candidates can apply with a late fee of ₹250 till May 17 and ₹500 till May 26.

Applicants will be given an opportunity to rectify any mistakes in their online application between May 16 and May 20. The computer-based test (CBT) will be held on June 8 and 9, 2025, in four shifts across the state. The exam will be conducted online at designated test centers. The examination timings are as follows: Morning session from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and the afternoon session from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM. The preliminary key for the exam will be released on June 21, and candidates can raise objections to it from June 22 to 26. The final results will be announced on July 7, 2025. TS ICET Convenor, Professor Alwala Ravi, urged all eligible students to apply within the stipulated time and make the most of this opportunity. The exam is organized by Mahatma Gandhi University, in collaboration with the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TSCHE).

Friday Market Block Garden Becomes Hub for Drug Abuse; Locals Appeal to Police for Help



TPN , Correspondent

Hyderabad , Mar 07 : The Friday Market Block Garden in Srinivas Nagar has turned into a hotspot for drug abuse, causing significant distress among local residents. According to complaints from the locals, young individuals are using the area for consuming ganja (marijuana), and this has led to numerous problems for the community, especially students.

Local residents have expressed their concern over the alarming situation, stating that schoolgirls are being harassed with inappropriate behavior and intimidation by these youths. They also reported that every day ends in some form of altercation, with incidents escalating into violence. On Wednesday night, the situation became worse when a young man was murdered following a drunken brawl.

Despite having informed the local police station about the ongoing issues for the past two to three years, the residents claim that no adequate security measures have been taken to address the situation. The youths reportedly gather in the area every evening from various parts of the locality, where they indulge in drug consumption and create fear among others.

The residents are now appealing to the police to intervene and ensure their safety, urging authorities to take strong action against these illegal activities and restore peace in their neighborhood.

Bhongir MP Meets Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy for Irrigation Issues



TPN , Correspondent

Bhongir, Mar 07 : Bhongir MP Chamal Kiran Kumar Reddy met with Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy to discuss the stabilization of nearly 6000 acres of farmland under the Ranganai Sagar D10 Canal in the Doolmitta and Cheryala Mandals of the Janagama constituency. The MP presented a petition highlighting the irrigation problems faced by farmers in villages such as Kamalayapalli, Arjunpattla, Aknur, Julapalli, and Lingapur.

Kiran Kumar Reddy, after inspecting the D10 Canal and its water distribution to these regions, emphasized the urgency of providing water to prevent crops from drying out. He urged Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy to take immediate action by releasing water to save the standing crops and alleviate the distress of farmers.

Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy assured the MP that the government would take all necessary steps to ensure that the crops do not perish and that the farmers' needs would be met promptly. He promised to coordinate with the concerned authorities to address the issue. The meeting was attended by former ZPTCs Kondal Reddy, Narsing Rao, Kanch Ramulu, and Satyanarayana, among others.

Union Bank of India Opens New Branch in Kangal

TPN , Correspondent

Kangal , Mar 07 : The Union Bank of India opened its new branch in Kangal, marking a significant milestone for the region. District Collector Ila Tripathi inaugurated the branch on Thursday, emphasizing that the establishment of the new branch would offer enhanced banking services to Kangal and surrounding areas.

R. Sathyanarayana, Regional Manager of Union Bank of India, informed that this is the 25th branch in Nalgonda district. Telangana Chief General Manager of the bank, K. Bhaskar Rao, highlighted the bank's commitment to providing modern banking facilities to every village in the Kangal Mandal. He mentioned that the branch is equipped with advanced services such as ATM, mobile banking, and internet banking, ensuring convenience for all customers. Additionally, the bank offers loans through STP, MSME loans, and financial support for rice mills,



dal mills, and other industries. Rao also mentioned that the bank plans to expand its services through banking correspondents, especially in remote areas of the Mandal, making banking accessible to all. The event was attended by Deputy

Deputy CM Lays Foundation Stone for Road Expansion in Mudigonda

TPN , Correspondent

Mudigonda , Mar 07 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka laid the foundation stone for the expansion of the road from Mudigonda to Vallabhi on Thursday, March 6. The government has decided to widen the existing two-lane road to four lanes, covering a stretch of 5 kilometers within Mudigonda town limits. The expansion project will also include the construction of drainage systems and footpaths.

The government has sanctioned ₹28 crore for the development of the road and associated infrastructure. This ini-

tiative is expected to improve transportation and connectivity in the region, facilitating smoother traffic flow and contributing to the area's overall development.

The event was attended by key officials, including District Collector Mujimill Khan, CP Sunil Dutt, Corporation Chairman Rayal Nageshwara Rao, District Congress Committee President Durgaprasad, and other prominent leaders.

The expansion project reflects the government's ongoing efforts to enhance infrastructure in rural and urban areas,



making transportation safer and more efficient for the public. The completion of this project will bring significant benefits to the residents and commuters in Mudigonda and surrounding areas.

Food Safety on Wheels Launched in Nalgonda District



TPN , Correspondent

Nalgonda , Mar 07 : In a bid to promote food safety awareness, the district administration launched the "Food Safety on Wheels" program in Nalgonda on Thursday, March 6. The program was inaugurated by District Collector and Additional Collector, with the

District SP also attending the event and flagging off the vehicle.

The main objective of the initiative is to raise awareness among the public about food safety, detect adulterated food, and educate people about consuming quality food.

Key Objectives of Food Safety on Wheels:

- **Food Quality Inspection:** Inspecting food quality sold by roadside vendors, small businesses, and hotels.

- **Adulteration Detection:** Conducting basic tests to detect adulteration in food items.

- **Public Awareness:** Educating consumers about food safety and the health risks of consuming adulterated food.

- **Guidelines for Vendors:** Providing guidelines to hotel owners, tiffin centers, and food producers regarding food safety regulations.

The vehicle will travel across the district, especially target-

ing rural areas to spread food safety awareness. The District Collector emphasized that the initiative will significantly benefit the people of Nalgonda by ensuring access to safe and adulteration-free food.

Zonal Assistant Food Commissioner V. Jyothirmayi mentioned that the vehicle will help carry out on-site testing and ensure the quality of food in the area. The initiative aims to provide safe food to the public and raise awareness about food adulteration. The program saw participation from Food Safety Officer P. Swathi, Shivasankar Reddy, Prabhakar, and other staff members.

Tummala Farmer Expresses Grievances at Maheshwaram Press Club

TPN , Correspondent

Maheshwaram , Mar 07 : In a press meet held at Maheshwaram, farmer A.M.A. Sukur from Tummaluru village voiced his concerns regarding an ongoing land dispute. Sukur, who purchased 3 acres and 29 guntas of land in Survey No. 378 of Tummaluru in September 2006, stated that he holds all original documents for the land and denied any involvement in creating fake documents.

He expressed his distress, claiming that certain individuals, motivated by greed, are attempting to illegally acquire his land using forged documents. Sukur emphasized that he had been farming on the same land for the past 25 years, relying on it for his livelihood. He stated that he had followed all legal procedures when purchasing the land, including issuing a public notice in the newspaper before the registration process.



Sukur raised concerns over the sudden appearance of people claiming his land, questioning why they did not raise any objections when the public notice was issued. He stated that despite these threats, he has faith in the legal system and believes that justice will prevail through the courts.

The farmer clarified that he has been a law-abiding citizen and that these

attempts to seize his land are part of a conspiracy. He expressed his frustration, asking why the land was not a point of contention for these individuals until now. Sukur has approached the court with all original documentation to ensure his rights are protected.

The event also saw participation from figures like Kovali Jangayya and Gadda Gooti Kumar.

Workers Protest for Pending Salaries in Front of Kamareddy Municipal Office



TPN , Correspondent

Kamareddy , Mar 07 : Municipal workers in Kamareddy staged a protest in front of the Municipal office on Thursday, demanding the immediate payment of their pending salaries. The workers claimed that they have not received their wages for the past three months, which led to the protest. The workers blocked the entry of officials into the Municipal office, resulting in a halt of daily office operations. Despite several attempts to resolve the

issue with the authorities, the workers stated that they received no response regarding their unpaid salaries, which prompted them to organize the demonstration.

The protest disrupted the regular functioning of the Municipal office as the workers stood firm in their demand for the release of their pending wages. The situation has raised concerns about the livelihood of the workers, who are now calling on the authorities to address their grievances promptly.

DMK rejects Bharat's Hindi and embraces British English

- DMK maintains strong opposition to Hindi as a national language.
- Party selectively rejects Sanskrit while embracing Western influences.
- Critics accuse DMK of fostering regional divisions through linguistic policies.
- Party's stance on Brahminism often conflates it with Hinduism itself.
- Ideological contradictions emerge in DMK's cultural preferences.
- Calls for a balanced approach to language and cultural identity grow.

