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Tensions in Pithapuram Janasena

Internal tensions in Jana Sena over Dorababu's induction.

Longtime party workers fear being sidelined by newcomers.

Jana Sena activists oppose ex-YSRC leader's growing influence.

Secret meeting planned by dissatisfied Jana Sainiks in Pithapuram.

Concerns rise over possible disputes during formation celebrations.

Mareddy Srinivas excluded from key internal discussions.

Jana Sena leadership faces challenge to maintain party unity.



If his faction is given priority at the upcoming formation celebrations, the opposing group is expected to decide on their next course of action.

The Jana Sena leadership is currently focused on grand-scale arrangements for the event, but local party workers are growing increasingly frustrated. There are strong fears that disputes between rival groups could spill over during the celebrations, potentially disrupting the event.

Jana Sena, built on ideological commitment and discipline under Pawan Kalyan's leadership, now faces a crucial test in Pithapuram. Whether Dorababu's induction will strengthen or weaken the party at the local level remains to be seen, but the growing unrest suggests that the leadership will need to address these internal differences quickly to maintain unity.

senior leaders and activists, who have stood by Jana Sena from its inception, are unable to accept Dorababu's sudden rise. The concern is that his presence will push longtime party workers into the background, allowing former YSRC members to dominate the local leadership. The issue has

escalated further with rumors that Dorababu's faction might take center stage during the party's formation day celebrations on March 14.

Amidst these growing concerns, a secret meeting is being organized by a faction of Jana Sena loyalists, including several key women leaders

and activists. Notably, current Pithapuram in-charge Mareddy Srinivas has reportedly been kept out of this meeting, fueling speculation about serious internal divisions. Sources suggest that the meeting aims to discuss the increasing prominence of Dorababu's group and plan future action.



NDA Government Taking Steps Towards Women's Economic Self-Reliance – CM Naidu

One lakh women entrepreneurs to be created in a year
45% subsidy on investment for girl children
Shakti app launched for women's safety

TPN Correspondent | Markapuram

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu announced key initiatives to empower women economically and socially. During an interaction with women in Markapuram, Prakasam district, he emphasized that the NDA government is committed to fostering women's self-reliance by creating one lakh women entrepreneurs within a year.

The CM highlighted that the government has signed agreements with 24 organizations to promote business excellence among women and ensure marketing support for their products. He assured that a 45% subsidy would be provided on investments made for girl children, further enhancing the dignity of women in society.

Naidu also reiterated the state's commitment to women's safety, stating that the recently launched Shakti app will enable swift police response to distress calls within seven minutes. He warned that those who harass women would face severe consequences.

Addressing concerns about maternity benefits, he announced that from now on, government employees would be granted maternity leave regardless of the number of childbirths. Additionally, the "Greetings to Mothers" scheme would be extended to all mothers, irrespective of the number of children they have.

Reflecting on his long-standing efforts for women's empowerment, the CM recalled

initiatives like DW-CRA and MEPMA, which have significantly contributed to financial independence for women. He also assured that the Veligonda project, which will provide water security to drought-prone areas, would be completed soon.

On the topic of education, Naidu promised the establishment of a PG center in Markapuram and reaffirmed his commitment to making it a district, as per election promises. He concluded by emphasizing the importance of economic stability, urging women to leverage technology and entrepreneurship to build a prosperous future.



Later, CM Chandrababu honored women excelling in various fields for their contributions on International Women's Day.



Free Cooking Gas for One Crore People from Next Financial Year – Minister Nadendla Manohar

Three free LPG cylinders under Deepam-2 scheme
Toll-free number 181 launched for women's safety
Loans of ₹131.82 crore distributed to self-help group women

TPN Correspondent | Eluru

International Women's Day celebrations were held at the C.R. Reddy Degree College auditorium in Eluru on Saturday. Speaking at the event, Civil Supplies Minister and district in-charge Nadendla Manohar announced that the Deepam-2 scheme will provide three free cooking gas cylinders to over one crore women from the next financial year.

The minister also introduced a toll-free number 181 for women's safety and stated that the government fully supports the Prevention of Trafficking in Women Bill being discussed in Parliament. He reiterated the government's commitment to empowering women through various welfare programs.

Eluru MP Putta Mahesh Kumar mentioned that a special industrial development policy

is in place to train women as entrepreneurs, encouraging them to take advantage of the opportunities. District Collector K. Vetrivel highlighted ongoing initiatives in the district for women's empowerment. Zilla Parishad Chairperson Ghanta Padmasree, Eluru Mayor Sheikh Noorjahan, Eluru MLA Badeti Chanti, and Denduluru MLA Chintamani Prabhakar expressed their support for government initiatives aimed at strengthening women's welfare. On this occasion, Minister Nadendla Manohar distributed loans worth ₹131.82 crore to women of self-help groups. Several district officials and public representatives, including Joint Collector P. Dhatri Reddy, RTC Regional Chairman Reddy Appalanaidu, and DRDA Project Director R. Vijayaraju, participated in the program.

If Karnataka Has Bangalore and Telangana Has Hyderabad, Then AP Has Chandrababu's Advantage: Nara Lokesh

Lokesh reflects on Yuvagalam Padayatra's impact

Data center to be established in Visakhapatnam

Action against YSRC regime's violations assured



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh emphasized Andhra Pradesh's advantage under Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, stating, "If Karnataka has Bangalore and Telangana has Hyderabad, then AP has Chandrababu's advantage." Lokesh participated in the Con-

clave in Delhi, answering key questions posed by senior journalists.

Reflecting on his Yuvagalam Padayatra, Lokesh credited it for providing firsthand insight into people's problems, calling it an "MBA in politics." He stated that his experience from the march has helped him effectively

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Nara Lokesh discharge his du ties in the coalition government. Lokesh announced plans to establish a data center in Visakhapatnam, emphasizing that AP has the skilled workforce to lead in technology. He highlighted the “speed of doing business” policy and reforms in the education curriculum from KG to PG to align with industry needs. He also revealed that 350 government services, including caste certificates and land records, will soon be accessible via WhatsApp through Manamitra. Dismissing concerns over linguistic policies, Lokesh stated that Telugu language promotion is a priority and that the NDA government is committed to strengthening mother tongues. He stressed that learning multiple languages like German and Japanese is crucial for global job opportunities. Lokesh criticized the illegal cases filed against him under the previous YSRCP government and accused the former regime of corruption in liquor and sand mining. He assured that action will be taken against those who violated the law. He pointed out that while opposition leader Jagan Mohan Reddy enjoys high security present, the previous government suppressed dissent. Lokesh highlighted his victory from Mangalagiri in 2024 with a 91,000-vote majority, the third-highest in AP. He acknowledged that he chose the challenging HRD department and humorously mentioned that his wife, Brahmani, pays his credit card bills. He concluded by stating that Women’s Day should be celebrated every day, reaffirming his commitment to women’s empowerment.

Accident Prevention Awareness Seminar Held at ZP High School, Nallapadu

- Tulsi Seeds Private Limited Managing Director, Shri Tulsi Yogish Chandra, addressed the students.
- Practical examples were given on accident prevention in everyday scenarios.
- The significance of following traffic rules and road safety measures was emphasized.

TPN Correspondent | Guntur
Tulsi Seeds Private Limited, in collaboration with Laghu Udyog Bharathi, organized an accident prevention awareness seminar on Friday as part of National Safety Week at the premises of Zilla Parishad High School, Nallapadu. The event aimed to educate students on the importance of accident prevention in daily life. Speaking at the event, Yogish Chandra explained the critical precautions needed to prevent accidents. He highlighted how carelessly left sand and gravel on roads during construction often lead to severe injuries for two-wheeler riders. He also pointed out the risks of slipping on wet floors at home and the consequences of not adhering to traffic rules at signals. He urged students to adopt a safety-first mindset in all activities to prevent accidents. The seminar concluded with multiple real-life examples to help students understand the importance of being cautious in their surroundings. Laghu Udyog Bharathi Guntur Division Secretary Sri C. H. Sridhar, High School Headmistress Mrs. Gnaa Prasuna, Tulsi Seeds staff, and students actively participated in the awareness program.

National Highway Expansion in Full Swing Demand for Railway Bridge Grows

Expansion of Pendurthi-Boddavara 516B National Highway approved at ₹782.91 crore. ₹1,059 crore allocated for the expansion of NH 440 from Chagalamarri to Vempalle. PM Modi laid the foundation stone virtually on March 8.

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
The expansion of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh has gained momentum following the formation of the coalition government. While work on the National Highway passing through the state capital, Amaravati, is progressing at a rapid pace, a crucial highway expansion project in Visakhapatnam district is also moving forward. After years of anticipation, the expansion of the Pendurthi-Boddavara 516B National Highway has been approved at an estimated cost of ₹782.91 crore. Additionally, swift measures are being taken to expand the National Highway from Chagalamarri in Nandyal district to Vempalle in Pulivendula constituency, covering a stretch of 78.95 km. The tender process for the ₹1,059 crore expansion work on National Highway 440 was completed last December, with land acquisition finalized. Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone for these projects from Visakhapatnam on March 8. However, residents living within a kilometer of the railway gate in the region continue to face severe traffic issues. With the 167 AD expansion in progress, there is an urgent need to complete the railway bridge work to ease congestion. As a bypass road is being constructed to connect it to the National Highway, locals are eagerly awaiting the bridge’s completion to improve connectivity and reduce traffic woes.

AP Govt partners with Rapido to Accelerate Women’s Financial Independence

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Rapido, India’s largest ride-sharing platform, has joined hands with the Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA), an initiative by the Government of Andhra Pradesh to create meaningful livelihood opportunities for women. Through this partnership, formalized via a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Rapido aims to support Self-Help Group (SHG) members by enabling them to become self-reliant micro-entrepreneurs in the mobility space. MEPMA, under the state’s Municipal Administration & Urban Development (MA & UD) Department, has been actively working to improve the lives of women through skill-building and financial empowerment. By partnering with Rapido, MEPMA is taking another important step toward helping women gain financial independence by integrating them into the mobility workforce.

At the heart of this collaboration is Rapido’s Pink Mobility initiative, which is focused on creating a safe, inclusive, and financially viable transport solution “by women, for women”. Beyond transportation, the program empowers women through job creation, skill development, and financial literacy, enabling them to play an active role in shaping their futures. Through this partnership, 1,000 women captains across Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Nellore, Guntur, Kurnool, Tirupati, Kakinada, and Rajahmundry will get access to job opportunities, along with an EMI subsidy of INR 1,000 per month for a year to help them acquire electric vehicles.

Commending the initiative Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu remarked “We are deeply committed to supporting self-reliant women micro-entrepreneurs across Andhra Pradesh and are pleased to facilitate financial assistance for vehicle procurement. Rapido’s commitment in supporting SHGs with their EMIs and creating job opportunities in the mobility space represents a significant step towards a



women-centric transport solution. This partnership will bolster the state’s ongoing efforts to empower women and encourage fiscal independence.”

Welcoming the partnership Respected Mission Director Sir N. Tej Bharath, I.A.S., MEPMA, said “At MEPMA, our focus is on improving quality of life and creating an environment for inclusive growth for all. Through our partnership with Rapido, we aim to further empower SHG women with job opportunities, skill training, and financial literacy, providing them with a platform to succeed and grow.”

Aravind Sanka, Co-founder and CEO of Rapido, expressed his gratitude to MEPMA and The Government of Andhra Pradesh on the venture saying “At Rapido, we believe mobility is more than just movement—it’s a gateway to economic empowerment. This International Women’s Day, we are proud to partner with MEPMA to support SHG women, equipping them with the skills and opportunities to thrive in the micro-mobility sector. This isn’t just a collaboration; but a commitment to turning mobility into a force for financial independence. By creating safer, more inclusive transport solutions, we’re not just serving

communities—we’re uplifting them, driving towards a more equitable and empowered future for all. Our vision is to scale pink mobility in tier-3 and tier-4 cities of Andhra Pradesh.”

