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CM Reviews Tirumala Facilities to Enhance Devotee Experience



- Focus on improving facilities for increasing devotee rush
- Review of Srivari Laddu Prasadam, Anna Prasadam, and gallery facilities
- Plans for new base camp at Alipiri and temple development in Amaravati

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu conducted a review meeting on Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) at the Secretariat on Wednesday. The meeting focused on enhancing facilities for the increasing number of devotees visiting Tirumala for darshan. TTD officials presented an overview of the improvements made over the last nine months concerning darshan services, accommodation, and various amenities.

The CM examined feedback collected from devotees about their experiences during special occasions like Brahmotsavam, Ratha Saptami, and Vaikuntha Ekadashi, as well as on regular days. Reports on enhancements to Srivari Laddu Prasadam and Anna Prasadam were presented to the Chief Minister. Discussions included upgrading facilities in galleries, arrangements in Madhav-eedhu to accommodate more devotees, and the construction of a base camp at Alipiri. Development plans for the Sri Padmavati Ammavari Temple and Srivari Temple in Amaravati were also reviewed. The Chief Minister emphasized improving the prestige of Tirumala and providing convenient, efficient services for devotees. He sought updates from TTD officials on the progress of Srivari temples being constructed outside Andhra Pradesh. Officials assured the CM of continued efforts to enhance facilities for devotees and streamline arrangements for smooth darshan experiences.



CBN P4 Policy Kicks Off with Reliance CBG Plants in Prakasam Dist – Minister Nara Lokesh

- Reliance to establish 500 CBG plants across Andhra Pradesh
- Investment of Rs. 65,000 crore, generating 2.5 lakh jobs
- Kanigiri to become a major CBG hub with 50 plants planned

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NON-STOP SEX LESSONS AT NANNAYYA UNIVERSITY

- Telugu lecturer accused of teaching lust syllabus
- VC's silence raises concern among affected students
- Teachers allegedly threaten students with intimidation
- Female students fear reprisal for lodging complaints
- Urgent need for investigation and preventive action
- Questions arise over protection of accused faculty

TPN SPL CORRESPONDENT | EAST GODAVARI

Nannaya University is under scrutiny following a controversy involving Telugu lecturer Satyanarayana, who allegedly conducted inappropriate classes focusing on sexual content rather than academic subjects. The issue came to light after a report in True Point on April 2, 2025, highlighting that despite complaints from students, the university authorities remained unresponsive.



Dr. T. S. Narayana, Asst Professor, Telugu Dept

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Earthquake in Japan...

6.0 Magnitude Recorded on the Richter Scale



TPN Correspondent | Japan: An earthquake of 6.0 magnitude struck the Kyushu region of Japan on Wednesday at 7.34 pm local time. The tremors were recorded just days after the Japanese government released a report detailing potential damage from major earthquakes. Officials have confirmed that there is no immediate damage reported from the earthquake, and no tsunami warnings have been issued. Despite this, the tremors were felt as far as Tokyo, causing concern among residents. According to the recent government report, a major earthquake along the Pacific coast could result in devastating losses, including damage worth \$1.81 trillion, the leveling of numerous buildings due to tsunamis, and nearly 3 lakh people at risk of losing their lives. Additionally, millions could be forced to relocate to safer areas. Authorities continue to monitor the situation, but the absence of damage and tsunami warnings has provided relief for now.



YS Jagan Slams Chandrababu's Governance as Fraud and Betrayal

- YS Jagan predicts YSRCP victory in next elections
- Chandrababu accused of election manipulation and broken promises
- Claims of neglect in education, agriculture, and welfare schemes

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Waqf (Amendment) Bill Sparks Intense Debate in Lok Sabha

- Bill aims to reform waqf property administration
- Opposition alleges interference in religious matters
- Government emphasizes transparency and efficiency

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, introduced by Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday, led to a heated debate among members. The bill aims to reform the administration of waqf properties by enhancing transparency, technological integration, and streamlining the registration process. The proposed amendments include the inclusion of non-Muslim members in the Central Waqf Council and state waqf boards to promote diversity and address allegations of corruption. The bill also seeks to empower the government to determine ownership of disputed waqf properties, aiming to resolve long-standing legal disputes.

Minister Rijiju justified the amendments as essential steps to eliminate corruption and enhance waqf property management. He stated that the bill is a "pro-Muslim reform" meant to empower the community through better governance of waqf assets. Union Home Minister Amit Shah also de-



fended the bill, clarifying that it does not mandate the appointment of non-Muslim members to waqf boards and aims only to improve transparency. However, the bill faced strong opposition from various parties and organizations. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge described it as "blatantly unconstitutional," claiming it undermines religious freedom and personal laws. The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) expressed concerns that the bill could lead to the government seizing waqf properties and curtailing Muslim property rights. Critics argued that including non-Muslim members in waqf boards is an attempt to interfere in religious affairs and could set a negative precedent for similar interventions in other religious institutions.

Appeals for truth to prevail without misinformation



- Condemns attempts to exploit the incident for political gains
- Expresses confidence in AP government's support and investigation

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Minister Narayana held a review meeting to discuss the development of Kandukur Municipality, with Kandukur MLA Inturi Nageswara Rao, NUDA Chairman Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy, and NUDA VC Surya Teja in attendance. The meeting aimed to assess progress and plan future development projects for the municipality. The review follows Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's participation in the Swachh Andhra Diwas program held in Kandukur on February 15th. During the event, the CM assured the allocation of Rs. 50 crore for the comprehensive development of Kandukur Municipality. Minister Narayana, along with the officials present, discussed the implementation of the Chief Minister's promise and the steps required to raise the necessary funds. The discussions also focused on identifying priority development projects to be undertaken within Kandukur Municipality. The minister emphasized the need for proper planning and execution to ensure that the funds are utilized effectively for the benefit of the local population. Further meetings are expected to finalize specific projects and their timelines.

CBN P4 Policy Kicks Off with Reliance CBG Plants in Prakasam Dist – Nara Lokesh

TPN Correspondent | Prakasam

Andhra Pradesh State Education, IT and Electronics Minister Nara Lokesh laid the foundation stone for the Reliance Integrated Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant at Divakarapuram, Pisipalli mandal, Kanigiri constituency, Prakasam district. Speaking at the event, Lokesh declared the launch of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's P4 policy aimed at eradicating poverty and creating 20 lakh jobs within five years. Reliance plans to invest Rs. 65,000 crore to establish 500 CBG plants across the state, providing employment to 2.5 lakh people. Of these, 50 plants will be set up in the Kanigiri area, transforming it into a major CBG hub. Lokesh emphasized the plants' benefits for local farmers, especially those cultivating Nipar grass, with attractive leasing options for both government and private lands. The initiative is expected to produce 110 lakh metric tons of organic fertilizer annually. Lokesh expressed his gratitude towards Mukesh Ambani, Anant Ambani, and Reliance Executive Director PMS Prasad for their commitment to Andhra Pradesh. Highlighting Prakasam district's special place in his heart, Lokesh praised the local people's unwavering support for the TDP. He promised to bring infrastructure projects like Kanigiri Triple IT and complete Velugonda works to provide irrigation water to all areas. Referring to the previous government's destructive regime from 2019 to 2024, Lokesh criticized their failure to attract investment while driving away established companies. He reiterated his commitment to creating 20 lakh jobs, noting that agreements worth Rs. 8 lakh crore have already been signed with major companies like Reliance, NTPC, Arcelor-Mittal, BPCL, Tata Power, TCS, and LG Electronics.

AP to Become Innovation Hub with Ratan Tata Innovation Hub Initiative

- Goal to establish 20,000 startups in 5 years
- 'One Family-One Entrepreneur' and P4 programs launched
- Amaravati to be developed as Quantum Valley

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has announced ambitious plans to establish Andhra Pradesh as a platform for new innovations through the 'Ratan Tata Innovation Hub' (RTIH). Speaking at a meeting held at the Secretariat, the Chief Minister called upon industrialists, corporate organizations, professors, and intellectuals to contribute to realizing the dream of 'One Family-One Entrepreneur'. The state aims to establish 20,000 startups over the next five years, creating employment for one lakh people. Additionally, 10 Centers of Excellence are expected to be established, with Amaravati serving as the central RTIH. Tata Group and Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran, who serves as the Vice Chairman of RTIH, participated in the meeting via video conference along with other prominent industrialists and academicians. Chandrababu Naidu recalled his past achievements, including transforming Hyderabad into



an IT hub through initiatives like CII meetings, establishing engineering colleges, and attracting major companies such as Microsoft. With the same vision, he now aims to develop Amaravati as Quantum Valley. The Chief Minister introduced the Zero Poverty-P4 program, emphasizing the need for equality and poverty eradication through collaborative efforts. Inspired by his previous 'One Family-One IT Professional' initiative, Naidu envisions this new program to bring similar success to Andhra Pradesh.

The Ratan Tata Innovation Hub will serve as a comprehensive ecosystem with incubators, MSME facilitation centers, training, VC funding, market linkage, prototyping facilities, and high-speed internet. The Tata Group will lead the hub, with L&T and AMNS acting as partners. The Amaravati hub will be supported by five spokes in different regions—JSW in Anantapur, Adani Group in Tirupati, Megha Group in Vijayawada, Greenco in Rajahmundry, and GMR Group in Visakhapatnam.

YS Jagan Slams Chandrababu's...

TPN Correspondent | Tadepalli

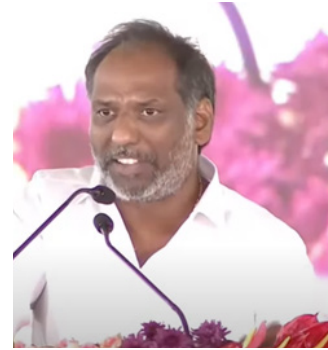
YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has expressed confidence that his party will return to power in the upcoming assembly elections. Speaking at the party central office in Tadepalli, he assured the ranks of his full support in "Jagan 2.0" and accused CM Chandrababu Naidu's government of consistently deceiving the public. YS Jagan alleged that the ruling coalition postponed local body elections in 57 places to avoid defeat, while YSRCP emerged victorious in 39 out of 50 contested seats. He accused Chandrababu of using threats, intimidation, and fraud to secure power, describing the governance as rooted in lies. He criticized the TDP government's handling of education, claiming English medium education, TOEFL classes, and tablet distribution programs for students have been dismantled. According to

YS Jagan, schemes that benefited children and aimed to provide quality education have been deliberately neglected. In agriculture, he alleged that free crop insurance and input subsidies were abolished, and farmers are left struggling with unremunerative prices. He accused the government of weakening Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKs) and halting investment assistance programs initiated under the YSRCP regime. YS Jagan dismissed Chandrababu's claims about state debt, stating that the actual debt of ₹6.50 lakh crore includes ₹3.13 lakh crore from the previous TDP government. He criticized the P-4 policy, describing it as a plan to transfer welfare benefits of the poor to the wealthy. Assuring workers of better support in Jagan 2.0, YS Jagan concluded that Chandrababu's governance is marked by fraud and betrayal. Confident of a YSRCP landslide, he vowed to restore good governance and stand by the people.

From CBG to BPCL, Lokesh's Investment Roadmap for Prakasam - Minister

TPN Correspondent | Prakasam

Energy Minister Gottipati Ravikumar stated that Nara Lokesh fulfilled his promise to boost Prakasam district's development within 9 months of coming to power. Speaking at the Reliance CBG plant foundation ceremony in Kanigiri, he praised the coalition government's efforts under Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu. The CBG plant, established with a Rs. 650 crore investment, is part of a larger plan involving over Rs. 1.5 lakh crore investments aimed at transforming the backward Prakasam district. Minister Gottipati announced that an Indosol plant worth Rs. 50,000 crore would be set up in the Kandukur constituency, followed by a BPCL plant with an investment of Rs. 1 lakh crore. He



explained that the P4 program aims to eliminate economic and caste inequalities, reflecting CM Chandrababu's vision for inclusive growth. He criticized the previous government for intimidating investors and forcing solar plant builders out of the state. In contrast, the current coalition government is encouraging investments, with Reliance offering Rs. 31,000 per acre for private lands and Rs. 15,000 per acre for government lands. The minister assured the public that all promises made by the coalition government would be fulfilled, including the creation of 20 lakh jobs and filling 16,000 teacher posts through DSC. He also emphasized that welfare schemes like Thali Ki Vandam and Anandata Sukhibhav would be implemented soon. The event was attended by Ministers, MLAs, Reliance representatives, coalition leaders, and officials from various departments.