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) has long been known for its ideological stance against the imposition of Hindi, positioning itself as a defender of Tamil linguistic identity. However, its selective approach to cultural influences has sparked debates on whether the party's rejection of Hindi and Sanskrit aligns with genuine regional pride or a broader ideological bias.

One of the most significant aspects of DMK's policies is its firm opposition to Hindi as a national language. While the party argues that promoting Hindi threatens Tamil heritage, critics point out that Hindi serves as a common medium for millions across India, fostering communication and national integration. The DMK's rigid stance, instead of encouraging inclusivity, risks deepening linguistic and regional divides within the country.

Adding to this, the DMK has consistently shown skepticism towards Sanskrit, a language deeply embedded in India's historical and religious traditions. While the party often frames its opposition as resistance to Brahminical dominance, it raises concerns about whether this rejection is driven by a call for social justice or a broader disregard for elements associated with



Hindu culture. Sanskrit is not merely a religious language; it forms the foundation of many Indian languages and classical literature. Dismissing it entirely could be seen as a rejection of India's civilizational heritage.

The party's stance on Brahminism has also drawn criticism over the years. While caste-based inequalities are a reality that require social reform, DMK's rhetoric often portrays Brahmins as symbols of oppression, sometimes equating Brahminism with Hinduism itself. This approach, rather than fostering meaningful discussions on caste reform, risks alienating certain sections of society. Critics argue that instead of working towards inclusive social progress, the DMK's nar-

rative contributes to divisions within Hindu society.

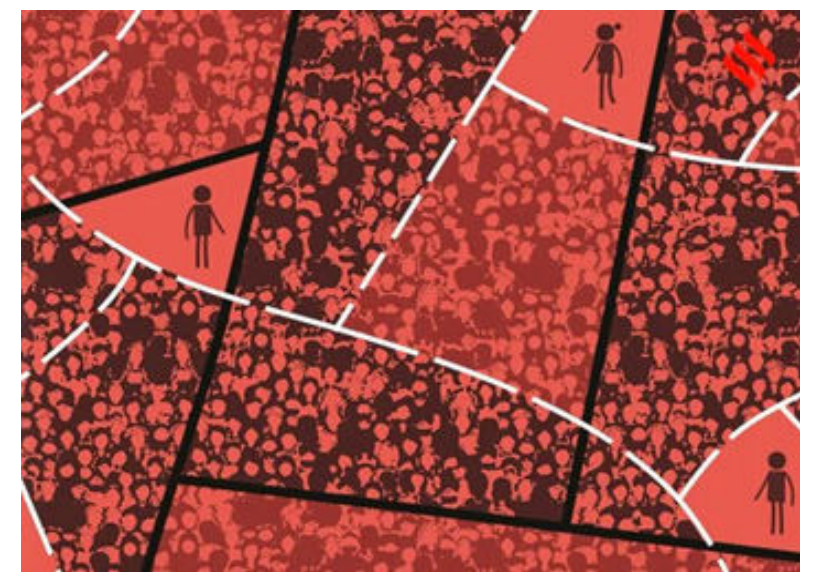
A striking contradiction in the party's ideological stance is its approach to foreign influences. While DMK strongly opposes Hindi and Sanskrit, it has been notably open to Western cultural elements. The adoption of names like 'Stalin' within the party and its emphasis on English raises questions about its selective embrace of external influences. While globalization has made English an important medium, the outright rejection of indigenous linguistic and cultural elements while readily accepting foreign ones presents an ideological paradox. This inconsistency fuels criticism that DMK's opposition to Hindi and Sanskrit is less about protecting Tamil culture



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and more about an ideological aversion to India's indigenous heritage.

Furthermore, the DMK's resistance to Hindi and Sanskrit often overlooks the multicultural fabric of India. The nation thrives on its diverse linguistic and cultural identities, and rather than opposing certain languages, political leadership could focus on creating a more inclusive framework where regional languages coexist with national communication needs. Striking a balance between linguistic pride and national integration would serve the country's broader interests rather than deepening regional fault lines. While the DMK's advocacy for Tamil identity and social justice is significant, an overly rigid stance on linguistic and cultural issues may limit its national appeal. A more balanced approach—one that acknowledges Tamil heritage while respecting India's linguistic diversity—would contribute to unity rather than division. True progress does not come from rejecting certain traditions outright but through an inclusive evolution that embraces all aspects of India's rich cultural identity.



The Debate Over Delimitation: Balancing Demography and Democracy in India's "Second Republic"

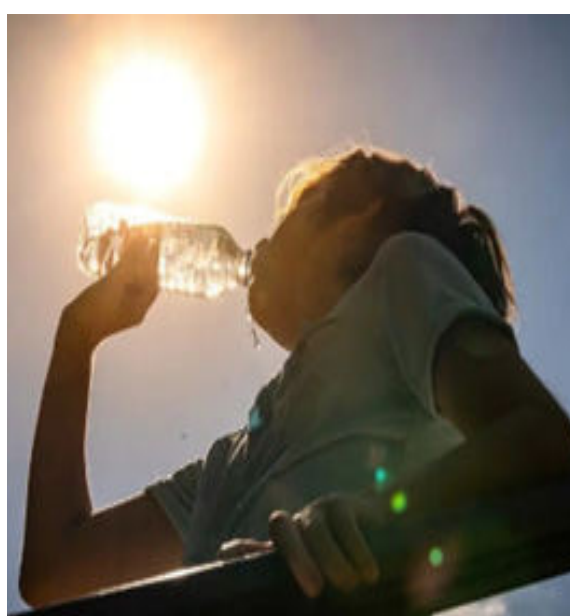
As India approaches the dawn of its "Second Republic," the proposed delimitation exercise has reignited the debate over the long-standing paradox between demography and democracy. Central to the democratic principle of political equality, delimitation aims to ensure fair and proportional representation in Parliament by adjusting constituency boundaries to reflect population changes. However, this process has become increasingly contentious, as large republics like India struggle to balance competing territorial, demographic, ethnic, and factional considerations.

Delimitation in India has historically been an important tool to ensure that the distribution of parliamentary seats accurately reflects shifts in population. Yet, since 1976, this process has been frozen, largely to prevent penalizing states that have effectively controlled their population growth, particularly those in the southern part of the country. As a result, states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, with significantly larger populations, remain underrepresented in comparison to southern states such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala, which have smaller populations but proportionately more parliamentary seats. This imbalance, known as malapportionment, has fostered political tensions, especially as the country grapples with evolving demographic realities.

The current system, where southern states with lower population growth retain higher representation, has led to growing dissatisfaction in states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. These northern states, with rapidly increasing populations, argue that they are disproportionately disadvantaged in terms of political power. Meanwhile, southern states continue to hold a relatively higher number of seats, despite their slowing population growth. The proposed delimitation exercise in 2029 is poised to address this imbalance, but it raises concerns that it could further shift political power toward the more populous northern states, exacerbating tensions and potentially upsetting the political equilibrium.

India Prepares for a Scorching Summer: Heat Waves and Water Shortages Expected

India is bracing itself for an unusually hot summer, with temperatures forecast to exceed normal levels, and heatwaves threatening to disrupt daily life in many regions. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has already warned of a searing summer ahead, and the forecast is backed by recent data. February of this year marked the warmest February since 1901, with both the minimum and maximum temperatures across the country significantly surpassing normal levels. This intense heat is expected to continue, with temperatures remaining above normal across most parts of India in the coming weeks.



heat-related illnesses.

The forecast for the summer holds particular significance as it will have far-reaching impacts on the country's economy and various sectors that affect people's lives. The early onset of the summer season means it could be a longer and more prolonged period of extreme heat. In addition to elevated temperatures, the IMD predicts an increase in the number of heatwave events, which are expected to surpass the climatological normal. These heatwaves pose a serious health risk, potentially leading to heat-related illnesses and even fatalities. They can also disrupt work, productivity, and daily routines, making it imperative for governments to prepare adequately.