Beyond offering employment, the program is designed to help these women build long-term careers in mobility by providing them with skill training, financial literacy programs, and a platform to earn with confidence.

To make the transition smoother for SHG women, Rapido is offering:

- Soft-skill and digital literacy training to help them navigate the platform with ease.
 - Zero platform fees to provide financial relief as they get started.
 - Free helmets and t-shirts to ensure safety and professional visibility.
- Rapido, in collaboration with MEPMA, aims to onboard 1000 captains including 760 bike captains and 240 auto captains across Andhra Pradesh.

With the support of the government of Andhra Pradesh and the MEPMA, this collaboration is set to transform how women engage with mobility, offering jobs, independence, dignity, and a pathway to financial security.

Amaravati Construction to Begin Between March 12-15: Minister Narayana

Tenders being opened after MLC election code lifted No change in designs finalized between 2014-19 Capital to be built by selling surplus land, not tax revenue

TPN Correspondent | Rajamahendravaram
Municipal Administration Minister Narayana addressed the media at the Rajamahendravaram Municipal Corporation office, discussing key developments regarding the construction of Amaravati. He announced that Amaravati’s construction work will commence between March 12-15. With the lifting of the MLC election code, the government is opening tenders and finalizing contract agencies. He assured that the selected agencies would receive Letters of Award (LOAs) within two days after obtaining approval from the concerned authorities. Minister Narayana reaffirmed that the origi-

nal designs approved between 2014-19 remain unchanged. He stated that it took seven and a half months to clear legal hurdles, which caused delays in the capital’s construction. Criticizing the previous government, he said that former CM Jagan Mohan Reddy abandoned Amaravati farmers and misled them with the three-capital proposal. Highlighting Amaravati’s potential, he revealed that there is a surplus of 4,000 acres of land in the capital region. He explained that once basic infrastructure is developed, land prices will increase, enabling the government to fund the capital’s construction without using public tax revenue. The ₹6,000 crore allo-



cated in the budget will be spent without burdening taxpayers. He further stated that YSRCP leaders are in confusion as Amaravati’s construction is now moving forward. “They believed it was impossible to build the capital after incurring ₹10 lakh crore in debts. But we will complete Amaravati’s construction within three years,” he asserted.

Women’s empowerment is the goal of the coalition govt: Minister Dola

TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

International Women’s Day celebrations were held grandly at the district Telugu Desam Party office under the chairmanship of State Co-operative Oil Seeds Growers Federation Chairman and District Telugu Desam Party President Gandhi Babji. District in-charge Minister Dola Sribalaviranjaneya Swamy, who attended the event as the chief guest, highlighted the contributions of the late NT Rama Rao in empowering women. He recalled that after becoming Chief Minister, NTR ensured property rights for women and implemented 33 percent reservation for them in local bodies.

The minister emphasized that the coalition government is com-



mitted to women’s welfare and empowerment. He stated that the government prioritizes women’s safety and takes strict action against those who commit atrocities against them. Additionally, he mentioned that incentives are being provided to women entre-

preneurs to encourage their participation in business and economic development.

Minister Dola also acknowledged the significant role women played in the success of the coalition government and reiterated

their commitment to furthering women’s empowerment.

District Telugu Desam Party General Secretary Polamarasetti Srinivasa Rao participated in the event. On this occasion, Minister Dola Sribalaviranjaneya Swamy and Gandhi Babji felicitated several prominent women leaders, including State Secretary Thota Ratnam, District Women President Sarvasiddhi Ananthalakshmi, Women General Secretary Ganagalla Satya, Madiga Corporation Director Sujatha, State Kapu Corporation Director Kurimina Lilavati, Visakha South Constituency Telugu Women President Kedari Lakshmi, Bhimili former ZPTC Bora Radha Kumari, Mukka Eswari, and Isarapu Venkata-lakshmi.

TDP Leaders Warns of Political War if Bojja Family is Targeted



- TDP leaders defend Bojja family's integrity
- SCV Naidu accused of political opportunism
- Warns of consequences if false allegations continue

TPN Correspondent | Srikalahasti
TDP leaders in Srikalahasti launched a strong counterattack against former MLA SCV Naidu, warning that any accusations against the Bojja family would lead to a political war. Addressing the media at NTR Bhavan on Saturday, they defended the

Bojja family's 40-year legacy of honesty and service to the party. TDP leaders slammed SCV Naidu's shifting loyalties, recalling that he had earlier criticized TDP and N. Chandrababu Naidu while in Congress, then switched back in 2014 only to later join YSRCP. They accused

him of opportunism, claiming that despite rejoining TDP, he still maintains ties with YSRCP leaders, including Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy. Regarding the Oteru pond encroachment issue, TDP leaders clarified that MLA Bojjala Venkata Sudheer Reddy only raised concerns about illegal occupation and did not name anyone. However, they alleged that SCV Naidu reacted as if personally targeted, hinting at guilt. They also accused him of shielding benamis while pretending to support farmers. Further, they stated that land encroachments, including SC/ST lands near Enugulagunta, had been ignored during SCV Naidu's tenure. In contrast, they credited Sudheer Reddy for spearheading development projects and successfully organizing Srikalahasti's Mahashivratri Brahmotsavam. TDP leaders mocked SCV Naidu's claim of reviewing the TDP government's performance, saying that if his political history is exposed, he would lose his standing. They cautioned him against political maneuvering that could lead to his downfall. The press conference saw participation from several TDP leaders, including Vijay Kumar Naidu, Ravilla Muniraja Naidu, Rangineni Chenchiah Naidu, Kamesh Yadav, and Subbaiah, among others.

YV Subbareddy Unveils 'Youth War' Poster, Calls for Statewide Protests

TPN Correspondent | Tadepalli
Senior YSR Congress Party (YCP) leader YV Subbareddy unveiled the 'Youth War' poster at the YCP headquarters in Tadepalli, announcing a major protest against the coalition government. He accused the Chandrababu-led administration of betraying the youth by failing to implement key election promises, including fee reimbursement and unemployment benefits. As part of 'Youth War', YCP leaders will organize dharnas in front of all district collectorates on March 12, demanding the immediate release of pending fee reimbursement and unemployment allowances for lakhs of eligible students and unemployed youth. YCP leaders criticized the government for failing to fulfill its commitments despite making tall promises during elections. Subbareddy also condemned the government's alleged move to privatize medical colleges, stating that the previous Jagan Mohan Reddy administration had sanc-



tioned 17 medical colleges and launched five, ensuring improved healthcare and medical education access. However, he accused the current leadership of trying to hand over public institutions to private entities, which he said would hurt students and reduce opportunities for aspiring doctors from economically weaker backgrounds. Calling upon students and unemployed

youth to join the movement, Subbareddy urged them to expose the coalition's alleged failures. He emphasized that the YCP will continue its fight against policies that harm the youth and demand accountability from the ruling government. YCP MLC Varudu Kalyani and other party leaders were also present at the event, expressing their support for the 'Youth War' agitation.

YS Sharmila Slams State & Central Govt's Over Women's Safety



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Andhra Pradesh Congress Party President YS Sharmila Reddy launched a scathing attack on both the central and state governments over their alleged failure to ensure women's safety. Speaking at the Congress Party office in Vijayawada, she criticized the BJP for treating women as second-class citizens for electoral gains. Extending her wishes on International Women's Day, Sharmila emphasized that women are the backbone of society. She stated that where women are respected, prosperity follows, but lamented that violence against women is on the rise in both the state and the country. She cited alarming statistics, claiming that 50 women are

attacked every hour and 80 women face sexual harassment daily in India. She accused the BJP and its affiliated organizations of failing to protect women, calling the Nari Shakti Vandan scheme a hollow promise with no real implementation. Sharmila further revealed that 2 lakh cases of harassment against women were registered in the last decade, while atrocities against women have risen by 25% in the last five years. She expressed deep concern over 54,000 missing women cases, calling it a shame that Andhra Pradesh ranks first in attacks on women. She blamed the government's lack of sincerity in tackling alcohol and drug abuse, which she identified as major causes of violence. Criticizing women's empowerment schemes, Sharmila labeled free bus travel, financial assistance, and zero-interest loans as mere eyewash. She argued that while schemes like Amma Vodi and cash benefits exist on paper, they fail to provide true empowerment. She urged women to see through these deceptions and demand real security and progress.

Former Dy CM Pushpasri Vani Questions NDA Govt on Women's Welfare

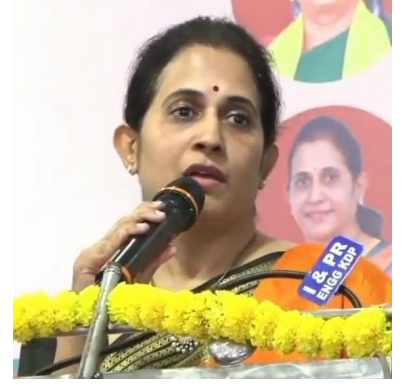
TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
Former Deputy Chief Minister Pamula Pushpasri Vani has questioned the sincerity of the current NDA government in continuing welfare programs for women. She stated that during the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government, 75% of the funds allocated for welfare schemes directly benefited women. She challenged the Chandrababu Naidu-led government to prove whether it could even match half of the assistance provided to women during the previous regime. Speaking at a media conference, Pamula Pushpasri Vani criticized the NDA government for failing to implement welfare programs effectively. She pointed out that under Jagan's leadership, several schemes such as Amma Vodi, YSR Cheyutha, YSR Asara, and Kapu Nestham were implemented to provide financial security and empowerment to women across various sections of society. She questioned whether the current government had the capability or willingness



to continue such large-scale welfare initiatives. She further accused the coalition government of neglecting the welfare sector and prioritizing corporate interests over the needs of women and marginalized communities. She urged the government to release details of funds allocated for women in their current welfare plans and compared them with the allocations made during the YSRCP rule. Pamula Pushpasri Vani called upon women across the state to demand accountability from the government and ensure that welfare programs benefiting them are not diluted or discontinued.

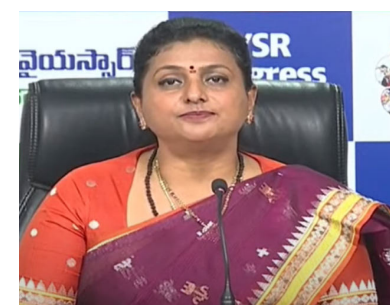
MLA Madhavireddy's Strong Message on Women's Safety

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa
Kadapa MLA Reddappagari Madhavireddy made powerful comments during the Women's Day celebrations, urging women to be fearless and stand up for themselves in any situation. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized that girls should not wait for someone to come to their rescue when in danger but should instead fight back with courage. He asserted that if anyone misbehaves with or attacks a woman, she has every right to retaliate. He called upon the police to take strict action against those who harass women, ensuring their safety without any bias. He also made it clear that if any leader from his own party is found guilty of such behavior, they will not be spared, reinforcing that wrongdoing will not be tolerated under any circumstances. MLA Madhavireddy stressed



that fear should not be a tool that others use to suppress women. Instead, he encouraged women to be bold and confident in facing any challenge. His speech resonated with the audience, inspiring them to adopt a fearless approach in their daily lives. Women in attendance appreciated his words, seeing them as a strong assurance of support and justice. His message reinforced the need for a society where women feel safe, empowered, and protected.