Pastor Pagadala Praveen's Brother Expresses Faith in AP Govt's Investigation

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Kiran Pagadala, brother of Pastor Pagadala Praveen, has expressed his complete faith in the investigation being conducted by the Andhra Pradesh government into the recent incident involving his family.

Speaking to the media, Kiran urged everyone to remain patient and allow the truth to emerge without distortion or prejudice. He emphasized that the situation should not be exploited to incite hatred or mislead the public by mixing irrelevant matters. "The truth should be kept in mind until it comes out. Spreading misinformation or using this matter to provoke hatred is unacceptable," Kiran stated. He also expressed disappointment over individuals allegedly using the incident for political gains. "Some people are trying to derive political benefits from this situation, which is very painful. It is important that the matter is handled with sensitivity and fairness," he added. According to Kiran, the Andhra Pradesh government has assured full support to his family during this difficult time. He praised the government's efforts and reiterated his confidence in the ongoing investigation. "The police are investigating from all angles, and I have complete faith in the investigation being conducted by the AP government," Kiran affirmed. Kiran Pagadala's comments come amid widespread speculation and varied reactions from political circles and the public. His appeal for restraint and focus on the truth underscores the importance of a fair and impartial investigation.



NON-STOP SEX LESSONS AT NANNAYYA UNIVERSITY

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The students accused Satyanarayana of using his platform to discuss topics unrelated to the Telugu syllabus, including the depiction of Khajuraho sculptures and advice given by Dr. Samararam on sexuality. Reports suggest that the lecturer emphasized the importance of sex in life, indicating a sense of impurity regarding potential disciplinary actions. Despite mounting evidence, including complaint letters submitted by affected students, Vice-Chancellor Prasanna Sri has remained silent. Students allege that the Women's Cell Committee, meant to protect victims, is being misused to suppress the matter, raising con-

cerns over potential cover-ups. Adding to the tension, it is reported that the VC attempted to broker a compromise between the lecturer and a victim student, suggesting that both parties refrain from discussing the issue publicly. This move has sparked outrage, as students believe that action should be taken against the accused rather than silencing the victim. The controversy intensified when students reported threats and intimidation by the involved faculty members, causing fear among those who initially came forward. Students and parents alike are demanding an impartial investigation to address the allegations and ensure the safety of students.

The incident has sparked widespread outrage, with education circles calling for Minister Nara Lokesh's intervention. There are growing fears that if the issue is not addressed promptly, it could indicate a pattern of harassment within the university. Many believe that decisive action from higher authorities is needed to safeguard students' rights and uphold the university's integrity. Educational activists are urging a thorough investigation, emphasizing that the accused should be suspended pending inquiry to ensure that victims are not further traumatized. The lack of immediate action is leading to speculation about the administration's intentions and the need for a transparent resolution.

RK Roja Lashes Out at Govt Over Women's Safety and Intimidation Tactics



TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Former Minister RK Roja, in a fiery press meet, criticized the government for failing to protect women and accused it of allowing liquor and drugs to harm the state's youth. She alleged that despite repeated incidents of atrocities against women, the Home Minister, Chief Minister, and Deputy Chief Minister have remained indifferent.

Roja praised certain MPTCs who she described as loyal to YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's agenda, even when faced with intense pressure and intimidation.

She recounted the ordeal of an MPTC who was detained for three days but still bravely voted for YSRCP. She also mentioned an MPTC from Yelamanchili who resisted

pressure to change parties and another MPTC who remained loyal despite her husband being threatened with job loss.

"These are the real soldiers of Jagan's agenda. They are not afraid of your red books or blood books," Roja declared, emphasizing their commitment to the party despite external threats.

She accused the government of allowing liquor to flow freely and failing to control marijuana and drugs, which are reportedly destroying the state's youth. She further alleged that young girls are being exploited as a result of these failings.

Roja concluded her speech by demanding immediate action from the government to address these issues and protect the state's women and youth.

Police Issue Notices to Former MP Harsha Kumar Over Pastor's Death Remarks

TPN Correspondent | Rajahmundry

Former MP Harsha Kumar has received notices from the police following his remarks expressing doubts over the death of Pastor Praveen Pagadala. The Rajahmundry North Zone DSP issued a notice urging Harsha Kumar to cooperate with the investigation if he possesses any credible information related to the case.

The DSP clarified that making unfounded allegations could hinder the investigation process and asked Harsha Kumar to present any relevant details he might have. This notice comes days after Pastor Praveen Pagadala reportedly died under suspicious circumstances



while traveling from Hyderabad to Rajahmundry.

The police have launched a detailed investigation into the incident to uncover the truth behind Pastor Praveen's death. Meanwhile, Harsha Kumar's statements have drawn attention to the case, prompting authorities to address his concerns through proper investigation.

Ambati Rambabu Slams TDP Over Rumors About Kodali Nani's Health

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

YCP leader and former minister Kodali Nani, who was initially admitted to AIG Hospital in Hyderabad, has been shifted to Mumbai for advanced treatment, prompting a wave of rumors about his health on social media.

Former minister Ambati Rambabu expressed his displeasure at the Telugu Desam Party leaders, accusing them of spreading false propaganda about Kodali Nani's health condition. Contrary to claims of heart pain, Ambati clarified that Nani's operation was moved to Mumbai to avoid complications arising from high pressure if conducted in Hyderabad.

He further added that



Dr. Ramakant Pandey, a highly experienced surgeon, would be supervising the procedure. Doctors are expected to monitor Nani's condition over the next few days before finalizing the surgery date.

Ambati assured that Kodali Nani would return home in good health and urged the public not to believe the misleading information circulated by the Telugu Desam Party.

JSP Nagababu Sworn in as MLC, CM Chandrababu Extends Congratulates

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Jana Sena Party General Secretary Nagababu was sworn in as an MLC under the MLA quota on Wednesday, following his unanimous election to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council. The swearing-in ceremony was held at the office of AP Legislative Council Chairman Moshen Raju, who administered the oath to Nagababu. During the ceremony, Nagababu pledged his allegiance to the Indian Constitution, vowing to uphold its principles, safeguard the nation's sovereignty and integrity, and serve with dedication. The event was attended by AP Minister Atchannaidu, Jana Sena leaders, and other dignitaries.

Following the swearing-in, Nagababu, accompanied by his wife Padmaja, visited Chief

- Nagababu unanimously elected as MLC in MLA quota
- Council Chairman Moshen Raju administered oath
- Nagababu meets CM Chandrababu, receives blessings



Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu at the CM's office to seek his blessings. They honored the Chief Minister by presenting him with a shawl, acknowledging his leadership and support. CM Chandrababu

extended his heartfelt congratulations to Nagababu on his new role and expressed his best wishes for his tenure as an MLC. As a gesture of goodwill, the Chief Minister presented Nagababu with a shawl and



a statue of Lord Venkateswara, symbolizing his blessings for a successful journey ahead. Nagababu's elevation as MLC comes as a significant development for the Jana Sena Party, further strengthening its polit-

ical presence in Andhra Pradesh. The party leader's commitment to his constitutional duties and his acknowledgment by the Chief Minister highlight the cooperative spirit between Jana Sena and the ruling TDP.

Former MLA Anantha Venkataramireddy Slams Govt's Performance

TPN Correspondent | Anantapur

Former MLA Anantha Venkataramireddy criticized the coalition government for failing to deliver on its welfare promises despite being in power for nearly a year. Speaking at a media conference, he alleged that the government has only distributed a few gas cylinders and diverted public attention with misleading campaigns.

He dismissed Chandrababu Naidu's P4 initiative, introduced on Ugadi, as nothing new, stating that similar schemes have been implemented by corporations for years. Venkataramireddy accused Chandrababu of fabricating new concepts and sarcastically questioned his ability to implement

the "Super Six" welfare scheme.

Pointing out previous welfare programs, Venkataramireddy noted that under YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's leadership, technology was utilized to ensure direct benefit transfers without leakage, unlike during Rajiv Gandhi's time when he claimed there was a 25% leakage.

He further criticized Chandrababu's administration for cutting nearly 3 lakh pensions and renaming the Amma Vodi scheme. Accusing the coalition of neglecting farmers, he highlighted their struggles due to lack of support prices and increasing dependency on middlemen. Venkataramireddy pointed out irrigation issues, alleging that



only 55 thousand acres were irrigated out of the promised 4.5 lakh acres, according to the Collector's announcement. He questioned the lack of accountability among public

representatives and the government's failure to store even 5 TMC of water in PABR and Banakacharla. Challenging the coalition government to conduct local body elections

to assess public support, he also accused the police of failing to perform their duties effectively and questioned their response if tasked with relocating police stations.

YS Sharmila Condemns Waqf Amendment Bill, Calls It Attack on Religious Freedom

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

APCC Chief YS Sharmila Reddy launched a scathing attack on the Waqf Amendment Bill, calling it a blatant attempt to take away the religious freedom granted to Muslims by the Constitution. She labeled the bill as unconstitutional and accused Prime Minister Modi of orchestrating a conspiracy to suppress minorities and alienate Waqf properties for the benefit of his allies.

In a strongly-worded tweet, Sharmila termed the introduction of the bill in Parliament as a "black day" for the country and a stain on its history.

She condemned the bill for inciting religious hatred and violating the rights of over 20 crore Muslims who are protesting against it.



According to Sharmila, handing over the supervision of Waqf properties to collectors, appointing non-religious members to the Waqf Board, and imposing unreasonable conditions like proving continuous possession of properties for 12 years or requiring practicing Islam for five years to access Waqf Board lands are all measures aimed at depriving Muslims of their legitimate rights.

Sharmila criticized the TDP and Jana Sena parties for supporting the

bill, accusing Chandrababu Naidu of betraying minorities by issuing a whip in favor of the bill. She highlighted the contradiction between Chandrababu's public promises to protect Waqf properties and his party's support for the bill in Parliament.

Declaring the Andhra Pradesh Congress Party's firm opposition to the bill, Sharmila expressed her unwavering support for the Muslim community's fight against what she described as an act of "anti-democratic treason."

AP Police Issued Notices at Kakani Goverdhan Reddy's Hyderabad Residence

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Andhra Pradesh Police intensified their search for former minister and YSRCP leader Kakani Goverdhan Reddy, who is facing allegations related to illegal mining and an SC/ST case. Despite receiving concrete information about his whereabouts, the police were unsuccessful in their latest attempt to reach him.

AP Police officials, including Kavali CI from Nellore district, along with Manubolu SI and other personnel, arrived at Kakani's residence in SR Nagar, Hyderabad. The former minister has reportedly been evading investigation despite being issued notices twice for questioning. Kakani was expected to appear for investigation on Tuesday but failed to show up.

Amid efforts to locate him, the police have been tracking his mobile sig-

nals but faced setbacks as the signals often pointed to incorrect locations. It is believed that Kakani is deliberately misleading the police by providing false information about his whereabouts.

During their visit to his Hyderabad residence, the police discovered that an engagement function was underway. However, Kakani was not present. Notices were subsequently served to his relatives, clearly specifying the time he is required to appear for questioning.

The former minister is reportedly seeking anticipatory bail in connection with the illegal mining and SC/ST atrocity cases. While maintaining that he will cooperate with the investigation, Kakani continues to avoid police questioning.

Police efforts to locate him remain ongoing, with frustration mounting over his repeated evasions.

Minister Narayana Vows to Make Vijayawada West Constituency a Model for Development

Focus on providing 130 liters of water per person
Municipalities empowered to utilize locally collected taxes
Criticism of previous government's mismanagement of central funds

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada West

Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Narayana has emphasized his commitment to transforming the West constituency into a model for development. Reflecting on his tenure as minister from 2014 to 2019, Narayana noted that sufficient budget allocations were available during that period, unlike now, where most revenue is directed towards servicing debts from the previous government. Minister Narayana stated that the current administration has set a target of providing 130 liters of water per person, prioritizing efficient water supply and sanitation



services. For the first time, municipalities have been instructed to spend the taxes they collect locally, enabling them to directly address the needs of their areas. He alleged that the previous gov-

ernment diverted Rs. 3,000 crore worth of locally collected taxes and failed to provide matching grants for central funds intended for drinking water schemes, Swachh Andhra, and Amrutha schemes. As a result, those crucial initiatives collapsed, depriving people of essential services. Minister Narayana assured that under the new administration, efforts would be made to rejuvenate these schemes and ensure proper utilization of funds. He also mentioned that MP Sujana Chowdhury would work towards development using the Pee-4 model, indicating a structured approach to infrastructure and resource management.



MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao's Efforts Ensure Promotions for SC, ST Employees in KDCC Bank

TPN Correspondent | Gannavaram

Government Whip and Gannavaram Constituency MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao successfully resolved the long-pending promotion issue of SC, ST, and BC-C category employees in Krishna District Central Cooperative Bank (KDCC Bank). Promotions were granted following his intervention and assurance to employees. In January, employees from SC, ST, and BC-C categories staged a protest in front of KDCC Bank, Machilipatnam, under the KDCC Bank SC, ST, BC Employees Association, alleging injustice in promotions. They claimed that their promotions as Chief Managers were approved but later canceled.

Responding to the protest, MLA Yarlagadda visited the location, heard their grievances, and assured them of discussing the matter with the government to ensure justice. Trusting his assurance, the employees called off their protest.

Following his intervention, the KDCC Bank CEO issued orders promoting employees from SC, ST, and BC-C categories to the positions of Chief Managers. On Tuesday evening, the promoted employees met MLA Yarlagadda at his camp office to express their gratitude for his dedication and support in resolving their issues.

MLA Yarlagadda assured them of his continued commitment to KDCC Bank's



development and encouraged them to approach him whenever necessary. The resolution of the promotion issue has been widely appreciated by the employees, reinforcing Yarlagadda's reputation for addressing public grievances effectively.

NTR Dist Collector Announces Brand Title Competition for Vijayawada

TPN Correspondent | NTR Dist

NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sha has announced a brand image title competition aimed at giving Vijayawada a special identity to attract domestic and foreign tourists. The initiative seeks to create a distinctive brand image for Vijayawada, the gateway to the new capital, Amaravati.

Dr. Lakshmi Sha stated that the competition invites participants to suggest creative titles and taglines that reflect their vision for the city of Vijayawada. The winning entries will receive certificates and prizes, and the names of the winners will be officially recognized. She emphasized that this initiative is intended to enhance Vijayawada's appeal as a major destination known for its significance in education, medicine, industry, culture, and art. According to Dr. Lakshmi Sha, Vijayawada has gained prominence as the entry point to Amaravati, attracting tourists from across the country and abroad. With cities like Kerala known as "God's Own Country" and Bangalore as the "Silicon Valley of India," Vijayawada should also have a title that establishes its unique identity.

The competition is open to participants from Vijayawada and other parts of the state. Dr. Lakshmi Sha encouraged enthusiasts to propose titles and taglines that highlight Vijayawada's cultural, historical, and economic strengths. She also stated



that the reasons behind suggesting each title should be clearly mentioned.

Entries for the competition can be sent to Brandvjacomp.collectorntrdist@gmail.com along with the participant's name, address, and mobile number. The best title and tagline will be selected, and the winners will be presented with certificates of appreciation and prizes. Dr. Lakshmi Sha further mentioned that following the title competition, a logo design competition will also be held. She urged the public to take advantage of this golden opportunity to contribute towards Vijayawada's identity and recognition. The initiative aims to establish Vijayawada as a renowned destination and create a brand image that will attract more tourists and investments to the region.

Extensive Anti-Larva Operations Initiated Across Vijayawada

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyanchandra has ordered extensive anti-larva operations to combat mosquito breeding across the city. Following his instructions, Biologist Suryakumar, along with malaria staff, conducted operations on Wednesday morning in Ajit Singh Nagar, Srinagar Colony, Satyanarayanapuram, and Vidyadharaapuram. In areas surrounding Ajit Singh Nagar and P&T Colony, the municipal staff

completed the desilting process of side drains, ensuring unhindered water flow. As part of the anti-larva operation, ML oil was sprayed to prevent mosquito breeding.

Accumulated waste, including horse hooves, was cleaned from the canal to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds. Additionally, ML oil was applied along the canal to prevent larvae formation. Malaria staff, utilizing boats, cleared sheep hooves and ensured proper canal flow. Tractor machines were employed to expedite the desilting pro-



cess. Commissioner Dhyanchandra emphasized that these operations will be conducted regularly to maintain hygiene and prevent mosquito-borne diseases throughout Vijayawada.

Ration Mafia Thrives Despite Crackdown Attempts in Ibrahimpatnam



TPN Correspondent | Ibrahimpatnam

The ongoing ration mafia in Kotikalapudi village under Ibrahimpatnam mandal has raised serious concerns over the effectiveness of the revenue and police systems. Despite stringent measures by authorities, the mafia continues to operate boldly, misleading officials and intimidating those who dare to expose their operations. Local media recently highlighted the illegal ration racket in Kotikalapudi, prompting the local revenue

officer, VRO, and Deputy Tahsildar to inform the DTO. However, the mafia reportedly threatened and abused reporters who attempted to report the matter, questioning the efficacy of official action. Residents are now questioning why Ibrahimpatnam Revenue officials, known for their crackdown efforts in other areas, appear powerless against the mafia operating in Kotikalapudi. Speculations are rife about possible pressure or undue influence preventing effective action.

The public demands strong measures against those involved in the illegal transport of ration rice meant for the poor under the public distribution system. Whether the authorities will take decisive action or merely resort to nominal measures remains to be seen.

Kanchikacherla Pension Scam: Welfare Assistant Loses ₹7.5 Lakh in Casino Betting

TPN Correspondent | Nandigama

In a shocking incident, Welfare Assistant Thota Tarun from Kanchikacherla Secretariat 3 absconded after misappropriating ₹7.5 lakh in pension money. The incident, which reportedly occurred due to the negligence of the Kanchikacherla MPDO, has sparked outrage among the local community. Based on the complaint filed by the MPDO, the police arrested Thota Tarun and presented him in court. Investigations revealed that he lost ₹7.22 lakh within 48 hours through online casino betting. Police managed to recover only ₹28,000 from him. It was also discovered that Tarun had engaged in a

similar fraudulent act while working at Gampalagudem. Despite this, the MPDO allowed him to distribute pensions, raising concerns about oversight and negligence. Residents of Kanchikacherla are demanding strict action against the authorities responsible for entrusting Tarun with pension distribution despite his questionable past. They are urging for a thorough investigation to prevent such incidents from recurring.



MLC Alapati Rajendra Prasad, Swamy Naidu Address Public Grievances at TDP Central Office

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

During a public grievance reception held at the TDP Central Office on April 2, 2025, MLC Alapati Rajendra Prasad and Amalapuram Urban Development Authority Chairman Swamy Naidu received petitions from individuals seeking resolutions to various issues.

Adilakshmi from Chityala village, Gopalapuram mandal, East Godavari district, alleged that her lands were being occupied and threatened by Karedla Gangadhar, Karedla Neelima, Thota Adinarayana, and Suravarapu Suryanarayana. She appealed for protection and justice.

M. Srinivas from Guntur requested payment of an outstanding bill of Rs. 18 lakhs for comprehensive crop protection products supplied by Sri Aparajitha Agri Biotech Company to the Horticulture Department between 2019 and 2020.

Madhuri from Vijayawada, NTR district, who has been living in the city for the last 20 years without owning a house or stable rental accom-

modation, requested assistance in acquiring a house.

Talluri Srinivas from Chagallu, East Godavari district, reported a discrepancy in online land records showing 85 cents of land inaccurately. He requested correction of the records.

Potta Sivaprasad from Upparapalli village, Kadapa district, alleged that YSRCP leaders were illegally constructing shopping complexes on government land with the support of officials. He demanded an inquiry and removal of the unauthorized structures.

Dasharadhan from Kancharapalem village, Varadaiyapalem mandal, Tirupati district, claimed that Bandili Balayya, Bandili Suresh, and Bandili Kumar encroached on government land, blocking access to an Anganwadi center. He appealed for restoration of the pathway.

MLC Alapati Rajendra Prasad and Swamy Naidu assured the petitioners that appropriate steps would be taken to address their grievances and provide justice.

CM Naidu Appreciated MLA Eshwar Rao's Performance



- CM Assures Etcherla Development
- MLA Eshwar Rao praised for work style
- CM promises detailed attention to constituency issues

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati
Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu appreciated MLA Eshwar Rao's efforts and assured support for the development of Etcherla constituency during a meeting held at the Andhra Pradesh Secretariat

in Amaravati. The constituency alliance leaders met the Chief Minister to urge him to expedite the construction of the irrigation project canal and extend necessary assistance to the farmers. Expressing satisfaction with Eshwar Rao's

performance, Chandrababu Naidu stated, "Well done Eshwar Rao... You are impressing the leaders and the people with your work style." He congratulated the MLA in the presence of constituency leaders and gave a clear assurance that every issue concerning Etcherla would be addressed with detailed attention.

The Chief Minister further emphasized his commitment to the constituency's progress, promising special focus on unresolved matters and ongoing developmental activities. His appreciation for Eshwar Rao's dedication boosted the morale of the visiting leaders, who expressed gratitude for his positive response. Chandrababu Naidu, maintaining a cheerful demeanor throughout the interaction, took photographs with all the leaders present and reiterated his intent to visit Etcherla constituency soon.

Minister Subhash Provides Financial Assistance to Two Ailing Individuals

- Financial aid of Rs. 15 thousand provided
- Minister assures pension sanction for injured bricklayer
- Humanitarian support extended for medical treatment

TPN Correspondent | Ramachandrapuram

State Labour Minister Vasamsetty Subhash extended financial assistance to two severely ill individuals facing financial hardships. On Tuesday evening, he visited Alasani Prasad, a bricklayer from Ramachandrapuram living in a TIDCO house. Prasad, who suffered a serious back injury after falling from a building, is unable to walk. Upon learning of his situation from

coalition party leaders, Minister Subhash provided Rs. 10 thousand in assistance and assured efforts to secure a pension of Rs. 15 thousand through the coalition government.

In another case, Gubbala Gopi from Gubbala Varipet, Ramachandrapuram, fell seriously ill. Minister Subhash, responding with compassion, extended immediate help by providing Rs. 5 thousand and promised to arrange for Gopi's treatment



at Guntur Hospital at his own expense. The families expressed gratitude for the minister's prompt and humane response. Several coalition leaders accompanied Minister Subhash during his visits.

Collector K. Vetrivel Orders Speedy Construction of Houses for Poor in Eluru



TPN Correspondent | Eluru

District Collector K. Vetrivel has directed engineering officials to accelerate the construction of houses for the poor across Eluru district. During a video conference held on Wednesday from the Collector's camp office, she reviewed the progress with Housing Department officials and engineering assistants, expressing concern over delays in meeting targets.

Out of the 13,525 houses slated for completion by May 31, only 6,832 have been finished so far. Emphasizing the favorable summer conditions, Collector Vetrivel urged officials to ramp up efforts to meet the deadline. "The weather is ideal for construction. Engineering staff must take proactive steps to achieve the assigned

targets," she stated. She singled out officials in Lingapalem, Agiripalli, Chintalapudi, Eluru, Nuzvid, Mandavalli, and Jangareddygudem, where progress has been sluggish, instructing them to prioritize and expedite work. The Collector stressed the importance of providing timely housing to the underprivileged, warning against further delays.

The video conference saw participation from Housing Department Project Director G. Satyanarayana, Executive Engineers (EEs), Deputy Engineers (DEs), Assistant Engineers (AEs), and engineering assistants from village and ward secretariats. Officials assured the Collector of intensified efforts to meet the May 31 deadline, with plans to increase manpower and streamline resources in lagging areas. The initiative reflects the district administration's commitment to improving living conditions for the poor, with strict oversight to ensure targets are met.

Nanded-Sambalpur Express Derails at Vizianagaram Station, No Injuries Reported

TPN Correspondent | Vizianagaram

A minor derailment occurred at Vizianagaram railway station on Wednesday when the last two coaches of the Nanded-Sambalpur Express (Train No. 20810) veered off the tracks at a railway crossing. The incident took place around 11:40 AM as the train was departing the station, causing a brief scare among passengers and onlookers.