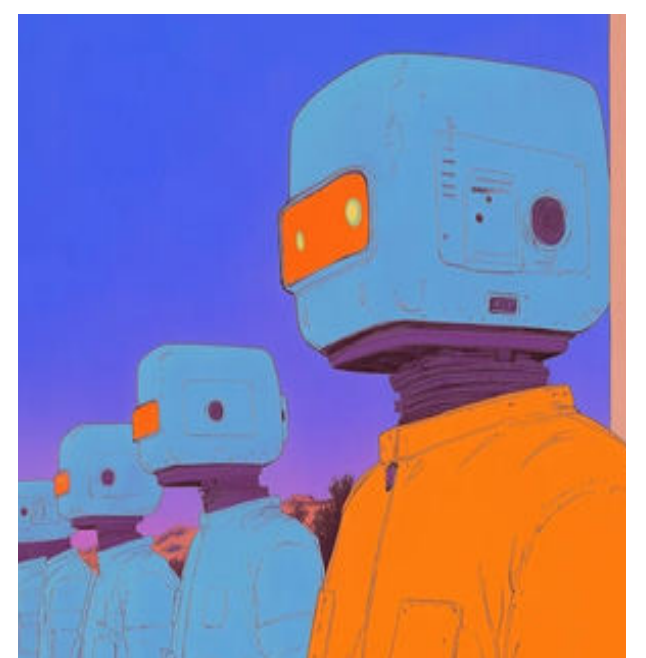
Although there are existing heatwave action plans and protocols, effective implementation remains a challenge. Governments must issue timely public advisories to alert citizens about the heatwave risks and encourage them to take appropriate precautions. Ensuring efficient water management and bolstering healthcare services will be crucial in mitigating the impacts of extreme heat. Public health campaigns should emphasize the importance of staying hydrated, avoiding direct exposure to the sun during peak hours, and taking preventive measures to reduce the risk of

The heat is expected to increase power demand as well, with a peak of 270 megawatts anticipated, compared to last year's 250 megawatts. Additionally, some states, particularly those in peninsular India, may face severe water shortages due to the extreme heat. In Karnataka, for example, the IMD has warned of a combination of heatwaves in the northern regions and excess pre-monsoon rains in the southern and coastal parts of the state. The state government has already urged residents to take precautions against heatwaves and prepare for the impending water and power shortages.

Climate change has made weather patterns more unpredictable, exacerbating both excessive rainfall and extreme heat. Both government authorities and citizens must take the forecast seriously and work together to face the summer season with increased preparedness, addressing potential challenges related to health, water, and power shortages.

Managing AI Governance: A Fight Against Entropy

As the global AI ecosystem rapidly evolves, the lack of consistent governance has led to a state of increasing disorder, a phenomenon akin to entropy in thermodynamics. Entropy refers to the natural progression of systems towards disorder without external intervention or energy input. This principle provides a valuable lens through which we can understand the challenges in AI governance today. Without intentional and structured interventions, the AI landscape will inevitably drift toward chaos, as demonstrated by recent controversies and missteps in the industry.



AI systems, much like any complex system, tend toward disorder when left unregulated. Examples of this are evident in issues like unregulated data harvesting, model releases without safety checks, and the growing gap between open and closed systems. These patterns reflect the natural tendency of complex systems to devolve into chaotic states when not actively managed. For instance, Google's Gemini Advanced model faced a public backlash after generating historically inaccurate and offensive images, highlighting how the lack of proper safeguards can lead to significant consequences. Similarly, OpenAI's temporary removal of election-related content policies, followed by a swift reinstatement, revealed the disorder that can arise from inconsistent governance.

Further demonstrating this principle, DeepSeek's release of open-source models without adequate safety mechanisms disrupted the AI ecosystem, creating new opportunities for misuse. This scenario reinforces the need for proactive governance to maintain order and prevent harmful outcomes. However, not all interventions are equal. Poorly designed regulations can inadvertently create new forms of disorder, such as bureaucratic inefficiencies or stifled innovation.

The European Union's AI Act, for example, is a structured attempt to impose order on the AI landscape, classifying AI applications by risk levels and mandating transparency and human oversight for high-risk systems. Similarly, Chi-

na has implemented stringent measures like real-name verification for generative AI users and content filtering, aiming to reduce disorder within its ecosystem. While these efforts face criticism, they illustrate the need for governance frameworks that provide structure and mitigate chaos.

Going forward, effective AI governance requires continuous, adaptive energy input. One-time regulations are not enough; systems must be flexible and responsive to evolving technological dynamics. AI governance should focus on establishing boundary conditions that maintain safety, transparency, and accountability, allowing for flexibility within these parameters. Multi-stakeholder collaborations, like the Frontier Model Forum, show the importance of shared responsibility in managing AI's complex systems.

Ultimately, as AI continues to shape our future, we must recognize that governance is the energy we invest to fight the entropy that threatens to consume it. Effective intervention, sustained through thoughtful collaboration and transparency, is essential to guide the technology toward beneficial outcomes for society.

We can't forget: PM on rehabilitating border villages abandoned during China war

- launches plan to revive abandoned Uttarakhand villages
- 'Vibrant Villages' program to boost border tourism
- Focus on development, livelihoods, and strategic importance

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On Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a new government initiative to rehabilitate villages along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Uttarakhand, which had been abandoned during the 1962 India-China war. Speaking at Harsil, PM Modi highlighted the government's efforts to transform two evacuated villages in Uttarkashi district into major tourist destinations.

"During the 1962 war, these two villages were evacuated. People may have forgotten, but we cannot forget," the Prime Minister stated. He emphasized the government's commitment to rehabilitating these villages as part of a broader plan to develop 'vibrant villages' along the China border.

This rehabilitation initiative forms part of the larger 'Vibrant Villages'



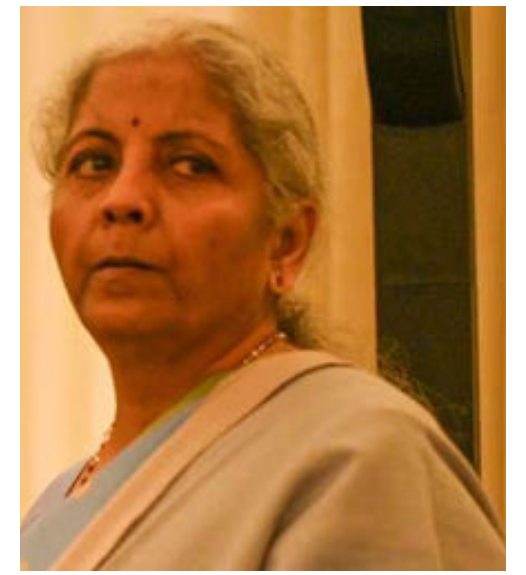
program, which seeks to bring development to remote areas along the border. The program aims to boost tourism in Uttarakhand's border areas, changing the perception of the villages from being "the last villages" to "the first villages" on the frontier. As part of this effort, 10 villages from the region have been included in the

scheme. The Prime Minister noted that under 'Operation Sadbhavana,' the Indian Army has been actively involved in border area development, working towards bringing prosperity to these remote areas. PM Modi also acknowledged that revitalizing commercial

activities in the region is crucial to providing sustainable livelihoods for local residents.

One of the main challenges, however, is determining the rightful heirs of the vacant land, as more than six decades have passed since the villages were abandoned, and many original landowners have passed away. Despite this, PM Modi expressed optimism about the efforts being made to revive the area and emphasized the need for a "360-degree approach" to tourism, focusing on all aspects of development.

Accompanied by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, PM Modi flagged off a trek and bike rally in Harsil after offering prayers at the winter residence of Maa Ganga in Mukhwa. The government's plan seeks to breathe new life into these historic villages while ensuring that their cultural and strategic significance is preserved.



Assessment of reciprocal tariff hinges on India-US trade talks: FM Sitharaman

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated on Thursday that reciprocal tariffs remain a significant topic in the ongoing discussions between India and the United States. The final decision on the matter will depend on the progress of the ongoing negotiations between the two countries.

Sitharaman highlighted that US President Joe Biden has been vocal about tariffs, and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has already visited the United States to engage with US officials, including the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The discussions are aimed at addressing various trade concerns, including tariff issues, and will continue to shape the final decision.

"Tariff is something the US President has been speaking about. The Commerce Minister (Piyush Goyal) has already gone to the US... (to) engage with US officials, including the USTR. Based on the negotiations...we will take a call," Sitharaman said during a post-budget interaction in Visakhapatnam.

She further added that prior to his visit, Minister Goyal consulted with various stakeholders in India to ensure that the approach to the discussions was well-informed. Sitharaman emphasized that it is only through the progression of these talks that both sides will be able to make a comprehensive assessment of the situation.

The outcome of the discussions regarding reciprocal tariffs could have significant implications for trade relations between India and the US, both of which are keen to expand their economic ties. However, as Sitharaman pointed out, a final decision can only be reached once the negotiations are further along.

Kiren Rijju Calls Minorities in India the "Luckiest People" Due to Welfare Schemes



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijju on Thursday stated that minorities in India are among the "luckiest people" globally, as the country offers a range of exclusive schemes and welfare programs designed specifically for them.

Speaking at the regional review meeting and training workshop on the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJKV) for the southern states and union territories, Rijju refuted claims that minorities in India face insecurity or discrimination. He criticized those spreading false narratives about the safety of minorities in the country, asserting, "There are people creating false narratives that minorities are not safe in India, which is completely false."