Roja Slams Government on Women's Safety and Welfare



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
Former Minister R K Roja criticized the NDA government, alleging that it has neglected women's welfare and safety. Speaking at a media conference, she stated that YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's government introduced every welfare scheme in the name of women, enabling their empowerment. She highlighted that the establishment of Disha police stations and the Disha app aimed to protect women, but the coalition government has now weakened these ini-

tiatives. Roja accused Chandrababu Naidu of having no respect for women and failing to fulfill the promises he made to them. She pointed out that the NDA government is merely renaming the Disha app as "Shakti" instead of ensuring its proper functioning. She further alleged that Chandrababu has never discussed women's issues in any cabinet meeting and has done nothing to curb the spread of liquor and marijuana, which continue to endanger women's safety. She also questioned Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan's silence on cases of harassment by leaders of the ruling coalition. Roja warned that governments that deceive women have never sustained themselves in history and emphasized that women will hold the NDA government accountable for its failures.

MLC Varudu Kalyani Calls to bring back YS Jagan as CM



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
YSRCP leader Varudu Kalyani strongly criticized the NDA government for failing to protect women and neglecting their welfare. Speaking at a media conference, she stated that during YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's rule, women could walk freely even at midnight due to the Disha app and effective security measures. However, under the present government, women's safety has become highly vulnerable.

She highlighted that YS Jagan ensured 50% representation for women in nominated posts and provided significant employment opportunities for girls. In contrast, the NDA government has betrayed women by making empty promises. She alleged that despite presenting two budgets, not a single rupee has been allocated for women's welfare. Kalyani further stated that the coalition government has systematically misled women into believing their words, but in reality, they have failed to deliver on any commitment. She expressed concern that women's empowerment is being completely ignored under the current administration. Calling for a change, she urged women to recognize the deceit of the NDA government and actively work towards bringing YS Jagan back as Chief Minister to restore women's safety, empowerment, and welfare programs.

Loyola College Walkers Celebrate Women's Day with Enthusiasm



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Loyola College Walkers Association organized a special celebration to honor women members. The event featured a cake-cutting ceremony, where members expressed their appreciation for the contributions of women in all walks of life.



served as a platform to discuss health and fitness awareness among women, encouraging them to prioritize their well-being.

Speaking at the event, association members emphasized the importance of recognizing and celebrating women's achievements. They highlighted the need for equal opportunities, respect, and empowerment for women in society. The gathering also

The celebration concluded with warm wishes for continued progress and success for women, as attendees pledged to support gender equality and women's empowerment in their communities.

International Women's Day Celebrated at Narayana School



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada International Women's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Currency Nagar Narayana School on Saturday. Students, teachers, and staff actively participated in the celebrations, which featured various programs highlighting the dignity and contributions of women in society.

Dr. Geeta Devi, MD DGO from Ayush Hospital, attended as the chief guest and addressed the gathering on the importance of women's empowerment, education, and job opportunities. She also discussed gender equality and answered queries from students' mothers, emphasizing the need for awareness and support for women in all fields.

The school management expressed that the program aimed to instill respect for women among students and create a broader awareness of their societal contributions. Narayana Schools AGIM Saththireddy, Coordinator Leoni, and Principal Adi Lakshmi thanked everyone for making the event a success.

Police Commissioner SV Rajasekhar Babu Inaugurates Volvo XC90 at Volvo Showroom

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada (Nidamanur) Swedish luxury car manufacturer Volvo has launched its latest variant, the Volvo XC90, at the Krishna Volvo showroom in Nidamanur near Vijayawada. City Police Commissioner SV Rajasekhar Babu, along with Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao and Volvo CEO Mauli Garg, formally unveiled the new model. Speaking at the event, Commissioner Rajasekhar Babu

described the XC90 as one of the safest cars in the world, with a striking design that captures attention instantly. He lauded Volvo's technological advancements in automobile manufacturing. The new variant, priced at Rs. 1.3 crore, is expected to attract car enthusiasts with its premium features and state-of-the-art safety systems. MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao expressed his



support for Volvo's expansion in India and assured assistance for the company's operations in the state. Volvo CEO Mauli Garg stated that the company is focused on further growth in the Indian market and emphasized that the XC90's design would appeal to customers. Several company representatives and showroom staff participated in the launch event.

Women's Participation Essential for Society's Progress: MLA Venigandla Ramu



TPN Correspondent | Gudivada Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu emphasized that society cannot progress without the active participation of women. He stated that the coalition government is committed to ensuring 60% participation of women across all sectors and prioritizing their development.

On Saturday, MLA Ramu attended the International Women's Day celebrations organized by the AP NGO AS-

sociation and the SKP Foundation at Railway Station Road, Gudivada. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted the government's dedication to empowering women and supporting girl child education. He stressed the importance of respecting women at home and in society, comparing their role to that of a mother.

MLA Ramu urged parents to give daughters the independence to choose their careers and support their

ambitions. He noted that many internationally renowned companies are led by women, showcasing their immense potential. Expressing concern over outdated societal practices, he condemned the tradition of marrying off girls soon after intermediate education, calling it regressive.

He also acknowledged Minister Nara Lokesh's initiative to introduce progressive changes in textbooks, promoting the idea that household work is a shared responsibility of both men and women.

As part of the celebrations, MLA Ramu felicitated women excelling in various fields and presented prizes to winners of cultural and sports competitions.

Several dignitaries, including AP NGO Women's Wing President Vani, Treasurer Jayanthi, Dr. Sugunavathi, sociologist Kondapalli Chandrasekhar Reddy, MPDO Vishnu Prasad, and SKP Foundation Organizer Tara, participated in the event along with a large number of women employees and local leaders.

Traditional Dance Performance Held at Indrakiladri Temple

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada A mesmerizing traditional dance performance was held at Sri Durga Malleswaraswamy Warla Devasthanam, Indrakiladri, on Saturday evening. The event, dedicated to Adi Parashakti and Jaganmata Sri Kanakadurgamma, showcased the rich cultural heritage of Andhra Pradesh through classical dance.

The dance troupe from Sri Nataraja Nrityalayam, Vijayawada, under the guidance of Nrityacharya Sri Rayana Srinivasa Rao, performed with devotion. Seventeen artists presented captivating renditions of compositions such as Moushika Vahana, Muddu Gare Yashoda, Alarimpu, Dasavataramulu, and Kailasavasa, enthral-



ling the devotees. After the performance, the artists were blessed with the divine darshan of Sri Ammavaru and received prasadam from the temple

authorities. The event was a spiritual and cultural offering to the goddess, leaving devotees in awe of the traditional art form.

Eluru Farmers Urge Water Supply for Fish Ponds

Farmers seek water release to fish ponds amid summer shortage MP Putta Mahesh Kumar responds to their appeal Authorities directed to address farmers' concerns

TPN Correspondent | Eluru Eluru farmers cultivating fish have appealed to MP Putta Mahesh Kumar for water supply to their ponds as they face severe shortages due to the intense summer. A group of farmers met the MP at his local camp office on Saturday, highlighting their financial distress caused by the water crisis. They submitted a petition urging the government to release water into summer storage tanks for drinking water needs while also ensuring sufficient supply for paddy cultivation. Once these essential requirements are met, they requested the allocation of water to fish ponds to sustain their livelihoods. Responding promptly, MP Mahesh Kumar directed the concerned authorities to take immediate steps to release water, acknowl-

edging the pressing challenges faced by fish farmers. He assured them that the issue would be addressed to help mitigate their difficulties.



International Women's Day Celebrated Grandly in Mylavaram

TPN Correspondent | Mylavaram International Women's Day celebrations were held in a grand manner under the auspices of MPDO Sunitha Sharma and chaired by Mandal Parishad President (MPP) Paladugu Jyotsna. The program, held on Saturday at the Mandal Parishad office premises, was attended by Mylavaram Constituency Special Officer Mutyala Srinivasa Rao as the chief guest. He extended his best wishes to all women on this special occasion.

Several women achievers, including MRO Venkateswarlu, MEO Pushpalatha, Vice MPP Bandi Nagamani, Jupudi Village Sarpanch Kaki Dev Mata, PHC doctors, APMS, Anganwadi teachers, and sanitation workers, were felicitated. Speaking at the event, MPDO Sunitha Sharma noted that celebrating Women's Day at a time when women have achieved equal rights with men is a significant development.

As part of the program, winners of various competitions organized by the Mandal Parishad were awarded prizes by MPP Paladugu Jyotsna. In her address, she highlighted that Indian traditions have always revered women as the source of creation and that women on Saturday are excelling in all fields, setting an example for the world. She recalled that the late Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao introduced several schemes and legal reforms to empower women.

She assured that if any woman faces difficulties, local legislators, including Vasantha Krishna Prasad, would take immediate action to resolve the issue. The event saw participation from health staff, government employees, and Telugu Desam Party leaders, including Paladugu Durga Prasad, Bandi Venkat Rao, and Kaki Raghava.

Borugadda Anil Alleges Threat to Life, Releases Emotional Video

Claims partisan activities against him for four months Alleges threat from Chandrababu, Pawan Kalyan, and Lokesh Appeals for protection, says he is taking care of ailing mother

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh Borugadda Anil has released a video alleging that the ruling coalition has been engaging in partisan activities against him for the past four months. Speaking emotionally, he stated that he is releasing the video with tears in his eyes. Anil claimed that his life is in danger from Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh. He declared that if anything hap-

pens to him, they should be held responsible. He further stated that God, Jagan, and YSRC are his only guides. He alleged that the police had conspired to stop him when he was about to secure bail in Anantapur and that he had faced police harassment in Kurnool. He added that his mother had recently undergone surgery at Apollo Hospital and that he was supposed to take care of her. Responding to allegations that he had submitted false medi-

cal certificates to the court, Anil questioned how he could forge documents while he was in jail. He asserted that he respects the judiciary and has done nothing wrong. Currently in Chennai, Anil claimed he is looking after his mother and has no support except from Jagan Mohan Reddy and YSRC. He further alleged that he was being prevented from securing bail and expressed anguish that no one should have to endure such hardships, even his enemies

Telangana Govt Must Explain RTI Delays on Phone Tapping Case: HC



TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 09 : The Telangana High Court has directed the state government to provide explanations for the delays in responding to an RTI query regarding a phone tapping complaint filed in 2015. The complaint alleged unauthorized surveillance during the previous government's tenure. Farhat Ibrahim, the complainant, had submitted RTI requests seeking details about the phone tapping of his and others' calls but received no response from the authorities. Despite approaching the Home Department and the Chief Sec-

retary, Ibrahim claimed that his complaints went unaddressed, and his appeals were dismissed with exemptions claimed by the authorities. Ibrahim's lawyer, P Mahesh, argued that repeated requests for information were ignored. As a result, Ibrahim approached the High Court after the Information Commission failed to facilitate his appeal process. Justice B Vijaysen Reddy heard the case and ordered the Telangana government to provide a detailed explanation. The case has been adjourned until March 21 for further hearing.

BRS to Hold Public Meeting in Warangal on April 27 for 25th Anniversary

TPN , Correspondent
Warangal , Mar 09 : The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a grand public meeting in Warangal on April 27. Party chief K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) has announced the event as part of the silver jubilee celebrations, aimed at showcasing the pride of Telangana society. KCR has tasked senior party leader and former minister Harish Rao with organizing the event, while former minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy will assist in coordinating efforts. Organizing committees for the event will be formed soon to ensure smooth execution. The

venue for the meeting will be finalized after considering suitable locations near Warangal. KCR emphasized that the event will not only commemorate the party's milestone but also focus on addressing critical issues, particularly those faced by women in Telangana. He reiterated the need for BRS to be perceived as the "home party" of Telangana and underscored the importance of fighting for public issues more vigorously. The party aims to mark this significant milestone.



Rural Farmer's Outrage Against MLA Beerla Illayya for Neglecting Irrigation Needs



TPN , Correspondent
Bhuvanagiri , Mar 09 : A farmer from Masayipet village in Yadagirigutta Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, has expressed his anger towards local MLA Beerla Illayya for failing to address his irrigation issues. The farmer, identified as M. Balraju, who owns six acres of land, has been facing severe drought conditions and power outages

that have caused his crops to dry up. In a heated outburst, Balraju claimed that despite being a senior Congress worker and a relative of MLA Beerla Illayya, his pleas for water and help had been ignored. He pointed out that Illayya, who had promised to bring water from the Kaleshwaram project during his election campaign, had not delivered any assistance after winning the election. Balraju criticized the MLA for not visiting his farm or addressing the issue, saying that while his crops withered, Illayya did not fulfill his promises, leaving the farmers in distress. This incident highlights the growing frustration among farmers regarding unmet promises and the lack of support for their livelihood.