Fortunately, no injuries were reported, as the train was moving at a slow speed during the derailment. Railway officials acted swiftly, rushing to the scene to assess the situation. The derailed coaches—a General Seating (GS) coach and a Sitting cum Luggage Rake (SLR)—were promptly detached from the train after necessary safety checks. The Nanded-Sambalpur Express resumed its journey at 12:47 PM, ensuring minimal disruption to passengers.

Authorities from the Waltair Division of East Coast Railway confirmed that the incident occurred at the station yard

while the train was switching tracks. Passengers expressed relief at the absence of casualties, with one traveler noting, "It was a tense moment, but we're thankful no one was hurt." The railway staff provided refreshments to those on board during the brief delay.

The cause of the derailment remains under investigation, with officials working to determine whether it was due to a technical fault or track issue. Train services on the Visakhapatnam-Palasa line have since been restored, and operations are running smoothly. This incident follows a similar derailment in Odisha just days ago, raising concerns about railway safety, though quick action by staff averted any serious consequences in Vizianagaram.



Srikakulam Police Nab Love-Crazed Murderer Through Coordinated Effort

TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam

The Srikakulam district police successfully apprehended a love-crazed murderer following a coordinated search operation led by District SP KV Maheshwara Reddy IPS. Acting on orders from the SP, four special teams were deployed to capture the accused after he brutally attacked a mother and daughter with a knife at Madhuravada, Swayamkrushi Nagar, Visakhapatnam, on Wednesday afternoon.

With information suggesting the accused was heading towards Srikakulam, the police acted swiftly under the supervision of DSP CH Vivekananda. Utilizing technology and reliable intelligence, the teams launched a continuous search.



On Wednesday evening, a team led by J.R. Puram CI M. Avataram skillfully apprehended the suspect and handed him over to the Visakhapatnam City Police for further investigation.

Visakhapatnam Range DIG Gopinath Jatti IPS specially congratulated SP KV Maheshwara Reddy IPS and his team for their skillful and dedicated effort in apprehending the accused promptly. The swift action, teamwork, and coordination demonstrated by the Srikakulam district police were highly appreciated.

Kerala Farmers Team Inspects Natural Farming Practices in Eluru Dist



TPN Correspondent | Eluru Dist

A delegation of farmers from Kerala visited Eluru district on Wednesday to study the Andhra Pradesh Public Participation Natural Farming initiative, implemented under the Andhra Pradesh Farmers Empowerment Organization (Rythu Sadhikara Samstha). The team explored innovative and sustainable farming techniques aimed at empowering local farmers and promoting eco-friendly agriculture.

The visit began with an inspection of a 16-acre A-grade compact block in Venkatapuram, where paddy is cultivated using indigenous seeds under natural farming methods. The Kerala farmers observed crops grown on paddy ridges, a creative approach within the natural farming system, and compared them with chemically cultivated crops to understand the differences in yield and quality. They engaged with local farmers to discuss practical insights and outcomes.

In Lakshmiapuram, the team visited farmer Chakrapani's 10-acre plantation, featuring palm oil and coconut intercropped with fenugreek and pepper, showcasing the diversity of natural farming. At Vempadu, APCNF officials demonstrated the nine universal principles of natural farming, explaining their scientific basis. The delegation also witnessed the preparation of bio-catalysts and decoctions and toured a Non-Pesticide Management (NPM) shop.

In Ammapalem, Pedavegi Mandal, the team met farmers practicing pre-monsoon dry sowing and those adopting natural farming from seed to harvest. Discussions with mentors and farmer scientists highlighted the mentorship model's role in knowledge-sharing. The visitors also explored a five-storey cropping model and an A-grade coconut model managed by farmers Rangaiah and Sathhibabu.

The program was attended by Regional Coordinator Sri Krishna Rao, District Project Manager DPM Tatarao, Additional DPM B. Venkateswarlu, Agriculture Officer Sandhya, and other officials, who emphasized the initiative's impact on sustainable agriculture in Andhra Pradesh.

Lok Satta Leaders Demand School for Tribal Village Children

TPN Correspondent | Vizianagaram

Lok Satta Party leader Akula Damodar Rao has slammed the government for its failure to establish a school for children in the tribal village of Gopalarayudu Peta Panchayat, Bobbili Mandal, Vizianagaram district. Highlighting the dire state of education in the migrant tribal community, Rao criticized successive governments for neglecting basic needs like education and healthcare despite years of promises.

The village, isolated with no neighboring settlements, has seen no progress in constructing a school, even after funds were sanctioned years ago. "The situation remains unchanged from last year. Governments change, but the lives of these people don't," Rao said, calling it a shameful reflection of administrative apathy. He pointed out that villagers built a makeshift Puripaka structure themselves, which often gets damaged by wind, forcing classes to be held in a church.

Rao questioned the priorities of leaders and officials, not-



ing that while temples and churches receive generous donations for votes, schools are ignored. "Children don't vote, so no one steps forward. Would we send our own children to such schools?" he asked, urging introspection. He also criticized the tribal welfare association for its inaction.

The Lok Satta leader demanded immediate action from rulers and officials to construct a proper school building, emphasizing that education is a fundamental right. "Making empty promises before elections and then abandoning these communities is unacceptable," Rao stated, speaking on behalf of the party. The call has reignited discussions on the neglect of tribal development in the region, with locals and activists echoing the need for accountability and swift government response.

Bandi Govindu Unanimously Elected President of Mandapet Town

TPN Correspondent | Mandapeta

Bandi Govindu has been unanimously elected as the new president of the Mandapet Town Shettibalija Sangam. A meeting was held at the Shettibalija Kalyana Mandapam on Wednesday to form a new executive committee representing the ten Mandapet Town associations.

Along with Bandi Govindu as president, the committee includes Penke Venkat Rao as vice president, Kukkala Srinivas as secretary, Pampana Srinivas as honorary

president, Kadali Naga Durga Rao as joint secretary, and Kukkala Srinivas as treasurer. Former president Pampana Srinivas was honored by the society members



with garlands and shawls for his service. During his speech, Bandi Govindu vowed to work tirelessly for the society's development and assured members that he would address their concerns promptly. Several dignitaries, including Municipal Vice Chairman Pilli Ganeswara Rao, Councilor Pilli Srinivas, former councilors, and elders from 10 urban societies, attended the event to congratulate the newly elected committee.

A Visionary and Founder of RSS – Dr. Keshav Baliram Hegdewar

This article serves as a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Hegdewar, paying profound respect to his contributions and legacy. It emphasizes the considerable impact he had on society and the principles he advocated, honoring his vision and commitment to the community. Through this recognition, we not only celebrate his accomplishments but also acknowledge the lasting influence he continues to have on future generations. For the country's longevity and general well-being, RSS is a doctor's prescription.

Commemorating Dr. Keshav Baliram Hegdewar on His Birth Anniversary

Today, we pay tribute to Dr. Keshav Baliram Hegdewar, an extraordinary visionary and statesman often regarded as an *unsung Bharat Ratna*. His unwavering dedication to nation-building, cultural preservation, and social reform played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

Dr. Keshav Baliram Hegdewar (April 1, 1889 – June 21, 1940), known as "Doctorji," was an Indian physician and a prominent Hindutva activist who founded the RSS in Nagpur in 1925, driven by the ideals of Hindu nationalism. His great-great-grandfather migrated from Kandakurthi, Nizamabad in Telangana to Nagpur. Hegdewar's ideology was influenced by Vinayak Damodar Savarkar's Hindutva, as well as the teachings of Samarth Ramdas and Lokmanya Tilak. He frequently quoted Tukaram in his letters.

Established on Vijayadashami, the RSS aimed to foster cultural unity, spiritual revival, discipline, and national consciousness among Indians, viewing these as essential for India's independence. Hegdewar deliberately chose the term 'Rashtriya' to emphasize Bharat's identity, believing that India's ancient civilization deserved restoration after centuries of foreign rule. He envisioned the RSS as a platform for cultivating individuals of strong character and unwavering commitment to the nation.

Strong Nationalism Rooted in Cultural Heritage

Dr. Hegdewar believed that nationhood is not merely political but deeply civilizational. He emphasized reviving and strengthening India's cultural identity, ensuring that people remained connected to their roots. He saw Bharat as a great civilization (Vishwa Guru) and envisioned a society that took pride in its heritage while embracing modernity. As the founder of the RSS, Dr. Hegdewar dreamed of an India that was self-reliant and culturally vibrant. He firmly believed that the strength of a nation lies in its society. Thus, he devoted his life to nurturing a disciplined, patriotic, and service-oriented citizenry. Understanding that social fragmentation and disunity were major challenges, he sought to unify Hindus across caste, regional, and linguistic lines under a common national identity.

Organizing Society for National Strength

Hegdewar saw social fragmentation as one of India's greatest weaknesses. His goal was to unify all sections of Hindu society, cutting across caste, region, and language, to foster a shared national consciousness. He believed that an organized, disciplined, and service-minded society was essential for Bharat's strength. He envisioned a nation of individuals with high moral standards, discipline, and a spirit of selfless service. To achieve this, he developed the Shiksha system, which promoted physical fitness, ideological clarity, and leadership skills.

Selfless Service and Social Transformation

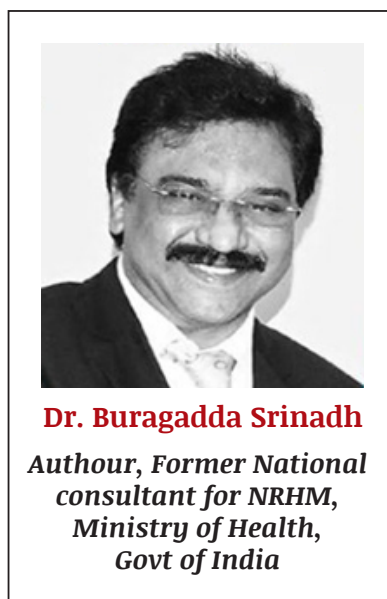
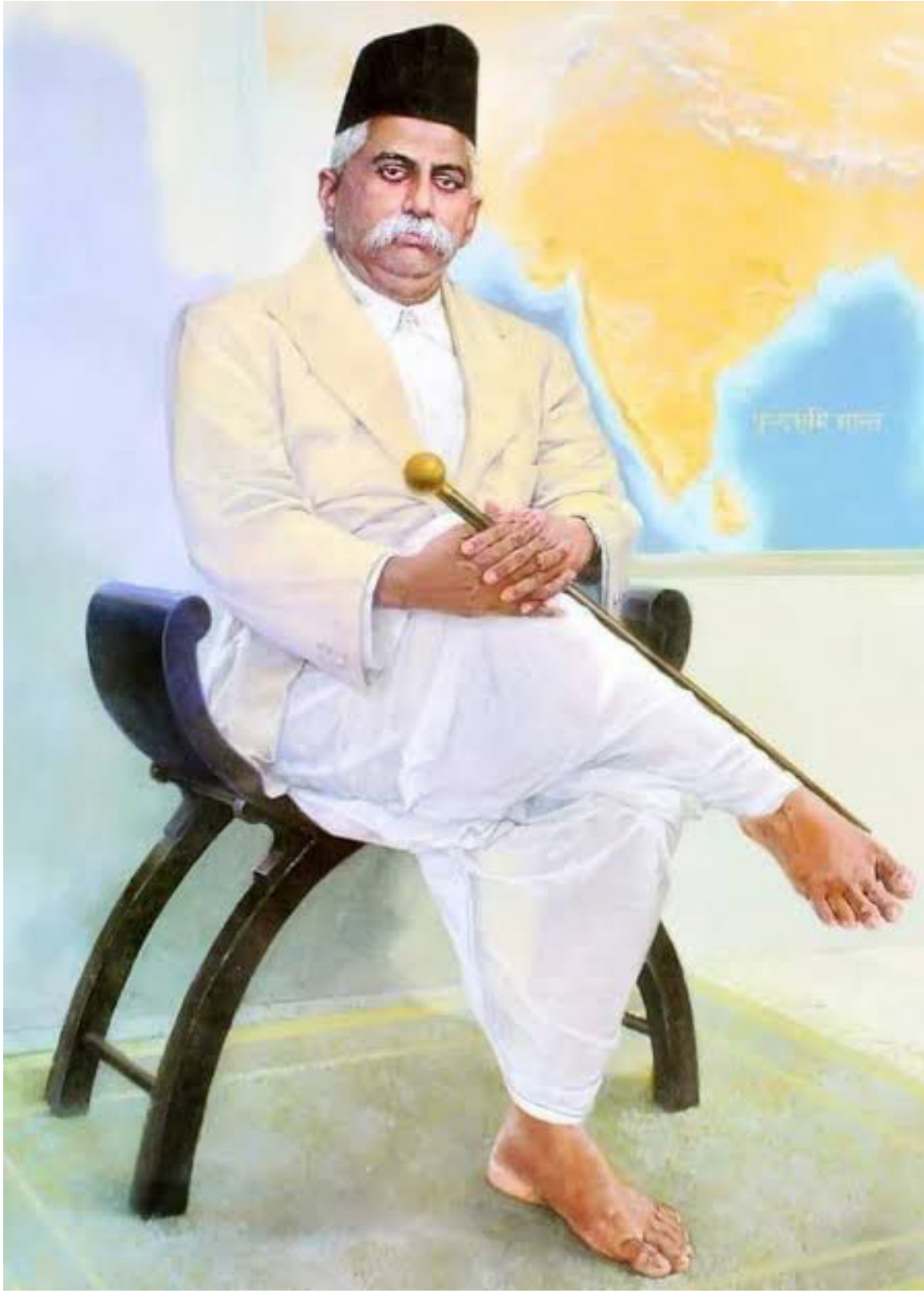
Dr. Hegdewar strongly believed in Seva (selfless service) as a cornerstone of nation-building. Under his leadership, the RSS engaged in social service, disaster relief, rural development, and tribal welfare. What began as a modest initiative has now evolved into the world's largest NGO. Today, the RSS runs over 150,000 social service projects and operates 73,117 daily Shikshas, with approximately 60 lakh volunteers actively contributing to society.