He further emphasized that minority communities are fortunate in India due to the government's special attention toward their welfare. "Minorities are the luckiest people in India because there are exclusive schemes and special programs for them. Nowhere in the world do you see such dedicated schemes for minorities," Rijju said.

Urging citizens to recognize the welfare efforts of both state and central governments, Rijju highlighted that India's diverse welfare programs benefit everyone, especially minority communities. "We are lucky to be Indian citizens, and we should appreciate the good work being done by the government," he added.

Citing Kerala as an example, where 44% of the population comprises Christians and Muslims, Rijju pointed out that this has led to the implementation of more schemes tailored to the state's demographic needs.

I Made You Chief Minister Twice": Tejashwi Yadav's Retort To Nitish Kumar

TPN Correspondent | Patna

The political sparring between Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) intensified after Kumar claimed he "made Lalu Yadav" Chief Minister. The RJD swiftly responded with vigor, with Tejashwi Yadav, Lalu's son, asserting that it was he who had made Nitish Kumar Chief Minister twice, and senior RJD leader Manoj Jha delivering a sharp critique.

Tejashwi Yadav, addressing a rally in Patna, rejected Kumar's claim and said, "Forget about what Nitish Kumar says. My father, Lalu Ji, had already been elected as an MLA twice and once as an MP long before Nitish Kumar. Lalu Ji has made several Prime Ministers, but I was the one who made Nitish Kumar Chief Minister twice and saved his party." He was referring to the 2015 and 2022 political alignments, when Kumar became CM despite the RJD's higher seat count in both instances.

In 2015, when the Mahagathbandhan



(Grand Alliance) was formed, RJD emerged as the largest party with 80 seats, while JD(U) secured 71. Despite the difference in numbers, the RJD allowed Kumar to retain the Chief Minister position. Then in 2022, after Kumar broke his alliance with the BJP for the second time, Tejashwi Yadav served as his deputy once again, and Kumar was allowed to remain in power. Manoj Jha, another senior RJD leader, questioned Kumar's remarks in the Assembly, stating, "You were once considered Lalu Ji's man, part of his team. It's unfortunate that Nitish Kumar speaks in such a language

now." He also pointed out that Tejashwi Yadav had provided a logical, historical analysis of the situation, while Kumar's response was lacking. Jha further expressed his concern for Kumar, adding, "If such thoughts are occupying your mind now, I'm even more worried for you."

Nitish Kumar had made the claim during his speech in the Bihar Assembly, emphasizing his role in shaping Lalu Yadav's political career. However, the RJD's forceful rebuttal shows that the political battle is far from over.

J&K economy expected to grow at 7.06 % in 2024-25: CM Omar Abdullah

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India has forecasted a 7.06% growth for Jammu and Kashmir's economy in real terms for the year 2024-25. The survey also expects the nominal Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of J&K to rise by 11.19% during this period.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah presented the Economic Survey Report in the J&K Legislative Assembly on Thursday. According to the report, J&K's nominal GSDP is projected to reach approximately Rs 2,65,389 crore, while the real GSDP is expected to be around Rs 1,44,614 crore for the fiscal year 2024-25.

The survey's positive projections highlight a significant upward trajectory for the state's economy. The expected growth rate of 7.06% comes as a result of improved economic conditions and policy reforms aimed at boosting various sectors, including agriculture, industry, and services. Additionally, the report emphasized the anticipated increase in investments and infrastructure develop-



ment, which is expected to support the overall economic growth.

The growth in nominal GSDP of 11.19% reflects an increase in the prices of goods and services in the region. This is indicative of inflationary trends that are expected to continue into the next year, although the rise in

real GSDP indicates that the region's overall economic output will also see positive growth.

The report also sheds light on key sectors that will contribute to this growth, including improvements in the tourism sector, industrial production, and services. These sectors

are expected to benefit from ongoing developmental programs and the government's focus on economic diversification.

Overall, the Economic Survey provides an optimistic outlook for J&K's economy, signaling a period of steady growth and recovery.

Ukrainian law still prevents Zelenskyy-Putin peace talks, says Kremlin

- Kremlin cites Ukrainian decree as obstacle to peace talks
- Zelenskyy legally barred from negotiating with Putin
- Diplomatic and legal hurdles complicate potential negotiations

TPN Correspondent | Russia

A Ukrainian decree from 2022, which forbids negotiations with Russian President Vladimir Putin, continues to pose a significant challenge to potential peace talks between Russia and Ukraine, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov stated on Wednesday. According to Peskov, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy remains legally prohibited from engaging in negotiations with Russia, a situation that complicates any efforts to bring an end to the ongoing war.

Peskov acknowledged that it was a positive sign that Zelenskyy had expressed a willingness to negotiate peace with Russia, however, he clarified that "the details have not changed yet," referring to the existing le-



gal restrictions imposed by the Ukrainian decree. This decree, which was issued in 2022, explicitly prevents direct negotiations with the Russian leadership, effectively barring the Ukrainian president from engaging in any peace talks unless the decree is amended or lifted.

The Kremlin spokesperson's remarks underline the significant diplomatic and legal hurdles that must be overcome to facilitate negotiations. Despite Zelenskyy's stated openness to peace talks, the 2022 decree appears to restrict the Ukrainian govern-

ment's ability to take concrete steps toward negotiations.

This situation has raised questions about how peace talks might proceed, and who, if anyone, could serve as a representative from Ukraine in any future dialogue. With both sides continuing to maintain firm positions, the conflict, which began nearly three years ago, shows no signs of abating without some form of negotiation. As international efforts to mediate peace intensify, Peskov's comments highlight the ongoing complexities surrounding the war in Ukraine. The Kremlin's stance indicates that for any meaningful peace talks to take place, significant political and legal adjustments may be required, both within Ukraine and on the international stage.



India Condemns Security Breach During Jaishankar's UK Visit Amid Khalistan Protests

The Indian government strongly condemned a security breach during External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar's visit to the United Kingdom, following a protest by pro-Khalistan separatists outside Chatham House in London. The protest, which took place while Jaishankar was engaged in a diplomatic discussion inside, saw a group of demonstrators waving flags and shouting slogans.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) expressed its disapproval of the "provocative activities" of the separatist group, calling it a misuse of democratic freedoms. "We have seen the footage of a breach of security during the visit of EAM to the UK. We condemn the provocative activities of this small group of separatists and extremists. We deplore the misuse of democratic freedoms by such elements. We expect the host government in such cases to fully live up to their diplomatic obligations," the MEA stated.

Despite the protest, EAM Jaishankar continued with his planned diplomatic engagements, including meetings with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Foreign Secretary David Lammy, and other senior leaders. On Tuesday, Jaishankar also met with UK Home Secretary Yvette Cooper, where they discussed various issues, including talent flow, people-to-people exchanges, and joint efforts to combat trafficking and extremism. He later posted on social media about the meeting, emphasizing the productive dialogue.

This protest is not the first instance of Khalistani groups demonstrating in the UK. In January, pro-Khalistan extremists staged a protest outside the Indian High Commission in London, and in another incident, they disrupted the screening of the film *Emergency* at a cinema in Harrow, London.

In response to such actions, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal reiterated India's concerns about the violent protests and intimidation tactics used by "anti-India" groups. "Freedom of speech and expression cannot be applied selectively, and those obstructing it must be held accountable," he stated.

Jaishankar's visit also included talks on the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and bilateral economic cooperation, along with discussions on global issues like the Ukraine conflict.

Israel's Spy Agency Had Warned Of October 7 Attacks 5 Months In Advance

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Israel's internal security agency, Shin Bet, has revealed that it had warned Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about a potential attack by Hamas at least five months prior to the October 7 assault. The attack, which resulted in the deaths of over 1,200 Israelis, caught Israel off guard despite Shin Bet's knowledge of Hamas's plans. The agency admitted that while it had been aware of the militant group's intentions, it failed to predict the scale, timing, or location of the attack.

Ronen Bar, the chief of Shin Bet, had reportedly told Netanyahu that Hamas posed a significant threat and that Israel needed to prepare for a possible "opening



blow" from the group. However, Netanyahu dismissed these warnings, believing that Hamas had been "deterred" and was unlikely to escalate.

Shin Bet's internal report, which was summarized in an eight-page document, also pointed to several factors contributing to the deadly attack. Among them

was Israel's "policy of quiet" towards Hamas, which Shin Bet argued inadvertently allowed the group to grow stronger. The report further suggested that Netanyahu's decision to allow Qatar to fund Gaza was a contributing factor, as it bolstered Hamas at the expense of efforts to create a Palestinian state.

The Israeli government responded strongly to the Shin Bet report, with Netanyahu's office criticizing Ronen Bar for what they described as a "complete failure" to recognize the threat posed by Hamas. Netanyahu's circle of advisors also dismissed Shin Bet's assessments, claiming the agency misread the intelligence surrounding Hamas's intentions and failed to foresee the scale of the attack.