BRS MLC K Kavitha Calls for Immediate Implementation of Women's Reservation Law

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 09 : Telangana BRS MLC K Kavitha demanded the immediate implementation of the Women's Reservation Law, urging the central government to implement it without linking it to the population census. During her speech at the International Women's Day celebrations organized by the BRS party at Telangana Bhavan, Kavitha expressed concern over the political losses suffered by women due to the delayed implementation of this law. She pointed out that despite being passed by Parliament in 2023, the law has not been implemented, and women have been politically marginalized due to the lack of reservations in legislative bodies. Kavitha highlighted that in recent elections in Maharashtra, Delhi, and Haryana, several women failed to win seats due to the absence of such provisions. She also pointed out that states like Bihar and Tamil Nadu could see more women elected if the census is conducted quickly. Further, she urged Congress to fulfill its promises made to women during the elections, including the provision of ₹2500 per woman. Kavitha also demanded a clear plan from the government on how women would be made "crorepatis" and called for wage increases for Anganwadi and Asha workers. She praised Former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao for centralizing women's welfare in the state's governance and emphasized that the government should provide better facilities for women in workplaces and address the barriers women still face.

AI to Train Government School Students in Skill Development: Minister Sridhar Babu



TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 09 : Telangana's IT and Industries Minister, K.T. Sridhar Babu, announced that Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be used to provide skill development training to students in government schools. The initiative aims to equip students with necessary skills aligned with emerging technologies, preparing them for future challenges. During a meeting with Sandeep Kumar, the founder of KONA Foundation, at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat, the minister shared details of the plan to enhance the teaching capabilities of government school teachers. He emphasized the state government's commitment to leveraging AI in education to stay in line with changing technological advancements. Minister Sridhar Babu further revealed plans to set up an "AI City" through a public-private partnership (PPP) model, which will also house an AI University of international standards. The government is working on expanding AI-based skill development training, currently being provided to students in Nalgonda district, to all government schools across the state. The foundation's efforts were praised for providing free training to students and engaging in several social service programs, particularly in Sandeep Kumar's hometown. The event also saw participation from government IT advisor, Sai Krishna.

Amararaja Giga Factory" Groundbreaking Ceremony in Divitipalli

TPN , Correspondent
Divitipalli , Mar 09 : In a major industrial development move, a groundbreaking ceremony for the "Amararaja Giga Factory-1," along with plants from Altiminn Private Limited, Loham Materials Private Limited, and SSEL Energy Private Limited, was conducted in Divitipalli, Mahabubnagar district, with Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Telangana IT and Industries Minister K. T. Sridhar Babu. Minister Sridhar Babu highlighted that Amararaja Advanced Cell Technologies Private Limited plans to invest ₹9,852 crores over the next 10 years across 262 acres in Telangana. This project will create direct employment for approximately 4,500 people. The third unit of the plant, costing ₹1,900 crores, broke ground during the ceremony, alongside two existing units under construction. Other key projects include:

- Altiminn Private Limited, which will produce batteries and critical materials based on lithium ferro phosphate (LFP) technology, planned for completion over two phases in 3 years, with an investment of ₹800 crores on 20 acres, generating 300 jobs.
 - Loham Materials Private Limited will establish a waste processing plant with an investment of ₹502 crores on 20 acres, capable of processing 12.5 lakh tonnes of waste annually, offering employment to 120 people.
 - SSEL Energy Private Limited will manufacture steel cans and caps for lithium-ion cells with an investment of ₹23 crores on 6 acres, creating 150 jobs.
- Minister Sridhar Babu expressed gratitude to industrialists for their trust in the government, led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, and assured continued support. He also called for greater support from the central government for industrial growth in Telangana. He further mentioned the development of policies such as the Telangana Electric Vehicle & Energy Storage Policy and the Clean & Green Energy Policy, aimed at boosting the state's industrial sector. Additionally, he acknowledged the contribution of farmers who sacrificed land for the Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in Divitipalli and promised further development to enhance the Telangana brand globally. The state's goal is to provide employment opportunities to youth, expanding industries across various regions, not just confined to one area.

Spy Camera Found at Girls' Hostel in Sangareddy

TPN , Correspondent
Sangareddy , Mar 09 : A shocking incident occurred at a girls' hostel in Sangareddy when an inmate discovered a spy camera hidden in her room. The camera, disguised as an adaptor, was found with an SD card to store footage. The hostel, located in Kishoreddypeta, became the center of a commotion as other inmates became aware of the incident. Upon receiving the information, the Ameenpur police arrived at the scene and took one individual into custody. The police seized several gadgets from the hostel for further investigation. Authorities are now working to determine the purpose behind the camera and investigate how it was installed without the knowledge of the hostel management. The incident has raised concerns about privacy and security in such accommodations.

Man Electrocuted During Film Shooting at Shankarpalli

TPN , Correspondent
Shankarpalli , Mar 09 : A tragic incident occurred at a film shooting location in Shankarpalli, Hyderabad, on Friday night when a man was electrocuted. The victim, identified as B Shambhareddy (50), a former AMC director from Shankarpalli, was at the shooting spot in Tangatur village when the accident took place. According to Mokila Sub-Inspector Koteswar Rao, Shambhareddy accidentally came into contact with an electric transformer during the shooting and died from electrocution. Following the incident, mild tension prevailed as Shambhareddy's family and relatives staged a protest demanding compensation. The police intervened and pacified the protesters. The situation was brought under control only after the film unit assured compensation for the victim's family. The Mokila police have registered a case and have initiated an investigation into the matter.

Minister Ponguleti Announces Indiramma Houses to Begin Next Week

TPN , Correspondent
Hyderabad , Mar 09 : Telangana Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy made an important announcement regarding the Indiramma housing scheme. He confirmed that the construction of Indiramma houses will begin next week, with plans to initiate the program in every constituency. According to his statement, around 3,500 Indiramma houses will be constructed in each constituency, and eligible beneficiaries will be selected to commence the work. This announcement marks a shift from the earlier timeline provided by the Minister, who had previously stated that the selection of beneficiaries for Indiramma houses would happen after Sankranti. However, the delay in the process led to frustration among the public as the survey for the houses had been reported as only 74% complete by then. Earlier statements from the Minister had set expectations for action by October, then December, and later after Sankranti, causing unrest among the people. Now, with a clear statement of starting the project in just a week, the Minister has aimed to quell the growing discontent.





1953 Revisited

Andhra's Unhealed Wounds-Stalin Must Answer

The Madras State was divided in 1953 when the Telugu-speaking regions were separated to form the new Andhra State, primarily due to the demands of the Andhra people who felt they were being neglected and treated unfairly within the larger Madras state, leading to accusations of "ill treatment" towards the Andhras by the Tamil dominated government of Madras; this division was a result of the strong linguistic state movement in India at the time.

Mr. Stalin is advocating for a united front among seven states where the majority of the population adheres to Sanatana Dharma. However, he, along with his son and political allies, is firmly opposed to Sanatana Dharma. It is essential for him to clarify his party's position on this matter.

1953 Madras state division Andhra's Unhealed Wounds—Stalin Must Answer and Apologise before asking for southern states unity .



ment gained momentum with the sacrifices of leaders like Potti Sriramulu, who undertook a fast unto death, ultimately leading to the creation of Andhra state in 1953. However, the manner in which the Telugu people were forced to leave Madras city added insult to injury. They were given a strict deadline to vacate, leaving many families and businesses in turmoil. This bitter memory has persisted through generations, serving as a reminder of the discrimination and disregard they faced. In light of this historical context, it is imperative for Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister, Mr. M.K. Stalin, to acknowledge this painful past and extend a formal apology to the people of Andhra Pradesh before advocating for unity among the southern states. Unity cannot be built on the foundation of

unresolved historical injustices; it requires mutual respect and understanding. An official apology would not only serve as an act of reconciliation but also help foster genuine cooperation between the two states. Without addressing these grievances, any call for unity remains superficial and lacks the emotional and moral foundation necessary for true solidarity. Furthermore, it is essential for Andhra Pradesh to remain vigilant and not fall under the influence of Tamil interests that may seek to overshadow its own cultural and political identity. Over the years, there have been instances where Andhra's interests have been sidelined in broader regional discussions, whether in matters of resource allocation, political representation, or economic collaborations. The

rich heritage and aspirations of the Telugu people must be preserved and prioritized in any discussions of regional cooperation. True unity among the southern states can only be achieved through a balanced partnership where each state's identity and interests are safeguarded. Mr. Stalin's recent actions and rhetoric raise concerns about his commitment to national integration. His apparent alignment with foreign entities and his stance on regional issues suggest a potential divergence from the broader goals of unity and cooperation that are vital for the progress of all southern states. While regional alliances can be beneficial, they should not come at the cost of national integrity or the marginalization of any state's interests. It is crucial for leaders to prioritize

the well-being of their own communities while fostering a spirit of collaboration that respects the unique identities of each state. Hence, the Telugu-speaking population of Andhra Pradesh deserves recognition and respect for their historical experiences. An apology from Mr. Stalin would be a significant step towards reconciliation, and it is essential for Andhra Pradesh to assert its identity and interests in the face of external influences. The scars of the past cannot be ignored, but they can be addressed through sincere gestures of acknowledgment and respect. True unity among southern states will only be possible when there is a genuine commitment to addressing past grievances and fostering a relationship based on equality, understanding, and mutual respect.

YS Family Feud A Battle Beyond Business

Avinash | TPN
Hyderabad, Mar 09: Family disputes over wealth and inheritance are not uncommon, but when such conflicts involve powerful political figures, they become matters of public debate. The ongoing legal battle between former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and his sister, YS Sharmila, over Saraswati Power shares is not just a family disagreement—it is a spectacle that reflects the deepening cracks within the YS family and the political ambitions that might be fueling the conflict. A Family Torn Apart by Wealth and Power
At the heart of the issue is the alleged illegal transfer of shares, with Jagan accusing his sister of fraudulently seizing control of company assets. What makes this case even more sensational

is the claim that their mother, YS Vijayamma, is being used as a tool in this dispute. The involvement of a mother in a legal fight between her own children makes this conflict even more tragic. Jagan, who has always presented himself as a strong leader with full control over his political and financial empire, is now openly admitting that even within his own family, he is facing betrayal and opposition. On the other hand, Sharmila, who has long struggled to find her own political identity separate from her brother's influence, is now fighting back, showing that she is no longer willing to remain in his shadow. Political Rivalry or Business Dispute? While Jagan insists that the case is purely about financial transactions and not a family



dispute, the larger political context cannot be ignored. Sharmila's growing political ambitions and her strained relationship with Jagan have been evident for years. She has openly criticized her brother's leadership style, and her political moves—first in Telangana and now in Andhra Pradesh—suggest that she is carving her own path, independent of the YSR Congress Party.