Character Building and Discipline

Hegdewar's vision centered on building strong individuals with high moral character, discipline, and a sense of national duty. The Shiksha system was designed to instill these values through structured training in physical fitness, leadership, and ideological clarity. He emphasized a "nation-first" mindset, where personal ambitions took a backseat to national progress.

National Security and Awareness

He firmly believed that a nation must remain vigilant and prepared to defend itself against potential threats. To this end, he promoted martial and physical training to develop strength and



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resilience among the younger generation. His vision underscored the importance of self-reliance in defense, economic stability, and effective governance. He aimed to ensure that India would never again fall under foreign domination, advocating for a robust framework that empowered the nation to stand independently and confidently in the face of external challenges.

Political Non-Alignment but Ideological Influence

Despite his strong nationalist ideology, Dr. Hegdewar chose not to involve the RSS directly in political activities. However, he was deeply committed to fostering socially aware individuals capable of effecting meaningful change in governance. His vision laid the groundwork for subsequent political movements, influencing the leadership trajectory in India. The RSS has played a significant role in shaping India's political landscape, contributing to the rise of two prime ministers, two presidents, and numerous chief ministers across various states. This influence is largely credited to Dr. Hegdewar's foundational work and vision. Through its extensive grassroots network, the RSS has nurtured leaders who have left an indelible mark on India's governance and development.

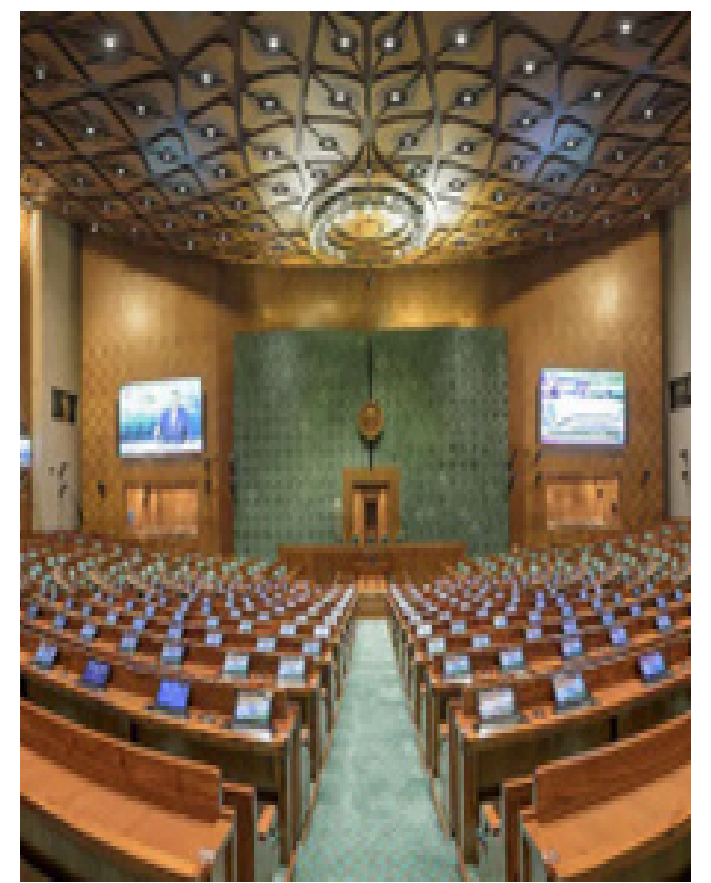
Legacy of Dr. Hegdewar

Dr. Keshav Baliram Hegdewar's contributions to nation-building, cultural revival, and social unity continue to inspire generations. His legacy lives on through the RSS and its countless initiatives that uphold his vision of a disciplined, united, and service-oriented Bharat. As we commemorate his birth anniversary, we honor a man whose unwavering dedication helped

shape the nation's path toward self-reliance and cultural resurgence.

In the last hundred years, various ideological movements and political parties have appeared, flourished, and eventually disappeared around the world, including in India. As we progress through time, each new generation experiences significant advancements in technology and knowledge that can make certain ideologies outdated, contributing to their decline. However, amid this continuous transformation, the ideology of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), founded by Dr. K.B. Hegdewar, has demonstrated remarkable resilience and flexibility in adapting to changing circumstances.

It's important to note that although many young people and educated elites often overlook traditional ideologies, there is a contradiction in the increasing acceptance of RSS principles among these demographics. This rise in recognition indicates that RSS ideology is not just a historical artifact but a vital foundational structure that contributes to the nation's long-term viability. By adapting to modern values while upholding essential traditional beliefs, the RSS has succeeded in maintaining its relevance in today's socio-political environment, showcasing its important role in shaping the future of India. This article serves as a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Hegdewar, paying profound respect to his contributions and legacy. It emphasizes the considerable impact he had on society and the principles he advocated, honoring his vision and commitment to the community. Through this recognition, we not only celebrate his accomplishments but also acknowledge the lasting influence he continues to have on future generations.



Delimitation Row: It's Not Just A North vs South Story

Delimitation, the process of reallocating seats in Parliament and state assemblies based on population, has remained dormant for the last 50 years, with its last freeze occurring in 2000 due to a constitutional amendment. The exercise, scheduled for 2026, is now in limbo, awaiting the completion of the Census, which was delayed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 22, 2025, a significant meeting in Chennai brought together Chief Ministers from Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Kerala, and Punjab, along with leaders from regional parties. These leaders—MK Stalin (Tamil Nadu), Revanth Reddy (Telangana), Pinarayi Vijayan (Kerala), Bhagwant Mann (Punjab), and others—agreed to propose that the upcoming delimitation exercise either be delayed again or conducted in a manner that ensures fairness. Notably absent from the meeting was Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, whose earlier stance against delimitation in 2000 raised questions about his current position.

The key takeaway from the Chennai meeting is that the delimitation issue cannot be reduced to a simple North-South divide. A straightforward approach based on population numbers would disadvantage states like those in the South, which have successfully stabilized their populations through family planning initiatives. This could dilute the political strength of these states in Parliament. Leaders from states like Punjab, too, are concerned about the potential erosion of their political representation, fearing their states might align with smaller, less populated neighbors like Haryana.

The BJP has labeled the push for delimitation a political move, suggesting it is a distraction from the government's governance challenges. Despite repeated assurances from Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the concerns voiced at the meeting remain unresolved. The leaders from the meeting are planning to convene again in Hyderabad to continue the discussions.

In the next year, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Assam, and West Bengal will hold assembly elections, which adds a layer of political significance to Stalin's involvement in the delimitation discussions. The move is seen as a way for Stalin to strengthen his national political profile, especially as he prepares for the future leadership transition of the DMK to his son, Udhayanidhi.

As for the delimitation process itself, there are two primary options: it could proceed based on the 2011 Census or await the results of a new Census, with no clear timeline in sight. Some leaders suggest freezing the exercise for another 25 years, allowing other states time to stabilize their populations. Alternatively, delimitation could occur for state assemblies without affecting the balance in the national Parliament.

Several proposals have emerged from the Chennai meeting to create a more equitable formula, including considering states' fiscal contributions and development levels or increasing the Southern states' representation in the Lok Sabha. Another option includes strengthening the Rajya Sabha to balance the Lower House's composition.

Ultimately, the BJP-led government must work collaboratively with all stakeholders to find a solution that respects India's federal structure. Unilateral actions will only deepen distrust and disrupt the delicate balance of power between the center and states.

Indian Army Urges Pakistan to Honor Ceasefire

The Indian Army has called on the Pakistan Army to adhere to the 2021 ceasefire agreement following a recent skirmish along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir. On Wednesday, a spokesperson from the Army's Jammu-based unit reiterated the importance of maintaining peace and respecting the Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMO) understanding established between the two nations in 2021. The statement comes after reports of ceasefire violations in the Poonch sector, where Pakistani forces allegedly engaged in unprovoked firing. In response, the Indian Army emphasized its commitment to peace along the LoC while also reaffirming its readiness to protect national security if provoked. The 2021 DGMO agreement was a significant diplomatic break-



through between India and Pakistan, aimed at reducing border tensions by ensuring both sides strictly observe the ceasefire. Since its implementation, there has been a considerable decline in cross-border firing incidents,

bringing relief to civilians living along the LoC. However, sporadic skirmishes and alleged violations have continued to threaten the fragile peace in the region. India's latest appeal to Pakistan underscores the need for con-

tinued adherence to the agreement to prevent escalation and ensure stability in the border areas. Defense experts believe that sustained dialogue and mutual trust between the two nations' military leadership are essential to maintaining long-term peace along the LoC. While the Indian Army remains committed to upholding the agreement, officials have also made it clear that any aggression will be met with a firm response. Meanwhile, security forces remain on high alert, closely monitoring movements along the border to prevent any further escalation. The situation along the LoC remains tense, but diplomatic and military efforts are expected to continue in order to uphold the principles of the 2021 ceasefire understanding and ensure a peaceful environment in the region.



India, Chile to Begin Talks on Economic Pact

India and Chile have agreed to commence negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), marking a significant step toward strengthening bilateral trade and economic cooperation. The announcement came following a high-level meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chilean President Gabriel Boric Font, who is currently on an official visit to India.

Describing Chile as India's key partner in Latin America, Modi highlighted the growing ties between the two nations and emphasized Chile's role as the "gateway to Antarctica". He stated that discussions will focus on critical minerals, supply chain resilience, and economic diversification, ensuring mutual benefits for both countries.

Modi further outlined key areas of collaboration, particularly in agriculture and food security, where India and Chile will leverage each other's expertise to enhance production and distribution capabilities. Given Chile's vast natural resources, cooperation in critical minerals is expected to be a focal point of the agreement, strengthening India's supply chains for industries such as renewable energy, electric vehicles, and electronics manufacturing.

Additionally, Modi stressed the growing defense cooperation between the two nations, describing it as a reflection of deep mutual trust. He proposed the development of joint defense industrial manufacturing and supply chains, ensuring that both countries benefit from enhanced military production and technology sharing. Beyond trade and defense, security cooperation was also a key topic of discussion. Modi emphasized the need for collaborative efforts to combat organized crime, drug trafficking, and terrorism, signaling deeper engagement between Indian and Chilean law enforcement agencies. The India-Chile CEPA is expected to significantly boost bilateral trade and investment, offering new market opportunities and strengthening economic ties between the two nations. Both leaders expressed optimism about the agreement, viewing it as a milestone in India-Chile relations that will foster long-term growth and stability. As negotiations begin, the partnership between India and Chile is poised to expand across multiple sectors, enhancing diplomatic and economic cooperation on a global scale.