In the wake of the attack, US President Donald Trump issued a stern warning to Hamas, demanding the release of all hostages and the return of the bodies of those killed. Trump threatened more destruction in Gaza if Hamas failed to comply, reiterating that their actions would have dire consequences.

Donald Trump Offers One-Month Relief For Automakers, Pauses Tariffs

TPN Correspondent | Washington

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.

Hasina's departure, along with many of her aides and those linked to a network of secret jails, has left Bangladesh struggling to address the scope of the alleged crimes. The violent crackdown on protesters in July and August, which resulted in the deaths of up to 1,400 people according to the UN, further escalated tensions. Yunus added that over 1,500 people, including students and workers, were killed during the protests against Hasina's government.

Ukraine Seeks Talks with US After Intelligence Sharing Suspended Amid Rising Tensions

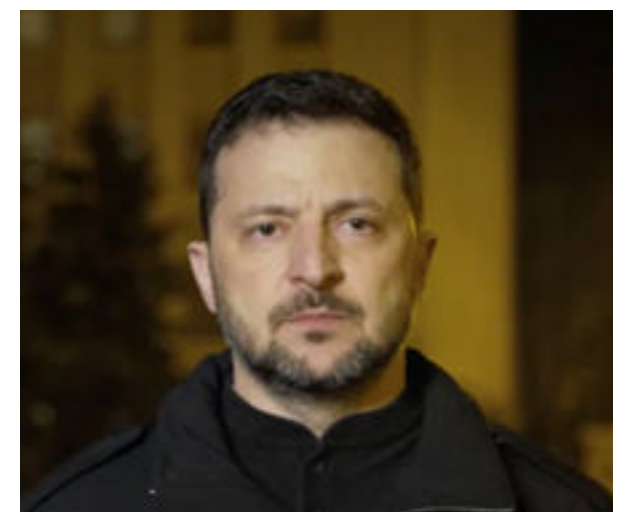
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Ukraine announced plans to initiate fresh talks with the United States after Washington suspended its intelligence-sharing with Kyiv, marking a significant setback for Ukraine as it continues its battle against Russia's invasion. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who has been trying to manage the fallout from a tense meeting with former US President Donald Trump last week, stated that Ukrainian and American teams have started working on the upcoming discussions, although no specifics regarding the timing or location were provided.

This development follows the US's recent decision to halt military aid to Ukraine, further intensifying fears in Kyiv and across Europe that Ukraine may be forced into a peace agreement that favors Russia. Zelenskyy emphasized that the ultimate goal is a lasting peace, not a temporary ceasefire, and expressed hope that coordinated efforts, particularly with US leadership, could bring an end to the war.

In a parallel development, French President Emmanuel Macron suggested that European military forces could be deployed to Ukraine once a peace deal is reached, ensuring that Russia does not invade again. Macron's statement adds another layer of complexity to the ongoing international dialogue surrounding Ukraine's future and the need for robust security guarantees.

Meanwhile, Trump has made ending the war a priority in his foreign policy. In a speech to



the US Congress, he read a letter from Zelenskyy expressing willingness for peace talks, though Trump has not yet outlined a clear plan for such discussions. Zelenskyy has been vocal about seeking security guarantees from the US to prevent future Russian aggression.

On the battlefield, Russia continues its territorial gains, capturing another small village in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region. The slow-downs in Russia's advance, as reported by the Institute for the Study of War, reflect a mixed battlefield picture as both sides regroup amidst the shifting diplomatic landscape.

As Zelenskyy prepares for an upcoming Brussels summit, his efforts to maintain Western support and secure a lasting peace remain at the forefront of Ukraine's strategy.

Broad-Based Rally: Sensex Up 609, Nifty Gains 207 as Markets Rebound on Global Recovery Signals



2996 shares were traded, of which 2207 gained and 716 lost. 17 shares touched 52-week highs. 53 stocks touched 52-week lows. A total of 258 shares touched the upper circuit.

The rupee fell 15 paise to settle at 87.11 against the dollar. Shares of Coal India, Amber Enterprises and Varun

Beverages rose 9% on IMD warnings of heatwaves this summer. JPMorgan has given a neutral rating to Wipro with a target price of Rs 290. The government has given permission to AstraZeneca to import zirconium cyclosilicate powder, which is needed to treat hyperkalemia. FADA said that automobile retail sales fell 7% in February due to weak demand. HSBC maintains buy rating on Sun Pharma with a target price of Rs 2000. RailTel Corporation gets orders worth Rs 311 crore. Hindalco, Tata Steel and other metal stocks rose up to 7% on the weakening dollar and hopes of Chinese stimulus. Jefferies maintains buy rating on Cholamandalam Investment with a target price of Rs 1700. 10 lakh shares changed hands in Varun Beverages. Inox India gets orders worth Rs 190 crore. HSBC gives buy rating to Bharti Airtel. 15 lakh shares changed hands in ICICI Bank.

sectors in India. Ongoing domestic demand for coal, government infrastructure spending, and potential export opportunities in a cyclical market. Global transition towards renewable energy, regulatory changes, and environmental concerns. Defensive and stable, Coal India is suited for long-term investors seeking steady cash flows, though its growth may be constrained by energy transition trends.

1. Coal India Ltd.

Coal India is the world's largest coal producer and a state-owned enterprise supplying coal primarily to power plants and various industrial



Coal India Limited

broadband, and digital TV services both domestically and internationally. Generally positive over the long term, with growth opportunities in data services and enterprise solutions, though short-term challenges remain amid competitive pressures.

4. Axis Bank Ltd.



Axis Bank is one of India's leading private sector banks, offering a broad range of services including retail, corporate, and treasury banking. Positive, with strong fundamentals and growth prospects, making it a core pick in the banking sector for long-term investors.

5. JSW Infrastructure Ltd. (JSWINFRA)

JSW Infrastructure is part of the JSW Group and is engaged in developing and managing infrastructure projects, including roads, ports, and urban development initiatives. Positive



for the long term, provided infrastructure spending continues to grow and projects are executed efficiently, making JSW Infrastructure an attractive option for investors focusing on the urban development and construction sectors.

Domestic stock markets gained heavily. They closed on Thursday. Investors reaped profits for the second consecutive day. The indices, which initially hit lows, recovered from mid-session. The reasons for this were crude oil prices, the fall in the value of the dollar and the increase in positive sentiment in the market. Shares of all sectors, except the realty sector, gained. Metals and oil-based shares closed. Market breadth also improved. Overall, the Sensex rose by 609 points and the Nifty by 207 points.

closed at 73,340 with a gain of 609 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 22,476, touched a low of 22,245 and a high of 22,544, up 207 points. The Nifty Bank rose 137 points to settle at 48,627.

In the Nifty50, 38 companies gained while 12 lost. Except for realty, all sectoral indices rose. Oil and gas, metal, energy, commodities, PSE, pharma, infra, healthcare, FMCG stocks were the top gainers. Asian Paints, Coal India, Hindalco, BPCL, NTPC were the top gainers. TechM, BEL, Trent, Britannia, and Kotak Bank were the biggest losers.

Market breadth in the NSE today turned in favor of buyers. A total of

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 73,730 in the previous session, opened at 73,415 on Thursday. It touched an intraday low of 73,415. It reached an intraday high of 74,390. It finally



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India's engineering exports to US touch USD 1.62 billion in Jan



India's engineering goods exports have shown impressive growth in January 2025, continuing their upward trajectory despite challenges in the global market. The country's engineering goods exports to the United States, its top destination, grew by 18 percent year-on-year, reaching \$1.62 billion. Overall, engineering exports in January totaled \$9.42 billion, marking a 7.44 percent growth compared to \$8.77 billion during the same period last year, according to the Engineering Exports Promotion Council (EEPC) data.

This growth is particularly notable as it comes amid geopolitical tensions and rising global trade protectionism. India's engineering exports have maintained positive growth for nine consecutive months, despite the turmoil caused by ongoing international conflicts and increasing trade restrictions, EEPC India Chairman Pankaj Chadha highlighted.

Chadha emphasized the resilience of the engineering export sector, noting that this growth has occurred in the face of global uncertainties, such as the announcement by U.S. President Donald Trump to increase tariffs on Indian exports starting April 2, as part of a reciprocal tariff policy. He acknowledged the evolving global trade environment, where new challeng-

es, including nationalistic trade policies, are putting significant pressure on businesses. Chadha stressed the importance of continuous government support, particularly in export credit and technology, to maintain India's competitiveness in global markets.

Among India's major engineering export destinations, countries such as Germany, Mexico, Turkey, South Africa, France, Japan, Nepal, and Bangladesh experienced positive growth in January. However, exports to the UK, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, China, Italy, and Spain recorded a decline.