Jagan's petition highlights the extent to which their relationship has soured. He has gone from once expressing affection for his sister and planning to transfer assets to her in the future to now calling her actions fraudulent and illegal. The dramatic shift raises questions—was the sibling bond always fragile, or did political and financial differences break it beyond repair? The Emotional Toll on Vijayamma
Amidst this fierce battle, the role of YS Vijayamma is deeply unfortunate. As the widow of YS Rajasekhara Reddy, she was once the unifying force of the family, standing by both Jagan and Sharmila. But today, she

finds herself in a difficult position, caught between her son and daughter. Jagan's claim that Vijayamma is being used as a front by Sharmila to justify the alleged illegal share transfers is disturbing. If true, it points to a manipulation of family relationships for financial gain. If false, it suggests that Jagan himself is willing to bring his mother into a bitter legal fight to protect his assets. Either way, Vijayamma's position in this dispute is painful to witness. The Public Perception and the Legal Battle Ahead
The case, now before the National Company Law Tribunal, is set for its next hearing on April 3. However, regardless of the legal outcome, the damage to the YS family's public image is already done. The YS family has always relied on the legacy

of YSR to maintain its political credibility. But now, with Jagan and Sharmila openly fighting over wealth, the idealized image of YSR's united family is quickly crumbling. For the people of Andhra Pradesh, this feud raises important questions—if a leader cannot keep his own family united, how can he be expected to manage a state? If political ambitions and financial greed can tear apart the most influential political dynasty in Andhra Pradesh, what does it say about the future of leadership in the state? As this legal battle unfolds, one thing is clear: this is not just about Saraswati Power shares. It is about power, political positioning, and the irreversible breakdown of a once-unbreakable family bond.



Kambala Srinivasa Rao's Service Continues Uninterrupted After Political Entry

TPN | SK Ghani
East Godavari, Mar 9: Kambala Srinivasa Rao, known for his unwavering service to the people and dedication to Hindu Dharma, has officially stepped into politics. Despite his political debut, his commitment to social service remains strong. A massive public meeting was held in Gokavaram, where BJP

leaders, including state BJP president and Rajahmundry MP Daggubati Purandeswari, welcomed him into the party by draping him with the BJP scarf. Over ten thousand people, including a significant number of Dalits, joined the party under his leadership, believing in his ideology and service-oriented approach. A Life Dedicated to Service

Hailing from Gokavaram in East Godavari district, Kambala Srinivasa Rao has always been at the forefront of humanitarian efforts. Unlike many political entrants, he is neither an industrialist nor from a political family. His journey has been one of pure service, focusing on the protection of Hindu Dharma and the welfare of society.

As the founder of the Vishwa Hindu Dharma Parirakshan Rama Sena, he has led various spiritual and welfare programs. He has actively contributed to temple development, renovating neglected temples and ensuring their maintenance. His contributions extend beyond religion, as he provides financial and material assistance to those in

need, regardless of caste or community. Unstoppable Service Programs
Srinivasa Rao has launched numerous service programs that have positively impacted thousands of people. He regularly organizes fruit and roti distribution drives for patients in government hospitals and provides 25 kg of rice every month to widows and elderly individuals in need. His commitment to spiritual activities is evident through his prasada distribution at Kanakadurga Ammavari Temple in Vijayawada every Friday.

Happy Women's Day, We bow to our Nari Shakti: PM Modi

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

On International Women's Day, March 8, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended heartfelt wishes to women across the nation, praising their contributions and empowerment. To mark this significant day, PM Modi took a unique step by allowing women to take over his social media accounts, an initiative aimed at highlighting their achievements and inspiring others.

"Today, as promised, my social media properties will be taken over by women who are making a mark in diverse fields!" PM Modi announced on X. He further expressed his gratitude to the nation's "Nari Shakti," saying, "We bow to our Nari Shakti on Women's Day! Our Government has always worked to empower women, reflected in our schemes and programs."

The initiative, which was first announced on March 3, 2025, encouraged women from



all walks of life to share their inspiring journeys of empowerment, perseverance, and success on PM Modi's social media platforms. The aim is to shine a light on women who have overcome challenges and made

remarkable strides in their respective fields.

The first story shared on PM Modi's X handle was from Indian chess player Vaishali Rameshbabu, who expressed her excitement about being

part of the initiative. "Vanakkam! I am @chessvaishali and I am thrilled to be taking over our PM Thiru @narendramodi Ji's social media properties on #WomensDay," she wrote. As a proud representative of India

Move highlights women's achievements on Women's Day

Chess player Vaishali Rameshbabu shares first story

PM praises 'Nari Shakti' and government's empowerment efforts

Initiative aims to inspire women across all fields

in international chess tournaments, Vaishali encouraged women, particularly young girls, to follow their dreams and break barriers, regardless of the challenges they may face.

She also praised the growing support for women athletes in India, noting that the country is making significant progress in providing women with the

necessary training, exposure, and encouragement to succeed in sports.

This gesture from PM Modi underscores the importance of celebrating and empowering women across India, and it serves as a reminder of the country's commitment to creating opportunities for women in all spheres of life.

Maiya Samman scheme starts reaching beneficiaries' accounts: Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren

TPN Correspondent | Ranchi

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren announced that Rs 7,500 would be credited to the accounts of women beneficiaries under the Maiyan Samman Yojana. The move is part of the state government's continued efforts to empower women and provide them with financial support.

The Maiyan Samman Yojana, a flagship initiative by the Jharkhand government, offers Rs 2,500 per month to over 50 lakh women across the state. This direct financial assistance is designed to alleviate financial burdens, particularly for women from economically disadvantaged sections, by providing them with consistent support.

In his statement, CM



Hemant Soren emphasized the significance of International Women's Day in highlighting women's contributions to society and reiterated the state government's commitment to ensuring their welfare. He also mentioned that the additional Rs 7,500 credited on this special

day is a token of appreciation for the efforts and resilience shown by women in the state.

The Maiyan Samman Yojana is aimed at providing financial security to women, encouraging them to contribute more actively to both household and community welfare.

By extending this support, the Jharkhand government aims to ensure that women are financially independent and empowered, thus fostering gender equality in the state.

The initiative also aligns with broader national goals of promoting women's economic participation and social inclusion. As the state celebrates Women's Day, the financial aid serves as a timely reminder of the importance of women's empowerment and the steps needed to bridge gender gaps in various sectors.

The move has been welcomed by the beneficiaries and local communities, who view it as a positive step toward addressing the needs and concerns of women, particularly in rural and underprivileged areas.

DMK govt has failed to ensure safety of women in T.N: alleges TVK chief Vijay

TPN Correspondent | CHENNAI

Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) president Vijay on Saturday (March 8, 2025) strongly criticized the DMK-led government in Tamil Nadu for its alleged failure to ensure the safety of women in the state. On the occasion of International Women's Day, Vijay expressed his concern over the growing insecurity faced by women in Tamil Nadu and vowed to challenge the ruling party in the upcoming 2026 Assembly elections.

In a video message, Vijay extended his greetings to women on International Women's Day and emphasized the importance of safety for women to

lead a happy and secure life. He stated, "Women can realize happiness only if they feel safe. When there is no safety for women, it is unlikely they will be happy. I can understand the feelings of women in Tamil Nadu." He further criticized the DMK government for what he described as a betrayal, noting that the people of Tamil Nadu had initially elected the government with high hopes, but now realized they had been "cheated."

Vijay called for change and urged the public to unite in removing the DMK government from power in the 2026 Assembly elections. He said, "Change is the only constant."

India most likely undercounting heat-related deaths: former WHO Chief Soumya

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India is likely undercounting the number of heat-related deaths, a problem that hampers the country's ability to effectively respond to the impact of extreme heat waves, according to Soumya Swaminathan, former WHO chief scientist and Health Ministry advisor. Swaminathan emphasized the urgent need for improved tracking, preparedness, and policy interventions as India braces for another extreme summer.

In an interview on the sidelines of TERI's World Sustainable Development Summit, Swaminathan explained that while official data suggests only a fraction of heatstroke cases result in fatalities, the real numbers are likely much higher. "For every death, there are probably 20 people suffering from heat-related illnesses like high blood pressure, exacerbated cardiac diseases, or heat exhaustion," she said. These illnesses can have significant long-term impacts, including economic losses and productivity reduction.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) recorded



536 heatwave days last year, the highest in 14 years, and forecasts above-normal temperatures for the upcoming summer season. Last year, the country documented 41,789 suspected heatstroke cases and 143 heat-related deaths, but public health experts believe this underrepresents the true toll.

Swaminathan highlighted that heat impacts go beyond fatalities. Prolonged exposure to extreme temperatures leads to mental health issues, such as increased suicides, psychiatric illnesses, and domestic violence. She stressed the need for a coordinated response involving various sectors, including labor, housing, and urban planning, to address the chal-

lenges posed by heat.

Swaminathan also advocated for vulnerability mapping using technology to identify areas most affected by heat. She suggested low-cost solutions like shaded waiting areas at traffic signals, which many cities have already begun implementing.

As the country faces another sweltering summer, Swaminathan urged local governments, hospitals, and employers to take proactive measures to minimize heat-related health impacts. She called for better awareness, training, and preparation to ensure people can remain productive and safe during extreme heat.

Omar Abdullah unveils J&K Budget: 200 units free power, other benefits

TPN Correspondent | Jammu

On Friday, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah presented the Union Territory's first budget following its reorganization in 2019. The budget for 2025-2026 is a zero-deficit budget with a total outlay of ₹1.12 lakh crore. Aimed at addressing the needs of vulnerable sections of society, the budget includes several welfare initiatives designed to uplift the most disadvantaged.

One of the key proposals in the budget is the provision of 200 units of free electricity per month to all Antyodaya families, ensuring that the most marginalized groups in society can access basic utilities without financial strain.

Additionally, beneficiaries of the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) will receive 10 kg of free ration each month, further bolstering food security for those in need.

The CM also announced free travel for women on all government-owned public transport, a move aimed at enhancing mobility and em-



powering women, particularly those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. This initiative is expected to have a significant impact on the daily lives of women, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Furthermore, the budget outlines an enhanced pension scheme that will benefit over 10 lakh individuals belonging to the most vulnerable sections of society. This measure will help provide financial stability to senior citizens, widows, and differently-abled individuals.

Omar Abdullah highlighted that this budget, the first to be presented by a democrat-

ically elected government in Jammu and Kashmir post-reorganization, reflects the administration's commitment to the welfare of its citizens. The proposed budget emphasizes inclusivity and equitable development, with a strong focus on social security and basic services for those in need.

The government's fiscal responsibility and efforts to balance the budget with welfare provisions aim to ensure the continued growth and stability of the Union Territory, while addressing the needs of its most vulnerable populations.

A Europe In Emotional Shock Grapples with a New Era

TPN Correspondent | Paris

For decades, the Soviet Union's primary goal was to "decouple" the United States from Europe, hoping to break the Western alliance that kept Soviet forces from advancing into Europe. Now, under President Donald Trump, the U.S. has seemingly achieved what the Soviets could not, aligning itself with Russian President Vladimir Putin and leaving Europe grappling with a sense of abandonment and alarm.

Europe, shocked and bewildered by this shift, finds itself in a precarious position. For generations, the United States was a foundational ally in defending democracy and liberty against tyranny. Trump's embrace of Putin has left the continent uncertain and fearful of what comes next. European leaders are now questioning their security and the future of the Western alliance that once symbolized unity against oppression.

Valérie Hayer, president of the centrist Renew Europe group in the European Parliament, expressed concern over this transformation, saying, "Trump mouths the propaganda of Putin. We have entered a new epoch." This marked change is deeply unsettling for a continent that has long depended on the U.S. as a cornerstone of peace and stability.