Savitri Jindal Becomes India's Richest Woman



Savitri Jindal, the matriarch of the OP Jindal Group, has been named India's richest woman in the Forbes Billionaire List 2025, with a net worth of \$35.5 billion. She is now India's third wealthiest individual, trailing only Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani, and remains the only woman in India's top 10 billionaires.

Jindal chairs the Jindal Group, a vast conglomerate with interests in steel, power, cement, and infrastructure. The company was founded by her late husband, Om Prakash Jindal, who passed away in a 2005 helicopter crash. Following his death, the business was divided among their four sons, each overseeing different sectors.

Her son Sajjan Jindal, based in Mumbai, leads JSW Steel, JSW Cement, and JSW Paints, and took JSW Infrastructure public in 2023. In 2024, he expanded into the electric vehicle sector, acquiring a 35% stake in MG Motor India, a subsidiary of China's SAIC Motor.

Savitri Jindal's wealth surge highlights the continued expansion of the Jindal Group, which has played a pivotal role in India's industrial growth. Despite inheriting the business under tragic circumstances, she has successfully steered the company's growth and diversification, cementing her status as one of India's most influential business leaders.

India Seeks to Rebuild Ties with China

In a significant diplomatic move, Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri has emphasized the opportunity to rebuild relations between India and China, despite past challenges. Speaking at an event hosted by the Chinese Embassy in New Delhi on Tuesday night to mark 75 years of diplomatic ties, Misri acknowledged the complex history between the two nations but stressed the need for a stable and cooperative future.

Highlighting the importance of peace and tranquility along the border, Misri underscored that resolving military tensions in Eastern Ladakh is crucial for the smooth development of bilateral relations. He noted that while some border issues have been addressed, lasting progress requires mutual respect, sensitivity, and shared interests—a three-fold principle that India believes is essential for rebuilding trust.

Acknowledging the difficulties ahead, Misri affirmed India's commitment to walking the challenging path toward normalization. He also cited recent engagements, including the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia, as positive steps toward restoring a stable and



predictable partnership. Misri outlined several areas of renewed cooperation, including joint efforts on river management, direct air connectivity, and the resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. These initiatives, he said, are part of a broader effort to turn recent diplomatic "promising beginnings" into tangible benefits for both nations. China's Ambassador to India, Xu Feihong, echoed similar sentiments, emphasizing the need to repair and strengthen ties between the two countries. Both leaders acknowledged that

a healthy bilateral relationship between India and China is not just important for their respective nations but also plays a critical role in global stability and progress.

As geopolitical shifts continue to reshape Asia's power dynamics, India's willingness to engage in dialogue with China marks a significant diplomatic development. While past tensions remain a challenge, both nations appear to be moving cautiously toward rebuilding cooperation through strategic diplomacy and confidence-building measures.

India, Nepal Sign MoUs for Development Projects

India and Nepal have signed 10 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to support high-impact community development projects across Nepal, with financial assistance from India amounting to Nepalese Rs. 625 million. The agreements, inked on April 1, 2025, focus on advancing infrastructure and services in the education, health, and cultural sectors of the Himalayan nation.

According to a statement released by the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu, these MoUs aim to enhance Nepal's public infrastructure and strengthen bilateral ties between the two neighboring countries. The projects funded under these agreements will support schools, hospitals, and cultural institutions, contributing to long-term socio-economic development in Nepal. India has been a key partner in Nepal's growth, providing assistance in various sectors through grants, infrastructure development, and humanitarian aid. Over the years, several such agreements have been implemented to improve essential services, particularly in rural and underserved communities. The latest MoUs reflect India's continued commitment to fostering stronger people-to-people ties and promoting sustainable development in Nepal.



Officials from both sides expressed optimism about the impact of these projects. Nepalese authorities welcomed the initiative, highlighting the positive role of Indian assistance in uplifting local communities and strengthening regional cooperation. Meanwhile, Indian officials emphasized the shared historical, cultural, and economic ties

between the two nations, reiterating India's support for Nepal's development agenda. The newly signed agreements will facilitate the construction and renovation of schools, healthcare centers, and heritage sites, ensuring better access to education, medical facilities, and cultural preservation efforts. These initiatives are expected

to improve the quality of life for thousands of Nepalese citizens while reinforcing the deep-rooted friendship between India and Nepal. With these MoUs in place, both countries look forward to efficient execution and timely completion of the projects, further solidifying their strategic and developmental partnership in the region.



"Break Up Bangladesh": Tripura Ex-Royal On "Extension Of China" Remark

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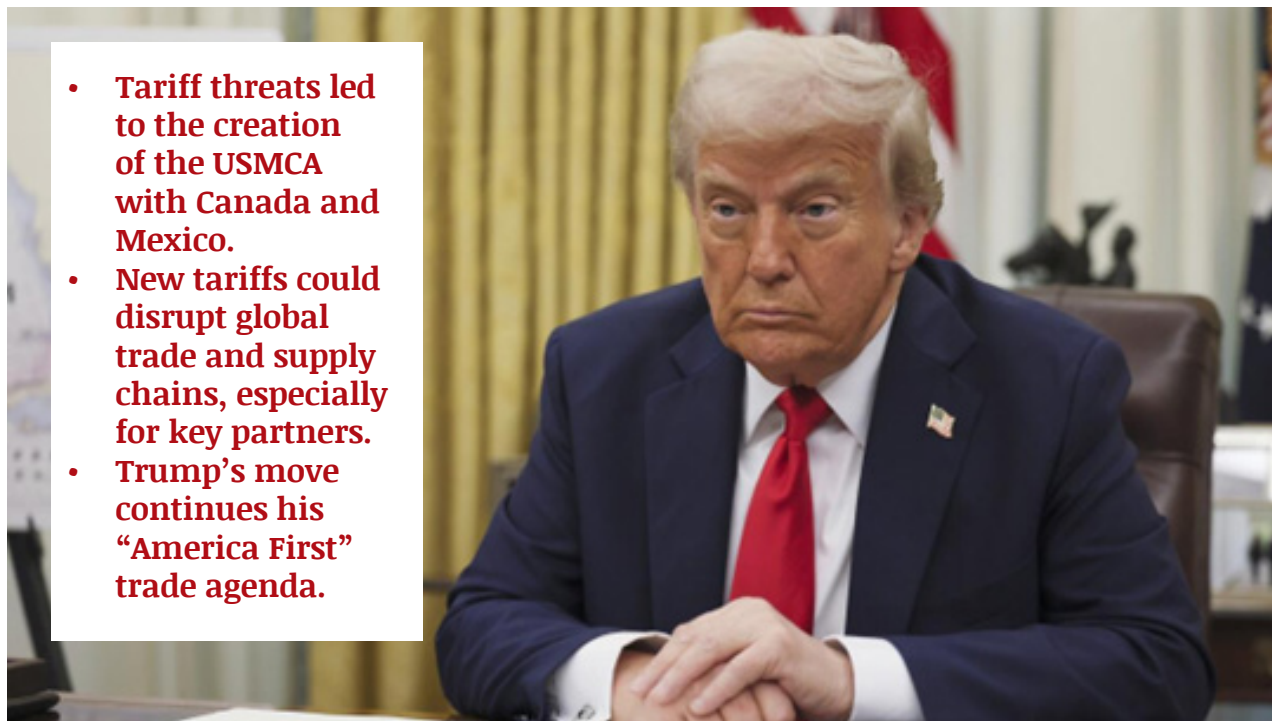
Bangladesh's interim government adviser, Muhammad Yunus, sparked controversy during a recent four-day visit to Beijing by subtly urging China to "extend" its influence in the region, leveraging the landlocked status of India's northeastern "seven sister states." In a video that surfaced on social media upon his return, Yunus suggested that Bangladesh, as the "guardian of the ocean" for India's northeast, could serve as a strategic base for China. He framed this as an economic opportunity, encouraging Beijing to build infrastructure, market goods, and export through Bangladesh, indirectly pressuring India's isolated states.

"The seven states of India... are completely landlocked. They have no way to reach the ocean. We are the only guardian of the region," Yunus stated, adding that this "opens up a huge possibility for China." Defence analysts criticized the remarks as provocative, while Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of PM Modi's economic advisory council, questioned their intent on X, asking, "What exactly is the significance of 7 Indian states being landlocked?"

During his Beijing visit, Yunus held talks with Xi Jinping, securing agreements to deepen China-Bangladesh ties. These include Chinese investment in modernizing Mongla Port with \$400 million, expanding the China Economic and Industrial Zone in Chattogram with \$350 million, and \$150 million for technical assistance. Yunus also sought a 50-year partnership on river water management, praising China as a "master" in the field. Bangladesh requested aid for managing the Teesta River, shared with India, shifting away from previous direct cooperation with New Delhi, and signed a hydrological data-sharing deal for the Yarlung Zangbo-Jamuna River.

The remarks and agreements signal a strategic pivot toward China, raising eyebrows in India. While Yunus thanked Beijing for enhancing maritime and economic collaboration, his comments about India's northeast have drawn scrutiny. As of April 1, 2025, this development underscores Bangladesh's balancing act between its powerful neighbors, with Yunus seemingly testing New Delhi's patience while courting Chinese investment to bolster Dhaka's regional clout.

Donald Trump's global trade war: A timeline



- **Tariff threats led to the creation of the USMCA with Canada and Mexico.**
- **New tariffs could disrupt global trade and supply chains, especially for key partners.**
- **Trump's move continues his "America First" trade agenda.**

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U.S. President Donald Trump's highly anticipated reciprocal tariffs are set to take effect on April 2, 2025. These tariffs, which will apply to all countries, are expected to significantly impact major trade partners such as India, China, and the European Union.

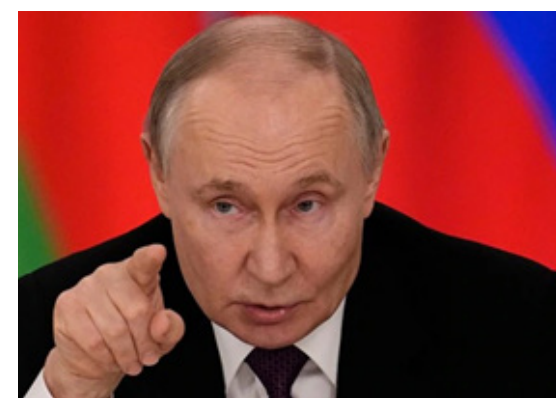
Trump, a known advocate for protectionist policies, is no stranger to using tariffs as a tool in international trade negotiations. During his first term, he initiated a trade war, primarily targeting China. He imposed tariffs on a wide range of Chinese goods, aiming to reduce

the U.S. trade deficit with China and push Beijing into negotiating more favorable trade terms. In response, China imposed its own retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products, ranging from agricultural goods to automobiles, escalating tensions between the two largest economies in the world.

The tariffs also played a key role in reshaping North American trade relations. Trump used the threat of additional tariffs to pressure Canada and Mexico into renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), ultimately leading to the creation of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) in 2020. The deal was touted as a

victory for Trump, as it included provisions meant to address U.S. concerns over labor, intellectual property, and trade imbalances.

With the implementation of the new reciprocal tariffs, Trump is signaling his continued commitment to an "America First" trade policy. These tariffs are expected to further complicate global trade dynamics, as countries like India, China, and the EU may face additional costs and retaliatory measures. As trade negotiations intensify in the coming months, businesses and governments worldwide will be closely monitoring the potential ripple effects on global supply chains and markets.



Consequences to be 'catastrophic': Russia after Trump's Iran bombing threat

TPN Correspondent | Israel

Russia has issued a stern warning following U.S. President Donald Trump's recent threat to bomb Iran's nuclear facilities unless the country agrees to a deal over its nuclear program. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov condemned the threat, emphasizing the "catastrophic" consequences of any military action against Iran's nuclear infrastructure.

In an interview with International Affairs on Tuesday, Ryabkov stated, "Threats are indeed being heard, ultimatums are also being heard," referring to the heightened rhetoric coming from Washington. He went on to express Russia's strong opposition, saying, "We consider such methods inappropriate, we condemn them, and we see them as an attempt to impose the U.S. will on Iran."