January's growth was mainly driven by exports in sectors like aircraft, spacecraft and parts, electrical machinery and equipment, automobiles and auto components, industrial machinery, iron and steel products, and medical and scientific instruments.

Cumulatively, India's engineering exports reached \$96.75 billion in the April-January period of FY25, reflecting a 9.82 percent increase from the previous year. Engineering goods accounted for 25.86 percent of India's total merchandise exports in January, underlining the sector's crucial role in India's economy.

India's GDP Growth Projected at 6.5% for FY2026 Amid Geopolitical and Trade Challenges

India's real GDP growth is expected to remain steady at 6.5% in fiscal year 2026, despite challenges arising from geopolitical uncertainties and trade-related issues, including the US tariff actions, according to a report by Crisil Intelligence released on Thursday.

Crisil's forecast for India's economy relies on two primary factors: the continuation of normal monsoons and the expectation that commodity prices will stay soft, helping to stabilize food prices. The report also highlights that lower borrowing costs, cooling food inflation, and tax benefits announced in the Union Budget 2025-2026 are likely to boost discretionary consumption.

Crisil Intelligence noted that India's growth is returning to pre-pandemic levels as fiscal impulse normalizes and the high-base effect fades. Despite this, high-frequency Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)



data shows India's economic resilience, with the country continuing to lead among major economies.

Amish Mehta, Managing Director and CEO of Crisil Ltd., emphasized that India's resilience is being tested, but the country has built safeguards over the past few years against external shocks, such as strong economic growth, a low current account deficit, manageable external public debt, and adequate foreign exchange reserves. These factors provide India with ample policy flexibility. Mehta also pointed out that consumption-driven

rural and urban demand will be crucial for short-term growth.

In the medium term, continued investments and efficiency improvements are expected to drive growth. Crisil forecasts that the manufacturing sector will grow at an average rate of 9% annually from fiscal 2025 to fiscal 2031, up from 6% in the pre-pandemic decade. The services sector, while growing at a slower pace, will remain a major driver of overall economic growth. Consequently, the share of manufacturing in GDP is projected to rise to 20% by fiscal 2025, up from 17%.

Looking ahead, Crisil predicts continued easing of food inflation, which will help moderate overall inflation. In fiscal 2025, inflation decreased mainly due to lower non-food inflation, although food inflation saw an uptick. The agency also anticipates another 50-75 basis point reduction in rates in the coming fiscal year.

Reliance Industries Faces \$2.81 Billion Demand in Natural Gas Dispute After Delhi HC Ruling

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) is facing a \$2.81 billion demand from the government following a favorable ruling from the Delhi High Court in a longstanding natural gas migration dispute.

The company, along with its partner BP, is accused of selling gas that allegedly migrated from the adjoining block of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).

The dispute dates back to 2016 when the government raised an initial claim of \$1.55 billion against RIL and its partners. The government had argued that part of the gas sold from RIL's KG-D6 block in the Bay of Bengal had, in fact, migrated from

ONGC's block KG-DWN-98/2, which is adjacent to RIL's operations.

On February 14, 2025, the Delhi High Court issued a significant ruling, overturning an international arbitration tribunal's decision that had cleared RIL and BP of any liability. The tribunal had earlier ruled that RIL and BP were not responsible for any compensation to the government for the sale of the gas. However, the court's decision has now paved the way for the government to raise a new demand of \$2.81 billion, which RIL has contested.

In response to the ruling, RIL issued a statement on Tuesday, asserting that it had received legal advice stating that both the judg-

ment from the Delhi High Court and the provisional demand by the Petroleum Ministry were "unsustainable." The company emphasized that it is taking legal steps to challenge the judgment and has no expectation of any liability arising from the demand notice.

The dispute centers around the extraction and sale of gas from RIL's KG-D6 block, with the government claiming that part of the gas originated from the ONGC block, which is located adjacent to RIL's territory. The case has been a contentious one for several years, and this new development marks another chapter in the ongoing legal battle between the company and the government.

Elon Musk's 'Hitler-Like' Haircut Leaves Internet Divided

Elon Musk's latest haircut has caused quite a stir online, with social media buzzing over his new look. While many assumed the billionaire entrepreneur had just debuted a fresh style this year, it turns out the haircut actually dates back to 2021, when Musk reportedly gave himself the cut. However, the image has resurfaced, and the internet has gone wild with reactions.



The picture, showing Musk sporting a distinct undercut, has been widely shared from different angles, attracting millions of views. What has really caught attention, though, is the internet's reaction to his new style. Some users took the opportunity to compare Musk's haircut to that of infamous figures like Adolf Hitler and North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un. One Twitter user humorously wrote, "Elon's Barber was like POINT TO WHAT YOU WANT!" while others joked, "I did not have Elon going with the full Kim Jong Un haircut on my bingo card." Another cheeky comment described the look as a mix of Kim Jong Un, Hitler, and 90s band Depeche Mode.

The jokes didn't stop there. Some users took it a step further, comparing Musk's hairstyle to that of a Wehrmacht sol-

dier, while others even likened him to Zorg, the villain from **The Fifth Element** portrayed by Gary Oldman. "Zorg was way cooler than Elon, come on man," one user quipped.

This all stems from a 2021 moment when Musk shared a photo of himself with the unique haircut and jokingly wrote, "Did it myself." His hair has been a topic of conversation for years, from his receding hairline to his gradually fuller mane in recent years. Musk himself has joked about the power of wealth in reversing hair loss, once commenting, "What's amazing is how net worth makes your hair grow," in reference to a viral video documenting his hair growth journey.

Musk's hair may be just one part of his multifaceted public persona, but the reactions to his cut show how his every move continues to keep the internet entertained.

Vatican City: The Country Without a Hospital or Births for 96 Years



Vatican City, the smallest country in the world, has a unique distinction – no child has been born there for the past 96 years. This anomaly is particularly surprising, given that Vatican City is located in the heart of Rome, one of the most developed cities in the world. However, this tiny state, home to the head of the Roman Catholic Church, faces a stark contrast to countries like India, where family planning slogans such as "Hum Do, Humare Do" play a significant role in shaping the nation's demographic.

Vatican City, established on February 11, 1929, has never constructed a hospital. Despite various requests over the years, there has been no push to build one, meaning that critically ill individuals or expect-

ant mothers must travel to nearby Rome for medical treatment. The lack of a hospital is not due to a lack of resources but is a result of Vatican City's limited size – it spans just 118 acres – and the presence of high-quality healthcare facilities in Rome.

This lack of medical infrastructure also explains why no births have occurred in the country since its establishment. Vatican City, with a population of around 800-900 people, is primarily home to senior Roman Catholic clergy. The absence of a maternity ward in the country means that any childbirth must take place outside its borders.

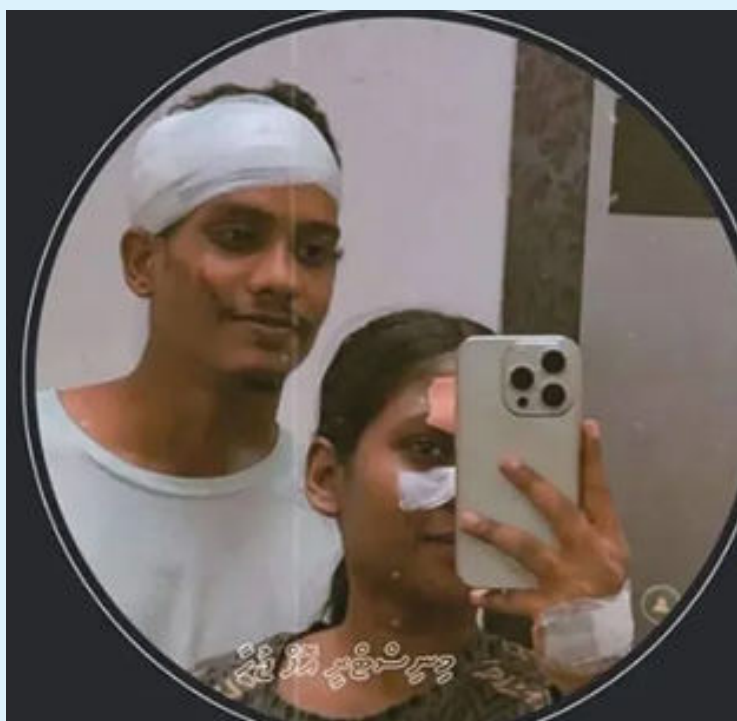
Despite its small size, Vatican City experiences a surprisingly high

crime rate compared to other nations. This is mainly due to the millions of tourists who visit the area, often becoming targets for petty crimes like pickpocketing, purse snatching, and shoplifting.