The emotional impact on Europe is profound, as the historical ties between Europe

Trump's stance shifts U.S.-Europe ties
Europe fears U.S. abandonment
Leaders alarmed by Trump's Putin alignment
Historical U.S.-Europe unity now uncertain
Europe faces geopolitical isolation

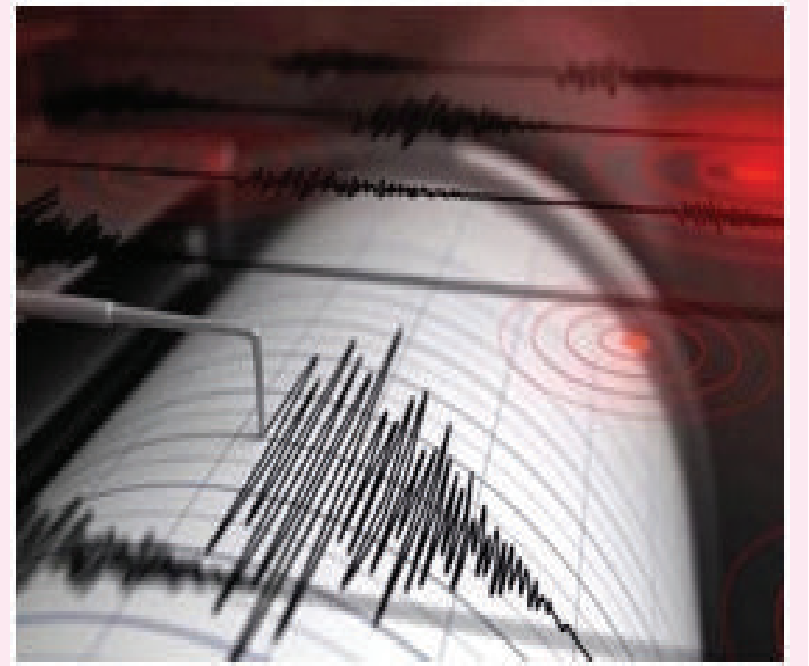


and America have shaped the continent's journey from the devastation of World War II to a prosperous and united entity. Iconic moments such as John F. Kennedy's 1963 "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech and Ronald Reagan's challenge in 1987 to "tear down this wall" at the

Brandenburg Gate, highlighted the shared ideals between Europe and the U.S. in promoting freedom and democracy.

However, the meaning of "the West" now appears uncertain. With the U.S. aligning more closely with Russia and China asserting its own influ-

ence, Europe finds itself increasingly isolated, unsure of its role in this reshaped geopolitical landscape. The future of Europe's relationship with both the U.S. and Russia remains uncertain, as the continent navigates a new, unfamiliar epoch in global politics.



Twin earthquakes hit Nepal, no casualties reported

TPN Correspondent | Kathmandu

Nepal experienced two mild earthquakes on Saturday morning, with tremors reported in Baglung and Myagdi districts, according to the National Earthquake Monitoring Centre. Thankfully, no immediate damage or casualties have been reported from either of the tremors.

The first earthquake, measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale, struck Baglung district at 6:20 AM. The epicenter of the tremor was located in the Khukhani area, situated approximately 300 kilometers west of Kathmandu.

Earlier, at 3:14 AM, a second earthquake with a magnitude of 4.0 was recorded in Myagdi

district, around 40 kilometers from Baglung. The epicenter of this tremor was in the Muri area of Myagdi.

Authorities and local residents in both districts have reported no significant damage or injuries at this time. However, the situation is still being monitored, and further updates may follow. Nepal, which lies in a seismically active zone, frequently experiences mild to moderate earthquakes, but large-scale earthquakes like the devastating 2015 quake remain a concern for the region. The National Earthquake Monitoring Centre has urged residents in affected areas to stay alert and follow safety protocols in case of aftershocks.

Major Terror Attack Foiled in Pakistan with Arrest of 10 TTP Militants

TPN Correspondent | Lahore

A significant terror attack was thwarted by Pakistan's Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) with the arrest of 10 terrorists from the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), including two of its most dangerous members. The arrests were made during a series of operations conducted across Punjab province, according to a CTD spokesperson on Saturday.

The two TTP terrorists identified as Riaz and Rashid were captured in Khushab and Rawalpindi. Along with the two terrorists, authorities seized explosives, including 2.69 kilograms of explosives, 19 detonators, 35 feet of safety fuse wire, and an IED bomb. Banned literature was also recovered from their possession.

The CTD Punjab carried out 73 intelligence-based operations across various districts of the province over the past few days. These operations led to the arrest of 10 militants who were reportedly planning to



target important buildings in Lahore. The spokesperson confirmed that cases have been registered against the arrested individuals, and further investigations are underway.

This operation comes amid an intensification of efforts by law enforcement agencies to combat the TTP, especially after the group launched several attacks on security forces. Just days before, the CTD announced the arrest of 20 terrorists in early March, including a Sikh militant, during 162 intelligence-based operations. Among those arrested were

three other highly dangerous TTP members: Manmohan Singh, Naqeebullah, and Riyaz, who were captured in Rawalpindi, Lahore, and Rahim Yar Khan.

The arrests of these militants have been hailed as a major success in the ongoing fight against terrorism in the region, with authorities focusing on dismantling the TTP's network in Pakistan. The investigation continues, as Pakistan's security agencies remain on high alert to prevent further terrorist activities.

South Korea's Impeached President Yoon Released From Detention

TPN Correspondent | Seoul

Impeached South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol was released from detention on Saturday after a court annulled his arrest on procedural grounds. However, he remains under investigation for declaring martial law in December 2023, a move that led to charges of insurrection.

Yoon, who was detained in January following a raid on his residence, smiled and bowed deeply to a crowd of supporters as he walked out of the detention center. "I bow my head in gratitude to the people of this nation," Yoon said in a statement released by his lawyers.

A day earlier, a court had canceled his arrest warrant on technical and legal grounds. Prosecutors expressed dissatisfaction with the ruling, calling it "unjust." They chose not to appeal the decision, which focused solely on the procedural aspects of his detention, rather than the criminal charges he faces.

Yoon, who was impeached



in December 2023 over his declaration of martial law, faces a separate ruling from South Korea's Constitutional Court, which will decide whether to uphold his impeachment and officially remove him from office. The court's decision is expected soon, and should Yoon be removed, a new presidential election must be held within 60 days.

Yoon's legal team celebrated his release, claiming it marked a "restoration of the rule of law." The former prosecutor, who briefly suspended civilian rule and sent soldiers into par-

liament in a bid to assert control, has been charged with insurrection for his actions. The opposition, however, sharply criticized the court's decision, with Democratic Party leader Lee Jae-myung vowing to continue fighting "until the insurrection is over."

Despite his release, Yoon's legal battles continue. Even if the Constitutional Court upholds his impeachment, the criminal case against him will proceed, further intensifying the political turmoil in South Korea.

Kamala Harris Mulls Run for California Governor in 2026 Election

TPN Correspondent | Washington

Former US Vice President Kamala Harris is reportedly considering a run for California governor in the upcoming 2026 election. According to sources, Harris, 60, is expected to make a final decision on her candidacy by the end of this summer.

Harris, who attended a pre-Oscars party last weekend, expressed her determination to "stay in this fight" during

the event, where she met with influential figures within the Democratic Party. Her comments have fueled speculation about her potential political future in California.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta, who spoke to Politico about the prospect of Harris running, indicated that her candidacy would be a powerful force in the race. He made it clear that he would not ask other Democrats to step aside if Harris decides to run but em-

phasized his support for her, stating, "They can run. I think they'll lose, and I will support her."

Kamala Harris's political career in California has been marked by significant achievements. She served as the state's attorney general from 2011 to 2017, after winning three state elections. In 2016, she transitioned to the role of U.S. Senator for California.

If Harris decides to run, she would seek to succeed current

Governor Gavin Newsom in the 2026 election. Other prominent Democrats have already announced their candidacy for the position, including Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, former California Senate leader Toni Atkins, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and California schools director Tony Thurmond. The election is set for November 3, 2026, with the primary race scheduled for June of the same year.

Harris, who previously



served as Vice President under President Joe Biden, lost her bid in the 2024 presidential elec-

tion to former President Donald Trump.

Nifty valuations align with historical averages; HSBC MF bullish on India's growth outlook

Following the recent market correction, Nifty's valuations have returned to levels consistent with its 5-year and 10-year averages, according to a new report from HSBC Mutual Fund. Despite facing short-term challenges, the report maintains a positive outlook for Indian equities, supported by strong medium-term growth potential.

The report notes that Nifty valuations are now aligned with historical averages, which provides a more favorable environment for long-term investors. "Nifty valuations are now in-line with its 5/10-year average. We remain constructive on Indian equities, supported by the more robust medium-term growth outlook," the report stated.

While acknowledging a temporary slowdown in India's economic momentum, the report highlights that the long-term outlook remains promising. A key factor contributing to this optimism is the anticipated rise in India's investment cycle. The government's continued focus on infrastructure and manufacturing investments is expected to drive significant economic growth over the medium term.



Furthermore, the report forecasts an increase in private sector investments, which will likely provide an additional boost to economic activity. These factors collectively contribute to HSBC's positive outlook on Indian equities, despite short-term market fluctuations.

In conclusion, while the market has recently experienced a correction, the underlying fundamentals of the Indian economy remain strong. With a favorable valuation backdrop and robust growth prospects driven by infrastructure development and increasing private sector investments, Indian equities are poised to perform well over the medium to long term.

Women's employment in India up, yet 89 mn urban women remain out of work

India's urban employment landscape has undergone notable changes in recent years, with women's employment rising by 10 percent, reaching 28 percent among working-age women in 2023-24, according to a new report. However, despite this growth, over 89 million urban women remained outside the labor market in the same year, a number greater than the combined populations of Germany, France, and the UK, and three times that of Australia.



The report, titled India's Gender Employment Paradox and released just before International Women's Day by the Great Lakes Institute of Management in Chennai, examines the visible progress in women's workforce participation alongside persistent systemic barriers. The analysis reveals that while some women have made strides in the labor market, many continue to face significant challenges.

The key obstacles hindering women's employment in urban areas include spousal violence, the need to relocate after marriage, and limited access to convenient transportation. The report highlights that in 2023-24, India failed to leverage the skills of over 19 million graduate-educated urban women due to personal constraints or social norms related to childcare, commuting, and demanding job requirements.

The report also sheds light on the gender disparity in employment, noting that 97 percent of urban men in the 30-49 age group were employed, indicating a strong "male breadwinner" norm. It further points out that highly educated women are less likely to face spousal violence, but those who are employed are paradoxically more likely to justify domestic violence compared to non-working women, suggesting internalized patriarchal norms.

Prof. Vidya Mahambare, an economics professor at the institute, noted that while wage disparity still exists, it is crucial to consider multiple factors like performance, experience, and age before drawing broad conclusions. She highlighted the issue of reverse discrimination, where women's employment can lead to the rejection of equally qualified men, a trend that may create challenges in the coming years as more women join the workforce but may leave due to marriage or children.

India's industrial production growth likely at 3.7% in Jan, surge from 3.2% in Dec 24

India's industrial production, as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), is expected to increase by 3.7 percent year-on-year in January 2025, up from 3.2 percent in December 2024, according to a report by Union Bank of India. The rise in industrial activity is seen as the primary factor behind this improvement.

However, despite the monthly increase, the report notes that IIP growth in January 2025 is still likely to be lower than the 4.2 percent recorded in the same month last year, indicating a year-on-year decline. The report points out that although industrial production has shown some recovery, it remains below last year's

performance.

The report attributes the expected growth to the broad-based optimism observed across various industrial sectors in January. High-frequency indicators such as E-way bill generation, which tracks the movement of goods across states, rose by 23.1 percent compared to January 2024, signaling increased economic activity. Toll collections also saw significant growth in both volume and value, further supporting the positive



momentum in industrial activities.

While India's merchandise exports contracted by 2.4 percent on a year-on-year basis in January, the 10.3 percent growth in merchandise imports suggests strong domestic demand. The automobile sector showed signs of recovery as well, with wholesale vehicle sales growing by 2.5 percent year-on-year. The two-wheeler segment particularly saw a rebound, and tractor sales continued to post double-digit growth

for the second consecutive month. Additionally, vehicle registrations also increased in January.

Petroleum consumption, another crucial indicator of industrial activity, rose by 3.1 percent in January 2025 compared to the previous year, reflecting higher fuel demand linked to transportation and manufacturing.