This warning comes as tensions between the U.S. and Iran continue to escalate. Trump's administration has taken a hard-line stance against Iran's nuclear ambitions, demanding that Tehran agree to new terms that would curb its nuclear activities. Iran, however, has resisted U.S. pressure, maintaining that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes and rejecting calls for further concessions.

Obama Tried To Block Kamala Harris' Nomination After Biden's Exit: Book

TPN Correspondent | Washinton

Barack Obama played a crucial, behind-the-scenes role in preventing Kamala Harris from becoming the Democratic nominee after Joe Biden withdrew from the 2024 race, according to an upcoming book. Co-authored by Jonathan Allen, *FIGHT: Inside the Wildest Battle for the White House*, the book reveals Obama's reluctance to support both Biden's continuation in office and Harris as his successor.

Sources close to Obama suggest that the former president did not believe Biden should run again and actively worked to block Harris from assuming the nomination. Despite Harris gaining support from key party figures, Obama pushed for an open convention instead of automatically endorsing her. Allen recounts that Obama "did not think that she was



the best choice for Democrats" and was working "behind the scenes for a long time" to have a mini-primary or open convention to prevent Harris's automatic ascension.

Obama's skepticism extended be-

yond the formal endorsement. When Biden "passed the baton" to Harris, Obama spoke with her but delayed offering his endorsement. His hesitation was apparent to Democratic insiders, including

Representative James Clyburn, who quickly endorsed Harris to avoid being drawn into Obama's potential efforts to push for the open convention route.

Despite Obama's initial resistance, both Barack and Michelle Obama eventually endorsed Harris five days after Biden's exit. In a video call, Obama expressed his support, saying, "We couldn't be more excited for her - or more thrilled to endorse Kamala Harris as the Democratic nominee for President of the United States."

In the 2024 election, however, Harris faced a tough challenge. Donald Trump ultimately won the presidency, defeating Harris with 312 electoral votes to her 226, while also securing the popular vote with approximately 49.8% compared to Harris's 48.3%.

"Living In Hell": Monks Clear Rubble From Quake-Hit Myanmar Monastery



TPN Correspondent | Mandalay

Bare-handed monks are slowly clearing the rubble of a historic Buddhist monastery in Mandalay, Myanmar, a heartbreaking reminder of the powerful earthquake that struck the city five days ago. The Thahtay Kyaung Monastery, which housed centuries-old buildings, now lies in ruins.

"Some of these buildings have been around longer than I have," said Wayama, a grey-haired monk, reflecting on the destruction. "It makes me sad to see them destroyed."

Wayama's young colleagues, dressed in simple crimson cloths, worked tirelessly to remove debris. In pairs, they gathered bricks and broken materials, using large pieces of fabric to carry the rubble

aside and clear paths for walking. Despite the destruction at the monastery, Wayama's concern extended to the city as a whole. "Many buildings that have stood for over 100 years were destroyed here," he said. "It's not just the monastery; I want everyone to be okay."

The deadly earthquake, which has already claimed nearly 3,000 lives, left a devastating impact on the Southeast Asian country, home to over 50 million people. With infrastructure already weakened by years of civil conflict, relief efforts are struggling to cope with the scale of the disaster, and the death toll is expected to rise.

At the time of the quake, Nyo Nyo San, a resident of Mandalay, was inside the monastery. Initially, she thought the tremors were

nothing more than minor quakes she had experienced before. However, the shaking intensified, and bricks began falling. "I felt like I was living in hell," she recalled, running outside to escape.

Mandalay, with over 1.7 million residents, is one of the worst-hit areas. Many people are still sleeping in makeshift tents, unsure of when they will return to their homes. Infrastructure already damaged by years of civil unrest has now suffered further destruction.

Nyo Nyo San plans to return to her village, but with roads and bridges, including the Sagaing bridge, damaged, she faces uncertainty. "I hope to go home the day after tomorrow," she said, as the region continues to grapple with the aftermath of the disaster.



markets Rebound Strongly as Global Cues Turn Positive

Two days of consecutive losses came to an end. Domestic stock markets closed with huge gains on Wednesday. They partially recovered yesterday's losses. US President Donald Trump's clarity on tariffs and positive signals from global markets led to positive sentiment in the market sectors. Investors bought attractive shares. Finance, auto, pharma, IT, manufacturing and healthcare stocks saw demand. Overall, Nifty rose by 166 points and Sensex by 592 points. Nifty has strong support at 23000.



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Market breadth turned unfavorable for buyers on the NSE. A total of 2977 shares were traded, of which 2148 gained. 757 lost. 29 shares reached 52-week highs and 43 companies reached 52-week lows. 247 shares touched the upper circuit and 26 shares touched the lower circuit.

The rupee weakened slightly against the dollar and settled at 85.51. PNB Housing Finance's affordable segment loan book value crossed Rs.5000 crore. Bharat Dynamics' turnover crossed Rs.3300 crore in fy2024-25. Jefferies has selected Bharti Airtel as its top pick in the telecom sector. Morgan Stanley has given an underweight rating to MCX with a target price of Rs.3400. Macquarie has selected IRCTC, AB Capital and Delhivari as rising stars with a potential to grow by 65% in the next three years. NBCC has received two orders worth Rs 215 crore. Tata Consumer shares rose by 7% today after Goldman Sachs upgraded them from neutral to buy. Kalyan Jewellers shares rose by 9% today. Central Bank of India shares fell by 10% after QIP. RBI has given permission to Shriram Finance to acquire 100% stake in Shriram Overseas Investments. Morgan Stanley has given an overweight rating to Coal India with a target price of Rs 525. Maruti Suzuki production increased by 17% in March. ICICI Mutual Funds bought 5.95 lakh shares

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 76,024 in the previous session, opened at 76,146 on Wednesday. It touched an intraday low of 76,064. It reached an intraday high of 76,680. It finally closed at 76,617 with a gain of 592 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 23,192, touched a low of 23,158 and a high of 23,350. It closed at 23,332, up 166 points. The Nifty Bank fell 520 points to settle at 51,348.

In the Nifty50, 29 companies gained and 18 lost. Tata Consumer, Titan, IndusInd Bank, Maruti, and Tech Mahindra rose. BEL, UltraTech Sem, Nestle India, Power Grid, and LT lost the most. Finance, pharma, IT, auto, manufacturing, healthcare, PSU bank, private bank, metal, media, infra, and energy sector indices were strong.

in Galaxy Surfactants. GPT Infra received an order worth Rs 481 crore from CAO Construction.

Kalyan Jewellers India Ltd.
Kalyan Jewellers is one of India's largest jewellery retail chains,



known for its extensive collection of gold, diamond, and other precious ornaments. With a strong presence across India and the Middle East, the company has been expanding its showroom network aggressively. It caters to a wide range of customers, from traditional to contemporary jewellery buyers. Kalyan's recent financial performance has been strong, driven by festive and wedding season demand, along with growing traction in its online and regional showroom sales.

Polycab India Ltd.



Polycab India is a leader in the Indian electrical industry, specializing in manufacturing wires, cables, and electrical accessories. It has a well-diversified product portfolio catering to both industrial and household segments. The company has

been focusing on innovation and expansion, launching new energy-efficient cables and solutions.

With the government's focus on infrastructure, electrification, and smart city projects, Polycab has benefited from increased demand for high-quality electrical products. Additionally, its entry into the fast-moving electrical goods (FMEG) segment, which includes fans, lighting, and switches, has further strengthened its market position.

TVS Motor Company Ltd.

TVS Motor is one of India's leading two-wheeler manufacturers, offering a wide range of motorcycles, scooters, and electric vehicles (EVs).



The company has a strong domestic presence and is expanding its global footprint, particularly in Latin America, Africa, and Southeast Asia.

TVS has been at the forefront of electric mobility in India, launching the TVS iQube electric scooter, which has gained significant market traction. With increasing demand for EVs and sustainable mobility solutions, the company has been investing heavily in research and development.

Shoppers Stop Ltd.

Shoppers Stop is a leading Indian retail chain specializing in fashion, beauty, and lifestyle products. It operates department stores across major cities, offering premium and international brands alongside its



in-house labels.

The company has been focusing on digital transformation, enhancing its e-commerce platform to cater to the rising demand for online shopping. Strategic partnerships with leading global fashion brands and the expansion of its beauty segment have contributed to its recent growth.

United Spirits Ltd. (Diageo India)

United Spirits, a subsidiary of global beverage giant Diageo, is India's leading alcoholic beverage company. It has a strong portfolio of premium and mass-market liquor brands, including McDowell's, Royal Challenge, Signature, and Johnnie Walker.



The company has been shifting its focus toward premiumization, emphasizing higher-margin products over low-cost liquor. This strategy aligns with evolving consumer preferences, as more Indians opt for premium whiskey, vodka, and rum brands.

Nestle India Shares Fall 3.67% After BoFA Downgrade

Shares of FMCG giant Nestle India were under pressure on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, as the stock slipped by up to 3.67%, reaching an intraday low of ₹2,150. This decline brought the stock close to its 52-week low of ₹2,115, making it the top loser on the 30-share BSE Sensex at the time of reporting.

The drop in Nestle's stock price came after global brokerage firm BoFA Securities downgraded the stock to "Underperform" from its previous rating of "Neutral." Despite the downgrade, BoFA maintained a target price of ₹2,140 for the stock.

BoFA analysts expressed concerns over Nestle India's high valuations relative to its growth outlook and the performance of its peer group. The stock's current price-earnings (PE) ratio stands at 63.07, which the analysts believe is expensive considering the broader market dynamics. The downgrade raised questions about the company's future earnings potential, which led to the significant fall in its share price.

Nestle India, known for its popular brands such as Maggi, Nescafé, and KitKat, has long been considered a stable performer in the FMCG sector. However, the recent downgrade highlights growing concerns about its premium valuation amidst pressures on growth. With the stock now nearing its 52-week low, investors are re-evaluating the company's ability to sustain its market performance.

As the market continues to react to the BoFA downgrade, Nestle India's ability to navigate changing consumer preferences and improve its growth trajectory will be crucial to restoring investor confidence. The company's next quarterly results and any forward-looking statements could further influence its stock performance in the near term.



Paytm's Stock Rises 3% After Partnership with GHMC for Property Tax Collection

Shares of One 97 Communications, the parent company of Paytm, rose nearly 3% on Wednesday following the announcement of a strategic partnership with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC). The collaboration will see the deployment of 400 card machines for property tax collection, boosting the company's market visibility and operational reach.



ing investor optimism around the company's new initiatives.

Paytm's stock surged by as much as 2.7% during the day, reaching ₹822.7 per share. The gains were slightly pared by the afternoon, with the stock trading 2.36% higher at ₹820 per share by 1:03 PM, outperforming the Nifty 50 index, which rose by just 0.41% during the same period. Over the past month, Paytm's shares have increased by over 25% from their lows of ₹651 in early March, signal-

This positive movement marks the second consecutive day of gains for Paytm's stock, following a period of sluggish performance. Despite the recent gains, the stock has fallen by 19.5% year-to-date, compared to a relatively modest 1.61% decline in the benchmark Nifty 50. The company currently holds a market capitalization of ₹52,340.3 crore.

The partnership with GHMC is a significant step for Paytm, as it expands

its presence in digital payment solutions for government services. The initiative to deploy card machines for property tax payments aims to enhance convenience for taxpayers while supporting the broader adoption of digital payment methods in public administration. This move comes at a time when Paytm is looking to diversify its revenue streams beyond its traditional payment platform and extend its reach within government and municipal services.

As the company continues to implement new strategies and strengthen its business operations, Paytm's stock performance will be closely watched by investors, with hopes that the partnership with GHMC could help boost its financial growth and market position in the coming months.

Bharat Electronics Shares Drop 6% Following Missed Revenue Guidance

Shares of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a Navratna defense PSU, experienced a significant decline on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. The stock fell by 6%, reaching an intraday low of ₹274.50 per share on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

The sharp fall in BEL's share price came after the company announced that it had missed its revenue guidance for the financial year 2025 (FY25). BEL reported a provisional and unaudited turnover of approximately ₹23,000 crore for FY25, marking a 16% growth compared to ₹19,820 crore in the previous financial year. While the company achieved growth, it still fell short of its projected targets, which led to investor concerns.