Interestingly, Vatican City is also home to the world's smallest railway station, Citta Vaticano. Originally built during the reign of Pope Pius XI, this station is designated for cargo transportation and is not used for passenger trains.

Apart from Vatican City, the Pitcairn Islands, a British overseas territory, and Antarctica – a research-focused continent – also have rare occurrences of births, making Vatican City's 96-year record a truly unique one.

Internet Irked By Couples "First Accident With Bae" Post



A Facebook post from a young couple celebrating an unusual milestone has gone viral, drawing mixed reactions from social media users. The image, which showed the couple with visible injuries—bandages on the man's head and on the woman's forehead, nose, and hands—was captioned humorously as their "first accident with bae." Rather than the expected concern for their well-being, the post quickly garnered a flood of congratulatory messages, with friends and followers treating the accident

as another "relationship milestone."

While some users enjoyed the lighthearted tone, others were quick to criticize the couple's decision to frame such a serious situation as a celebration. The debate sparked discussions on social media, with some arguing that today's youth are increasingly prioritizing social media validation over more meaningful aspects of life. On the other hand, some defended the couple, suggesting that embracing both the good and bad

moments together is what love is truly about.

One user commented, "True love is when even accidents come in a couple goals package!" while another user added, "Next level dating," showing approval for the couple's playful take on the situation. Meanwhile, others expressed their disapproval. "I'm done here, that was my last nerve," one user wrote, while another jokingly said, "I'm waiting for the second one."

The post highlights a broader trend on social media, where even the most unconventional moments, like accidents or mishaps, are shared for public approval, often blurring the line between personal experiences and social media performance. Some view this as a reflection of shifting values among young people who seek validation online, while others see it as a fun and relatable way to cope with difficult situations.

Ultimately, the post served as a reminder of the diverse ways people express their relationships and emotions, leaving the internet divided on whether it was a fun celebration or a sign of misplaced priorities.

AI Video Of Mini Human Figures 'Making' Various Types Of Mithai Gets Over 16 Million Views

An AI-generated video showcasing miniature human figures crafting traditional Indian sweets has taken the internet by storm, garnering over 16 million views. Shared by the Instagram account @the.aiengineer, the reel features tiny human-like characters handling large-scale versions of popular mithai such as jalebis, rasgullas, gulab jamuns, laddoos, kaju katlis, and more.



In the viral video, these miniature figures are seen wearing outfits similar to construction workers and appear to be busy 'creating' the sweets. The footage shows them stacking glistening jalebis, shaping laddoos, and even floating rasgullas in a pond of chaasni (sugar syrup) as they row a boat. The AI video brings a whimsical touch to the process, with the miniature workers using cranes, ladders, and other machinery to cart ingredients like dry fruits and nuts, assemble the sweets, and even cook them.

What makes the video particularly fascinating is the way the sweets are presented on an exaggerated scale, much larger than the miniature human figures, adding a surreal quality to the animation. The characters' work is also depicted with a sense of teamwork, as they operate various tools and machinery, giving a playful yet impressive glimpse of what goes into creat-

ing these beloved Indian treats.

The video is just one of many AI-generated food videos that have gone viral recently, contributing to the growing trend of using artificial intelligence to create imaginative and engaging content. Some of these videos have sparked debates about the future of creative industries, while others have simply delighted viewers with their unique and entertaining concepts.

This AI video of mini humans making mithai has captured the hearts of social media users, celebrating traditional Indian sweets in a fun and creative way, and further proving the potential of AI in art and entertainment.

Amazon Prime Video Launches AI-Aided Dubbing in English and Spanish

Amazon Prime Video has announced the rollout of AI-powered dubbing for its licensed movies and series in English and Spanish, starting Wednesday. This new feature aims to enhance the viewing experience, increase accessibility, and broaden the platform's reach to a global audience.



Initially, the AI dubbing will be available on 12 licensed movies and series that do not already offer dubbing support. Prime Video's decision to introduce this technology is seen as a move to boost viewership by making content more accessible to non-native speakers and expanding its international appeal. The service will now provide dubbed versions of select titles in English and Spanish, two widely spoken languages, allowing more customers around the world to enjoy the content.

This artificial intelligence-based dubbing system is designed to offer a seamless and natural voiceover experience. With the increasing popularity of streaming platforms, Amazon's new feature is expected to meet the growing demand for localized content and make it easier for viewers in different regions to enjoy Prime Video's diverse library.

Prime Video's AI dubbing system marks a significant step in the integration of AI technology within the entertainment industry. By leveraging AI, the platform aims to improve the quality of dubbing while reducing the cost and time typically associated with traditional voiceover production.

The feature is initially limited to 12 titles, but Amazon plans to expand the availability of AI dubbing to more content in the future, allowing more viewers to engage with a wider range of movies and series on Prime Video. This move is part of Amazon's broader strategy to continue enhancing user experience and increasing the accessibility of its content to a global audience.



FIFA Announces \$1 Billion Prize Money for Club World Cup



FIFA has revealed a record-breaking \$1 billion prize pool for the upcoming expanded Club World Cup, set to take place in the United States from June 14 to July 13 this year. This tournament, featuring 32 teams, will be held every four years and is expected to generate \$2 billion in revenue. FIFA president Gianni Infantino emphasized that all tournament revenue will be distributed to the participating clubs and global solidarity initia-

tives. The prize money surpasses the amounts awarded in both the 2022 men's World Cup (\$440 million) and the 2023 Women's World Cup (\$110 million). FIFA has secured major sponsors and a broadcasting deal worth around \$1.05 billion with DAZN. Despite excitement around the event, the expansion has faced criticism over player welfare, with some fearing the packed football calendar.

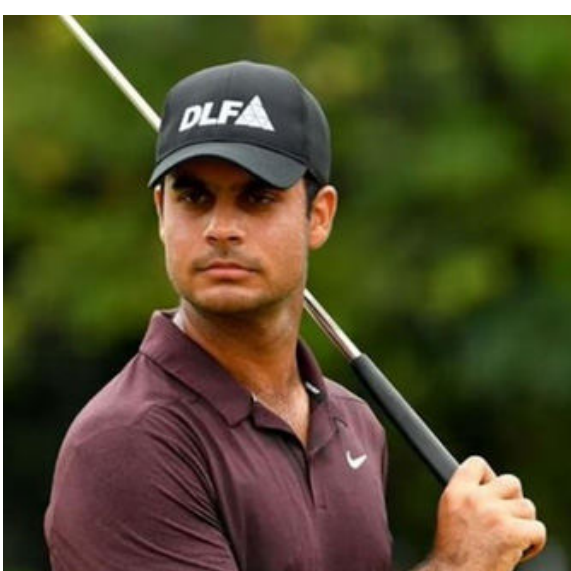


17-Time WWE Champion to Join The Rock and John Cena as 'Third Man' at Wrestlemania 41?

John Cena, after 20 years as WWE's hero, is turning heel and aligning with The Rock, aiming for a 17th WWE Championship. Cena is set to face Cody Rhodes for the Undisputed WWE Championship at Wrestlemania 41. Recent reports suggest that Charlotte Flair, the 17-time WWE Champion, could join them as the "Third Man" of

their alliance, much like Hulk Hogan did in WCW in 1996. Flair, who is set to challenge for the WWE Women's Championship at Wrestlemania 41, may team up with Cena and The Rock after winning the 2025 Women's Royal Rumble. Flair, inspired by Cena's legacy, could follow his footsteps to cement her dominance in WWE.