In conclusion, while India's industrial production is expected to grow in January 2025 compared to December, the year-on-year growth remains lower than January 2024. Nevertheless, key economic indicators suggest strengthening industrial activity and provide optimism for future months.

Good News For Zomato Investors: Blinkit Hikes Commission On Orders, Zepto Follows Suit Ahead Of IPO

Quick commerce companies Zepto and Blinkit are taking steps to improve their profitability by raising commissions on orders. According to a report by The Economic Times, Blinkit (owned by Zomato) has shifted to a variable commission model for brands and sellers, while Zepto is gradually increasing commissions on users and brands to lift its earnings.



The move comes as both companies aim to enhance investor sentiment amid challenges in the e-commerce sector. Zepto, which is preparing for an IPO later this year, has seen its valuations rise, currently standing at \$5 billion. Blinkit, on the other hand, is trying to boost investor confidence after experiencing a decline in its market capitalization over the past few months. Zomato's share price has also fallen from Rs 302 in December 2024 to Rs 223 by March 7, 2025.

In response to rising cash burns and market conditions, Zepto has increased its take rate to 22-23%, with expectations of further growth as it nears \$4 billion in annualized gross sales. Blinkit will introduce a new commission structure starting March 13, with rates now varying based on the selling price of items, even within the same category.

Despite these commission hikes, both companies remain aggressive in their pursuit of market share. "Zepto has secured the No. 2 rank, but Blinkit still holds the top spot and continues to be aggressive," the report stated.

However, their strategies have attracted attention. The All India Consumer Products Distributors Federation (AICPDF) has filed an antitrust case against major fast-delivery players like Zomato, Swiggy, and Zepto for alleged deep discounting practices. The investigation into such practices is ongoing, following scrutiny of e-commerce giants like Amazon and Flipkart in the past.

As the competition intensifies, both Zepto and Blinkit are adjusting their financial strategies to stay competitive while managing cash burn in a challenging market environment.

Nestle India Receives Warning from SEBI Over Insider Trading Breach

Nestle India announced on Friday that it had received a warning from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for a breach of insider trading regulations involving a designated person within the company.

The Indian subsidiary of the Swiss food giant revealed that its compliance officer had received an administrative warning letter from SEBI on Thursday. However, the company did not disclose specific details about the findings of the letter or the identity of the individual involved.

Nestle India, known for its popular Maggi noodles, emphasized that the incident had no material impact on its financials, operations, or other business activities. The company reassured investors and stakeholders that the breach did not disrupt its day-to-day functions or cause any harm to its financial standing.

Insider trading violations have significant legal and regulatory implications in India, and SEBI has been increasingly vigilant in enforcing compliance with market conduct regulations.



Insider trading involves the buying or selling of securities based on confidential, non-public information, which can distort the fairness and transparency of financial markets.

Nestle India's prompt acknowledgment of the warning and assurance that operations were unaffected reflects the company's commitment to regulatory compliance. Despite the warning, Nestle India continues to operate as usual, with no visible disruption in its business activities.

Bigger Bodies, Bigger Cancer Risk? New Study Challenges Decades-Old Assumption

For decades, scientists believed that large animals were no more likely to develop cancer than smaller ones, a theory grounded in Peto's Paradox, a concept from 1977. However, recent research has upended this long-standing idea. A team of researchers from the University of Reading, University College London, and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine conducted an extensive study involving 263 species from mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. The study, published on February 24 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), revealed a surprising finding: larger animals tend to have higher rates of cancer.



The research showed that, despite their larger size, some species—like elephants—have developed exceptional natural defenses against cancer. This challenges the earlier assumption that size had no impact on cancer risk. According to Professor Chris Venditti of the University of Reading, larger animals like elephants are more susceptible to cancer because they have more cells, which increases the chances of mutations. However, these animals, such as elephants, have evolved sophisticated mechanisms to keep their cancer risk in check.

The study analyzed the largest dataset of its kind, including veterinary autopsy records from 31 amphibians, 79 birds, 90 mammals,

and 63 reptiles. The findings consistently showed that larger species had higher cancer rates, yet species like elephants—who evolved to grow to large sizes—have developed stronger biological defenses.

Dr. Joanna Baker, co-author of the study, emphasized that as species grew larger, they also developed remarkable mechanisms to suppress tumors. This raises hope that by studying these species, scientists may be able to discover new methods to prevent or treat cancer in humans.

The research also uncovered unexpected exceptions, such as the common budgie, which had cancer rates 40 times higher than expected, and the naked mole rat, which seems almost immune to cancer. By understanding how certain animals manage to evade cancer, scientists are opening exciting possibilities for new treatments.

iPhone 17 Pro: Features and Design Changes



Maggi noodles, a go-to comfort food for many in India, have long been a versatile snack, perfect for satisfying hunger quickly. Over the years, it has become the subject of some unusual culinary experiments, with foodies pushing the boundaries of what you can do with instant noodles. From Maggi milkshakes to coffee-infused Maggi, these wild concoctions have always stirred curiosity, but the latest trend has truly taken things to another level—Maggi chai.

Yes, you read that right—Maggi chai is the new food experiment taking social media by storm. The unusual pairing has caught the attention of food enthusiasts and the internet alike. Recently, food delivery platform Swiggy shared a post on X (formerly Twitter), featuring two images: one of a plate of Maggi with a cup of chai, and another of Maggi noodles dipped directly into the tea. The sight was nothing short of bizarre, leaving many to question if this combination was a culinary genius or just a bizarre mistake.

Swiggy's post sparked a flurry of reactions, with the company asking, "Maggi with chai or Maggi in chai?" The internet had a field day, with many foodies sharing their shock and disbelief at the new trend. Some found the idea intriguing and even entertaining, while others pointed out the potential waste of food and questioned whether these experiments were taking the love for Maggi a bit too far.

As more food enthusiasts experiment with new ways to enjoy Maggi, the combination of noodles and tea has divided opinions. Some users argue that the pairing is nothing more than a marketing gimmick, while others wonder if it could become the next big trend in the world of unconventional food pairings. Regardless of the outcome, Maggi chai is definitely causing a stir and leaving people talking about this unexpected mashup of flavors.

Could Cockroach Milk Be the Future of Nutrition? Scientists Say It's More Nutritious Than Cow's Milk

The term "superfood" is typically associated with nutrient-rich foods like dark leafy greens, berries, and nuts, which are known to offer a variety of health benefits. However, a surprising contender has recently emerged in the world of superfoods: cockroach milk.



Though the idea may sound unappealing, scientists have discovered that the milk produced by the *Diploptera punctata* species of cockroach could be three times more nutritious than cow's milk. This revelation has sparked interest among nutritionists and researchers, who are intrigued by the potential health benefits of this unconventional substance. The milk, which is actually a nutrient-rich fluid produced by female cockroaches to feed their young, is found to be packed with proteins, fats, and sugars, making it one of the most nutrient-dense substances on Earth.

The discovery was first highlighted in a 2016 study published in the *Journal of Crystallography*, which analyzed the milk-like substance. Researchers found that it contains a balanced combination of macronutrients, which are essential for energy and growth, along with other compounds that make it an attractive option for sustainable food sources.

While cockroach milk is not yet available for human consumption, its potential has sparked growing interest in the food science community. The idea of using insects for food, particularly as a source of protein, has gained traction in recent years as people look for alternative, more sustainable sources of nutrition. Insects, being rich in essential nutrients and requiring fewer resources to produce, could play a significant role in addressing global food security challenges.

Although the research on cockroach milk is still in its early stages, this discovery paves the way for future innovations in alternative nutrition. As scientists continue to study its benefits and develop methods for harvesting it, cockroach milk could soon find a place in the future of food science, offering a sustainable and highly nutritious option for the world's growing population.

Can Soil from Banks Unlock Hidden Wealth? Chinese Vendors Claim It's the Key to Prosperity



A strange new trend in China has captured the public's attention, with vendors selling soil supposedly collected from outside major banks, claiming it can bring wealth and good fortune to those who purchase it. According to a report from the South China Morning Post, this "bank soil" can be priced as high as 888 yuan (approximately Rs 10,200) for a chunk, while smaller portions start at 24 yuan (around Rs 275). Sellers claim that the soil is collected from green spaces around financial institutions, potted plants in bank lobbies, and even dust from money counting machines.

The vendors offer various types of soil, which they assert are gathered from five of China's largest banks: Bank of China, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Agricultural Bank of China, China Construction Bank, and Bank of Communications. One seller explained that the soil is manually collected at night, with different merchants emphasizing unique selling points—some claim to only gather it at midday, while others boast a higher success rate in bringing financial prosperity.

To further build trust, some vendors share videos of soil being dug up from bank entrances to ensure authenticity. The soil is presented on golden plates, with paper slips attached containing the contact details of previous buyers. Many customers, including business owners, are purchasing the soil with hopes of boosting their fortunes, and some even claim that their friends are also buying into the trend.

Despite the growing popularity of this unusual product, the trend has raised legal concerns. Fu Jian, a lawyer from Zejin Law Firm, pointed out that selling soil with unfounded claims about its financial benefits could result in fraud charges. Furthermore, digging up soil from public spaces, including green zones around banks, is illegal in China, as it can lead to the degradation of urban environments. According to Fu, customers have the right to demand refunds from these sellers if the promises are not backed by proof.

Interestingly, the soil is also being sold online, expanding its reach to a wider audience across the country.

Ghosts And Spirits, Scary Sounds': This Science College Is Hyderabad's Most Haunted Spot

Every city has its share of eerie locations, places shrouded in mystery and believed to be haunted. In Hyderabad, one such spot is the infamous Khairatabad Science College, a place that locals believe should be avoided, especially after dark. Once a vibrant institution where science was taught, the college is now regarded as one of the city's scariest and most unsettling places.



Local resident Umer shared with Local18 that many eerie tales surround the reputation of Khairatabad Science College. One of the most well-known stories claims that a part of the building collapsed while it was still operational, leading to the institution's eventual closure. Since then, the college has remained abandoned, with no one daring to step foot inside.

As night falls, locals claim that strange and eerie sounds can be heard emanating from the college, making it seem as though someone—or something—still resides within its walls.

Another chilling rumor about the college is linked to a disturbing practice that allegedly occurred when it was still functioning. It's said that unauthorized experiments were conducted on dead bodies in the college's science lab, a practice that was both illegal and unethical.

When the government discovered this, the lab was shut down, and the entire college was sealed. The unsettling belief is that the improperly disposed of bodies may have resulted in restless spirits that still haunt the area to this day.

Further adding to the spine-chilling atmosphere is the tragic tale of a security guard assigned to watch over the closed college. After the building was shut down, the guard was stationed at the site to ensure it remained undisturbed. However, one night, after hearing strange noises, he went inside to investigate but never returned. His lifeless body was discovered the following morning. This incident solidified the college's reputation as a place that should be avoided, and since then, Khairatabad Science College has become one of Hyderabad's most haunted locations.



India Aims to Overcome New Zealand's Resilience in Champions Trophy Final

India faces a tough challenge in the Champions Trophy final against New Zealand, who have a 3-1 edge in ICC knockout matches. While India has the advantage of familiarity with conditions, New Zealand's extended stay in Dubai makes them a formidable opponent. India's spin quartet—

Varun Chakravarthy, Kuldeep Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja, and Axar Patel—will play a crucial role in countering New Zealand's batting, with Kane Williamson and Rachin Ravindra as their biggest threats.

The spotlight also shines on Virat

Kohli and Rohit Sharma, key figures in India's previous T20 World Cup win. India aims for a complete team effort, relying on support from players like Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, and Hardik Pandya to seal the title. The match begins at 2:30 pm IST.

Gukesh Emphasizes Classical Chess, Reflects on Personal Journey

Reigning World Chess Champion, D. Gukesh, shared his thoughts on the evolving chess landscape during the 'India Today Conclave 2025.' While open to all formats, Gukesh asserted that classical chess, with its deep history, will always hold the greatest significance. He acknowledged the rise of freestyle chess but emphasized it wouldn't overtake traditional chess. Reflecting on his journey, Gukesh recalled the financial struggles his family faced in his early career, relying on friends to fund his tournaments. However, his recent success has alleviated these concerns, providing a comfortable life for his family. He credited India's growing



chess prominence to the legacy of Viswanathan Anand and the support from the government and sponsors. Gukesh's success marks a new era for Indian chess.

Cadillac Receives Approval to Join F1 as 11th Team Starting 2026

Formula 1 and the FIA have granted final approval for Cadillac to join the sport as the 11th team, starting from the 2026 season. The US team, backed by TWG Motorsports and General Motors (GM), received the green light after securing a deal with F1 earlier this year. Cadillac's engines will initially be supplied by Ferrari, but GM plans to develop its own engine in the future.

This announcement comes after F1 previously rejected a bid from Andretti, which was linked to Cadillac, but GM's increased commitment to the venture helped sway F1 and the FIA. Stefano Domenicali, President and CEO of Formula 1, welcomed the team, highlighting their involvement as a significant step for



the sport. The new team will be a joint venture between GM and Dan Towriss, owner of Andretti Global, with Mario Andretti, the 1978 F1 World Champion, taking an advisory role.

IPL 2025: Ticket Sales for Punjab Kings' First Home Match Begin on March 9

The Punjab Kings have announced that tickets for their first home match of IPL 2025 against Rajasthan Royals will go live on March 9 at 1:00 pm. The match is scheduled for April 5 at the New PCA stadium in New Chandigarh. Fans can purchase tickets via the District app, Punjab Kings app, and websites.

Punjab Kings will host seven home games, with four at the New PCA stadium and three at the HPCA stadium, Dharamsala. The New PCA stadium, with a seating capacity of 31,500, features 50 corporate boxes, three hospitality lounges, and 20 general stands. Ticket prices start at Rs 1,250 and can go up to Rs 6,500 for hospitality lounges.

Punjab Kings' IPL 2025 campaign begins with away matches on March 25 and April 1.



Mainz Defeat Borussia Moenchengladbach 3-1 to Move to Third in Bundesliga

Mainz surged into third place in the Bundesliga with a 3-1 victory over Borussia Moenchengladbach on Friday. The win lifted Bo Henriksen's team to 44 points, two ahead of Eintracht Frankfurt, who are in fourth. Paul Nebel and Dominik Kohr scored before and after halftime to give Mainz a commanding lead. Despite Stefan Lain-

er pulling one back for Moenchengladbach, Nadiem Amiri quickly restored Mainz's two-goal advantage, securing their fourth win in the last five matches.

Kohr expressed satisfaction with the team's performance, saying, "We have 44 points, what a feeling. The way we play football, we be-

long up there."

With nine games remaining, Mainz is aiming to qualify for European football for the first time since the 2016-17 Europa League group stage. The defeat left Moenchengladbach in eighth place with 37 points, just behind Leipzig in the final European spot.



Shubman Gill Dismisses Retirement Talks Ahead of Champions Trophy Final



Speculation has been swirling about the ODI future of India's veterans, Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, after the Champions Trophy, but vice-captain Shubman Gill has dismissed any retirement talk in the dressing room. Speaking ahead of the final against New Zealand, Gill emphasized that the topic of retirement has not been discussed. "There is no talk about retirement in the dressing room, now," Gill

said during the pre-match press conference. Gill, who has been in stellar form in ODIs, praised India's batting depth, calling it the best lineup he has ever been a part of, which gives the top order more freedom. On the pressure of the final, he expressed confidence in the team's ability to perform under pressure, aiming to secure the trophy after missing out on the 2023 ODI World Cup.



Madhuri Dixit Discusses Pay Disparity and Gender Inequality in Bollywood

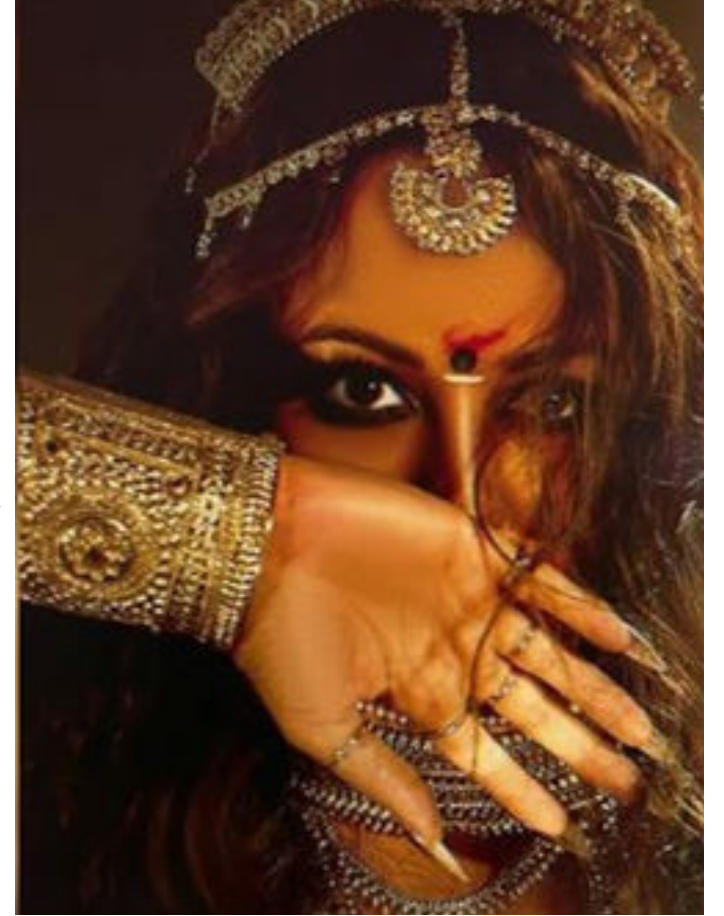
Bollywood actress Madhuri Dixit highlighted the ongoing pay disparity in the film industry, stating that women continue to prove their worth in every project. During the session titled The Journey of Women in Cinema at the 2025 IIFA Weekend, Dixit shared that women actors must constantly demonstrate their ability to draw audiences, unlike their male counterparts. She stressed the need for progress toward parity in Bollywood, though admitting the road is long. Oscar-winning producer Guneet Monga echoed these views, pointing out the significant challenges women face in the industry. Both emphasized the importance of providing more opportunities and breaking through gender biases to achieve real change. Dixit also discussed her strong roles in films like *Mrityudand* and the growing presence of women in all departments of filmmaking.

Sonakshi Sinha's First-Look from Telugu Debut Film Jatadhara Unveiled

Sonakshi Sinha is set to make her Telugu debut with the supernatural fantasy thriller *Jatadhara*, directed by Venkat Kalyan. On the occasion of International Women's Day, the makers revealed her intense first-look poster on Instagram. In the captivating image, Sonakshi exudes goddess-like energy, adorned in heavy golden jewelry, with her face partially covered, revealing only her kajal-smudged eyes. Her fiery gaze adds a powerful depth to her character. The tagline reads, "Welcome aboard Sonakshi Sinha," while the caption states, "This Women's Day, a beacon of strength and power rises in *Jatadhara*."

The film, also starring Sudheer Babu, is produced by Zee Studios under the banner of Umesh KR Bansal, Prerna Arora, Aruna Agarwal, and Shivin Narang. The shoot is set to begin soon after a grand muhurat ceremony in Hyderabad.

Sonakshi was last seen in the Zee5 horror-comedy *Kakuda* and the Netflix period drama *Heeramandi*.



Katrina Kaif, Sister Isabelle Turn Perfect Bridesmaids For BFF Karishma Kohli



Katrina Kaif shared beautiful moments from her best friend Karishma Kohli's wedding, looking as stunning as ever. In a heartfelt post, she expressed her admiration for Karishma, reminiscing about their 16-year-long friendship. Katrina wrote, "From the first day we met, your joy and madness grabbed my attention, and there's been no looking back since then. You've been by my side through thick and thin." The actress praised Karishma's kind and courageous soul, saying, "You truly are a gem of a person, always shining bright no matter what is

happening in your life." She also expressed her happiness for Karishma and her new husband Mikhail, saying, "In him, you have the most amazing life partner ever." The wedding, an intimate celebration, was attended by close friends and family. A viral video from Karishma's sangeet ceremony showed Katrina dancing to the iconic AR Rahman track "Sasural Genda Phool." Katrina and her sister Isabelle were the perfect bridesmaids, adding grace and charm to both the sangeet and wedding celebrations.

Women's Day 2025: 5 Iconic Female-Centric Films To Watch

This Women's Day, celebrate the strength and resilience of women through these must-see, iconic female-centric films. Grab some popcorn and enjoy these cinematic gems:

1. Mother India - Prime Video

A classic in Indian cinema, this film tells the story of a mother's sacrifices to raise her sons amidst poverty. Nargis' unforgettable performance in this epic drama makes it a must-watch.

2. Arth - YouTube

This 1982 Hindi film follows Pooja (Shabana Azmi), who faces heartbreak and betrayal when her husband leaves her. As she navigates through personal challenges, she embarks on a journey of self-reliance and empowerment. A classic for the ages.

3. Kahaani - Prime Video

Starring Vidya Balan, this thriller delves into feminism and motherhood in a male-dominated society. The film won multiple National Awards and is a gripping portrayal of a woman's quest for justice.

4. Queen - Netflix

Kangana Ranaut delivers a career-defining performance as Rani Mehra, a woman who embarks on a solo journey of self-discovery after her wedding falls apart. This film is both empowering and entertaining.

5. Pink - JioHotstar

A hard-hitting film on consent and women's rights, *Pink* features Taapsee Pannu in a standout role. Amitabh Bachchan's powerful portrayal as a lawyer reinforces the film's vital message: "No means no." These films offer compelling portrayals of women's strength, independence, and resilience - perfect for celebrating Women's Day 2025.



Shah Rukh Khan as Rajasthani Cop, Fans Go Gaga

Shah Rukh Khan's latest ad, where he plays a Rajasthani police officer, has taken the internet by storm. In the video for an engine oil brand, SRK dons the role of a stylish cop, chasing robbers on a bike. His swag is undeniable with his shirt unbuttoned, aviators on, and a fun Rajasthani accent, which has captivated fans across social media.

The ad has gone viral, with fans praising his performance and comparing it to his iconic roles in films like *Shakti* and *Jawan*. Many have even suggested he should be cast in *Dhoom 4*, as they believe he excels in action sequences. His effortless charm and screen presence continue to shine, even in a short advertisement. SRK's ability to make a simple com-



mercial feel like a blockbuster reaffirms why he remains the undisputed King of Bollywood. Looking ahead, SRK is set to star in *King*, an action film alongside his daughter Suhana Khan, and *Pathaan 2*. Fans are eagerly waiting for his appearance at the IIFA awards in Jaipur.

Kajol Decides to Meet Her Younger Self This Women's Day

Kajol celebrated Women's Day 2025 in a truly heartfelt way by deciding to meet her younger self. The actress shared an adorable video compilation of herself on Instagram, narrating a beautiful conversation with her younger self. She wrote, "Met my younger self for coffee today... She ordered a latte, I ordered an americano... She had a book in her hand and one in her bag... I had a Kindle..." Kajol reflected on how she has grown over the years, emphasizing how

her younger self's loud and strong personality has evolved into a gentler version. The post highlighted her journey of self-realization and how, over time, she learned to appreciate herself.

A few days earlier, Kajol had also shared a loving birthday post for her sister Tanishaa Mukerji, wishing her the best for the future. On the work front, Kajol is set to star in *Kayoze Irani's Sarzameen* and *Maharagni-Queen of Queens*, both highly anticipated projects.