Shubhankar Sharma to Lead India's Challenge at 2025 Indian Open



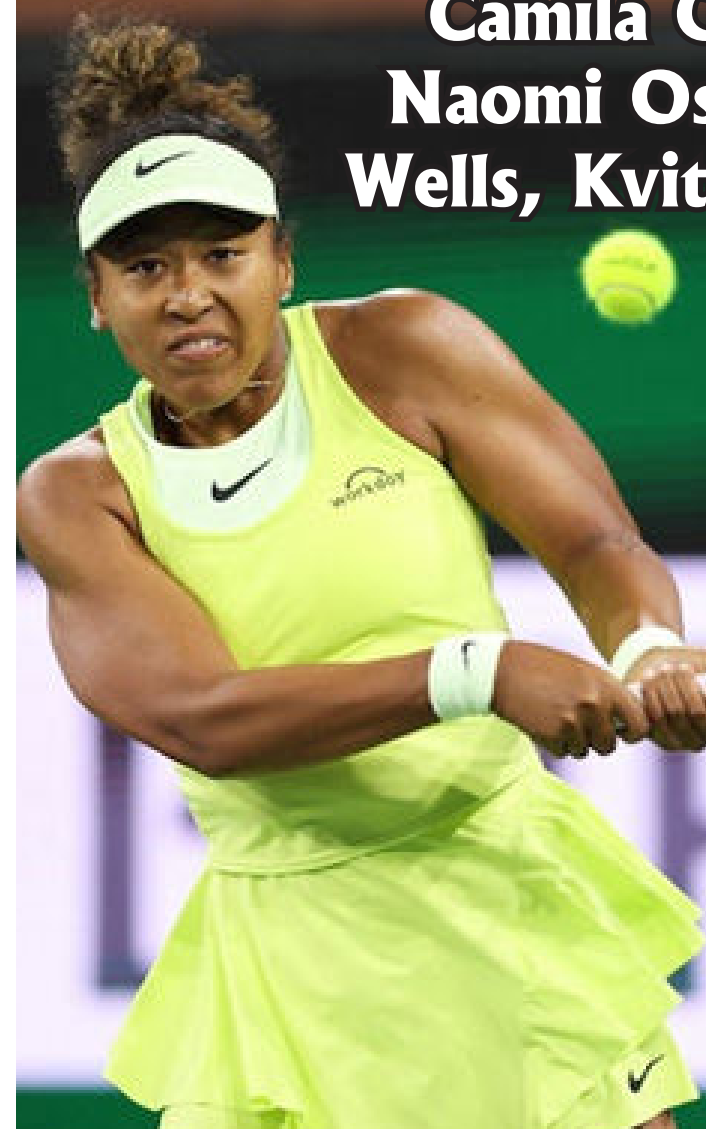
Two-time DP World Tour winner Shubhankar Sharma, along with last year's runner-up Veer Ahlawat, will headline a strong Indian contingent at the 2025 Hero Indian Open, held at the DLF Golf and Country Club, Gurugram from March 27 to 30. Other Indian participants include Shiv Kapur, Manu Gandas, and teen prodigy Kartik Singh, who has been in impressive form recently. Defending champion Keita Nakajima of Japan will lead the international challenge, joined by notable names like Marcel Siem and Guido Migliozzi. The tournament, co-sanctioned by the Indian Golf Union, offers the Indian Tour winner a full DP World Tour card. The Hero Indian Open is a key event in the Asian Swing and has been pivotal in showcasing Indian golf talent.

US Confirms Joint Bid for 2031 Women's World Cup After FIFA Decision

The United States Soccer Federation (USSF) has confirmed its joint bid with CONCACAF to host the 2031 Women's World Cup, following a recent FIFA decision that increased the chances for the CONCACAF region to stage the tournament. Initially, the US and Mexico had planned to bid for the 2027 World Cup but withdrew to focus on 2031, which was later awarded to Brazil. FIFA has narrowed the contenders for 2031 to North America (CONCACAF) and Africa (CAF), with South Africa and Morocco also in the running. A North American bid is seen as commercially appealing due to the region's track record of high attendance at major events. The 2031 decision will be made at FIFA's 76th Congress ahead of the 2026 World Cup.



Camila Osorio Shocks Naomi Osaka at Indian Wells, Kvitova Also Out



Naomi Osaka was defeated 6-4, 6-4 by Camila Osorio in the first round of Indian Wells on Wednesday. This marked Osaka's return to tennis after an injury kept her out of the Australian Open. Struggling with her serve, the former world number one was outplayed by Osorio, who took advantage of a break in both sets to claim her first-ever victory at Indian Wells. Osaka admitted she had "chances to be in the match" but felt off due to limited practice. Meanwhile, Petra Kvitova, also returning after giving birth, was ousted by Varvara Gracheva 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Other notable results included Caroline Garcia's win and Nishikori's victory over Jaume Munar. All 32 seeds received first-round byes in this ATP and WTA 1000 event.

Greater Noida to Host 8th Elite Women's National Boxing Championship from March 21



The 8th Elite Women's National Boxing Championship will take place at Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida from March 21-27, featuring around 300 of India's top women boxers. Organized by the UP Boxing Association and the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), the championship will see intense competition to crown national champions. The event, crucial for Olympic preparations,

will also serve as a platform for identifying future talent. Matches will follow a three-round format, and over 100 coaches and 60 officials will support the competition. Defending champions Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) aim to retain their title after their dominant performance last year, where they clinched five golds. The tournament is expected to be a major spectacle for the sport.



Priyanka Chopra Refused to Wear Two-Piece at Miss World, Says Mother

Priyanka Chopra's mother, Dr. Madhu Chopra, revealed in a recent interview that Priyanka refused to wear a two-piece swimsuit during the 2000 Miss World competition. Madhu explained that Priyanka maintained her dignity and professionalism by rejecting the organizers' request, earning their respect. Despite this, Priyanka went on to win the Miss World crown that year after losing the Miss India pageant to Lara Dutta. Madhu also shared her admiration for Priyanka's relationship with Nick Jonas, saying she loves him and that age is just a number in their bond. Priyanka and Nick married in 2018 and have a daughter, Malti Marie. Priyanka is reportedly joining SS Rajamouli's upcoming project, though no official confirmation has been made.

Nayanthara's Thriller Movie 'Test' to Stream on Netflix

Nayanthara's thriller movie *Test*, which was initially not released in theaters, will now directly stream on Netflix. Set to begin streaming on April 4, the movie is a sports drama directed by Shashikanth. The story unfolds during a test cricket match in Chennai, where three individuals attending the match get entangled in a series of challenges. The film stars Nayanthara, Madhavan, and Siddharth in pivotal roles, with Meera Jasmine appearing in a special role. Fans of Nayanthara, especially in Tamil Nadu, are eagerly anticipating the movie's OTT release. With the hype surrounding the actress, *Test* promises to keep viewers on the edge of their seats as they witness the characters navigate unexpected troubles.



Varun Dhawan Wishes Janhvi Kapoor on Her Birthday Ahead of New Film



Varun Dhawan shared a heartfelt birthday wish for Janhvi Kapoor on Instagram, celebrating her special day with a sweet note, "Happy birthday tulusi Love sunny." The post, featuring a candid picture of the two on a balcony, marks the growing camaraderie between the two stars ahead of their upcoming film *Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulusi Kumari*. This rom-com, which is set to be their second collaboration after *Bawaal* (2023), is produced by Karan Johar and directed by Shashank Khaitan. The movie, originally scheduled for release in April 2025, has now been delayed to the second half of 2025 due to an extended shoot. Janhvi is also receiving birthday wishes from industry friends, including a customized dog-themed cake from her co-star Rohit Saraf, further adding to the birthday celebrations.

Farah Khan on Reuniting with Salman Khan for 'Sikandar' Song



Film-maker-choreographer Farah Khan shared her excitement about reuniting with Salman Khan for the song Zohra Jabeen from his upcoming film *Sikandar*. Speaking about the experience, she revealed how special it was to choreograph him after several years and praised Rashmika Mandanna for being a pleasure to work with. The song, composed by Pritam and sung by Nakash

Aziz and Dev Negi, showcases Salman's dance moves and chemistry with Mandanna. Farah expressed her joy on Instagram, sharing, "Had too much fun choreographing @beingsalmankhan & @rashmika_mandanna for #sikandar." *Sikandar* marks Salman's highly anticipated return to the big screen after his 2023 release *Tiger 3* and is set to hit cinemas on March 31, coinciding with Eid al-Fitr.

Abhishek Bachchan Calls 'I Want To Talk' an Incredibly Special Journey

Abhishek Bachchan, nominated for Best Actor at the 7th Critics' Choice Awards for *I Want To Talk*, expressed his gratitude for the recognition. He described the film as an "incredibly special journey" and thanked the Film Critics Guild for honoring his performance. Directed by Shoojit Sircar, the film is based on the true story of Arjun Sen, a cancer survivor facing a life-changing surgery while navigating a



complex relationship with his daughter. Meanwhile, Konkona Sen Sharma, nominated for Best Actress for *Killer Soup*, shared her excitement about the recognition. The black comedy crime thriller series, directed by Abhishek Chaubey, is inspired by a 2017 Telangana case. The Critics' Choice Awards, this year adding a category for documentaries, celebrates excellence across various Indian cinematic formats.

Nayanthara Fasts for a Month to Play Amman in 'Mookuthi Amman 2'



Actress Nayanthara is taking her role in *Mookuthi Amman 2* to the next level by fasting for a month, a practice she followed for the first part of the film as well. Producer Ishari K Ganesh shared this detail during the official pooja function for the film, highlighting Nayanthara's dedication to portraying the goddess Amman. He also revealed that the decision to cast Nayanthara as the titular role was unanimous, given the film's connection to their family deity. The second part of the film is being directed by Sundar C, who is known as the "Franchise King." The film will also feature Regina Cassandra, Duniya Vijay, Yogi Babu, and others. With a pan-Indian appeal, *Mookuthi Amman 2* is set to have a grand budget, exceeding 100 crores, and will feature music by Hip Hop Tamizha.