Despite the missed revenue target, BEL's export sales showed positive growth. The company reported export sales of around \$106 million for FY25, a 14% increase from \$92.98 million in FY24. However, this did little to quell investor disappointment, as the overall financial performance fell short of expectations.

The revenue shortfall has raised questions about BEL's ability to meet its growth projections, and investors reacted negatively to the news, causing the stock to experience pressure throughout the trading session. BEL's performance is closely watched due to its role in India's defense sector, and any signs of weakness can have a ripple effect on investor sentiment.



As the defense sector faces ongoing challenges, including changing government policies and global supply chain disruptions, BEL's ability to maintain consistent growth remains a critical factor. The market will continue to closely monitor the company's next moves, as it works to address the gaps in its financial performance for the fiscal year.

Heated Seat Argument in Delhi Metro

Another dramatic incident from the Delhi Metro has gone viral, this time featuring a heated argument between a man and a group of women over a seat. The incident took place on the Blue Line near Janakpuri West, where a man, seemingly engrossed in his own world with earphones in and a backpack on, refused to give up his seat for a female passenger. When bystanders urged him to "be the bigger person" and offer his seat, he responded sarcastically, further fueling the tension inside the metro coach. The woman at the center of the dispute did not hold back either, mocking the man in return, escalating the confrontation even more. Despite repeated requests from those around, the man remained firm, refusing to vacate his seat. The intense back-and-forth was captured on camera by one of the women involved, who could be heard expressing frus-

tration, saying, "You've caused a commotion in the entire coach." She also urged him to "try being quiet for once" and "show some manners." The video, now making rounds on social media, has sparked a debate on gender equality, with netizens divided over the issue. Some argue that chivalry should still be upheld, while others emphasize that equality means both men and women should be treated the same when it comes to public seating. Many online users pointed out that Delhi Metro already designates special seats for women, and outside those, seating should be on a first-come, first-served basis. The incident highlights an ongoing societal debate on gender expectations and etiquette in shared public spaces, with opinions continuing to pour in from all sides as the video garners widespread attention.



SP Leader's 'Blue Drum' Gift Stirs Political Storm



In a dramatic turn of events, Samajwadi Party leader Deepak Ranjan sparked a political controversy by presenting a blue drum to Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak at an event in Lucknow. The unusual gift, which has since gone viral on social media, was a pointed reference to the shocking Meerut murder case. The case, which left the country in shock, involved the brutal killing of Merchant Navy officer Saurobh Rajput by his wife, Muskan Rastogi, and her lover, Sahil Shukla. To cover up the crime, the duo dismembered his body and concealed it in a blue drum filled with cement. Since then, the blue drum has become an infamous symbol associated with the gruesome crime, flooding social media with memes and discussions. By handing over the drum, Ranjan was taking a jibe at the Uttar Pradesh government's han-

dling of law and order, triggering a fresh debate. The exchange took place at the 'Lanrani Hasya Utsav' in Lucknow and quickly became the talk of the town. As the image of the gifting moment circulated online, political reactions poured in, with many questioning the gesture's intent and its impact on public discourse. Meanwhile, the chilling details of the case continue to haunt people, with reports indicating that sales of blue drums have declined in places like Aligarh and Meerut due to their new association with fear and crime. Shopkeepers have even pleaded with customers to separate the object from the heinous act, arguing that the real culprits are in jail. As political tensions rise, the incident further highlights how crime, politics, and social narratives intertwine in unexpected ways.

Alchemist's Bold Menu: Butterflies, Pig Blood & More

A viral video has shed light on the daring and unconventional menu of Alchemist, a two-Michelin-starred restaurant in Copenhagen. A woman documented her five-hour, \$700 dining experience, sharing jaw-dropping details of a meal that included edible butterflies, lamb brain mousse, jellyfish, and desserts shaped like coffins and blood drops. The video, now circulating widely on social media, has sparked fascination and controversy alike. The meal began with crunchy oxidized apple juice, followed by a series of meticulously crafted appetizers. Among them was a puffed gluten ball topped with langoustine, caviar, and cream, as well as edible butterflies presented on nettle leaves—intended to highlight the potential of insects as sustainable protein sources. Other courses included fluffy dumplings with a cotton candy-like texture, a delicate jellyfish dish in herb broth, and an eye-shaped gel inspired by George Orwell's 1984, filled with caviar and razor clams. One particularly striking dish



featured chicken feet served in a small cage, symbolizing the inhumane conditions of caged farming. Later, a deboned chicken foot was presented alongside a fragrant Tom Yum broth. The meal's dramatic conclusion came with a pig and deer blood dessert, described as having a slightly metallic taste. While some praised the restaurant's artistry and innova-

tion, others found the concept unsettling. One social media user commented, "People will eat anything if you convince them it's trendy," while another remarked, "This is what they serve in hell." The bold and experimental approach of Alchemist continues to push culinary boundaries, leaving diners—and the internet—both intrigued and divided.

Elon Musk Sparks Debate Over Netflix's Adolescence

Netflix's latest hit, Adolescence, has been dominating the streaming platform, gaining massive viewership worldwide. The four-episode series follows 13-year-old Jamie Miller, accused of murdering his classmate, Katie, and explores his emotional turmoil and inner conflicts. While the show has received widespread praise, it has also sparked controversy, with billionaire Elon Musk weighing in on the debate.

Musk reacted to a post on X by social media user Ian Miles Cheong, who claimed that Adolescence was loosely inspired by real-life crimes like the Southport murder. The post accused the show of "race-swapping" the actual killer from a Black migrant to a white boy and portraying him as radicalized by online right-wing influences, calling it "anti-white propaganda." However, many social media users rejected this claim, arguing that the show is entirely fictional. One user pointed out,



"Adolescence was announced in March 2024, and filming started in July 2024. The Southport murders also happened in July 2024. There's no way this show is based on that case." Others emphasized that the series critiques the harmful effects of social media on young minds rather than making any racial statements. Co-creator Jack Thorne also addressed the controversy in

an interview, stating, "Nothing is further from the truth. We're not making a point about race with this. We're making a point about masculinity and the problems young boys face." He reinforced that Adolescence is not based on a single real-life case but rather explores broader themes of toxic masculinity and social media influence.



Rishabh Pant's ₹27 Crore IPL Struggles

Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) captain Rishabh Pant is under fire after another disappointing batting performance in IPL 2025, putting owner Sanjiv Goenka's ₹27 crore investment into question. In LSG's recent match against Punjab Kings at Ekana Cricket Stadium, Pant managed only 2 runs off 5 balls. Despite a decent total of 171/7, LSG suffered a crushing 8-wicket defeat as Punjab chased the target with 22 balls to spare. This loss marked LSG's second defeat in three matches, amplifying concerns over Pant's form and leadership. Pant's poor performances—0 (6) vs. Delhi Capitals, 15 (15) vs. Sunrisers Hyderabad, and 2 (5) vs. Punjab Kings—have led to criticism from fans and analysts. Many now question whether Nicholus Pooran would have been a better

choice as captain. Considering his hefty price tag, Pant's lack of significant contributions has become a major talking point. Goenka, who previously faced backlash for his fallout with ex-LSG captain KL Rahul, looked visibly disappointed as his team faltered again. Last season, Goenka's public outburst after a heavy defeat to SRH led to Rahul's departure. Rahul later joined Delhi Capitals for ₹14 crore and later admitted that the incident affected the entire LSG squad. With the tournament still in its early stages, Pant has time to turn things around. However, if his struggles continue, questions about LSG's decision-making and Goenka's high-stakes gamble will only intensify.

Gujarat Titans Dominate RCB, Win by 8 Wickets



Gujarat Titans (GT) secured a commanding eight-wicket victory over Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in their IPL 2025 clash. Opting to bowl first, GT's bowling attack, led by Mohammed Siraj (3/19), dismantled RCB's batting lineup, restricting them to 169/8.

Virat Kohli (7) departed early, while Phil Salt, Rajat Patidar, and Devdutt Padikkal followed, leaving RCB struggling at 42/4. Liam Livingstone (54 off 40) and Jitesh Sharma (33) provided some resistance, with Tim David's quickfire 32 helping RCB cross 150.

GT's chase was smooth, with their top order efficiently pacing the innings. The slow and gripping pitch didn't deter their batsmen, who comfortably secured the win. This victory strengthens GT's position in the IPL 2025 standings, while RCB will need to reassess their strategy for upcoming matches.

BCCI Announces 2025 Home Season; Guwahati to Host Maiden Test

The BCCI has unveiled the Indian men's team's 2025 home season schedule, featuring series against West Indies and South Africa. The season begins on October 2 with a two-match Test series against West Indies in Ahmedabad and Kolkata. India will then host South Africa for an all-format series, starting with a historic Test in Guwahati from November 22, marking the city's first-ever Test match. The tour includes three ODIs in Ranchi, Raipur, and Vizag, followed by a five-match T20I series in December. BCCI's statement highlighted the season's exciting encounters across formats. Fans can look forward to high-intensity cricket as Team India gears up for these major home fixtures.



Dream Sports Championship Welcomes Norwich City FC to National Finals

The Dream Sports Championship Football 2025 National Finals will kick off in Goa on April 8, featuring an international challenge as Norwich City FC's Youth Team joins the tournament. Organized by the Dream Sports Foundation (DSF), the event will see eight boys' and eight girls' teams competing, with AIFF-nominated state teams debuting in the girls' category. Matches will be held at SAG Benaulim and Utorda, with the grand finale at Raia Foot-

ball Ground. DSF's Dream Again initiative will host coaching workshops led by Norwich City coaches. Seven Indian youth teams, including Punjab FC, Reliance Foundation Young Champs, and Mohun Bagan Super Giant, have qualified. AIFF scouts and football fans will closely watch the event, which offers young talent a platform to shine. DSF aims to boost grassroots football and promote inclusivity in the sport.

Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini Felicitates Asian Wrestling Championship Medalists



Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini met Asian Wrestling Championship 2025 medalists, including gold winner Manisha Bhanwala, silver medalist Reetika Hooda, and bronze winner Muskan Nandal, along with coach Mandeep. Olympic medalist Yogeshwar Dutt was also present at the event. CM Saini congratulated the athletes, wishing them a bright future. On his official X handle, he wrote, "May the blessings of

Mata Rani always remain with you all." Manisha Bhanwala secured India's first women's freestyle wrestling gold since 2021, making a stunning comeback to defeat DPR Korea's Ok J Kim 8-7. Reetika Hooda won silver in the 76kg category, while Muskan Nandal clinched bronze in 59kg. Other Indian wrestlers, including Antim Panghal and Sunil Kumar, also bagged medals, bringing glory to the nation at the continental meet in Amman, Jordan.

Hockey India Names 40-Member Core Group for Sr Women's Coaching Camp

Hockey India has announced a 40-member core group for the ongoing Senior Women's National Coaching Camp at SAI, Bengaluru. The camp, which began on March 23, initially featured 65 players, but has now been trimmed based on performances in the 15th Senior Women's National Championship and training sessions. While 28 players retained their spots, 12 new faces, including goalkeeper Samiksha Saxena and

forward Dipimonika Toppo, have been added. The squad features experienced names like Savita, Nikki Pradhan, Neha, and Navneet Kaur. Chief Coach Harendra Singh praised the selection process, stating, "We have identified some great talent, and I am excited to see how these young players develop." The camp aims to refine the squad as India prepares for upcoming international competitions.



Barcelona & Real Madrid Legends Set for 'Legends Faceoff' in Mumbai



Football icons will reignite the legendary FC Barcelona vs. Real Madrid rivalry in the 'Legends Faceoff' at DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai, on April 6. Barcelona's Carles Puyol and Real Madrid's Luis Figo will captain their respective squads in this highly anticipated clash. Xavi Hernandez, Rivaldo, Patrick Kluivert, and Michael Owen are among the stars set to feature. Organized by The Sports Front, the event promises an unforgettable experience for Indian football fans. "This match will be special," said Puyol, while Figo called it a "privilege" to bring this historic rivalry to India. With football's growing popularity in the country, the Legends Faceoff aims to offer fans a thrilling spectacle. Excitement is at an all-time high as Mumbai prepares to witness football greatness on Indian soil.



Nani Calls HIT 3 His Most Intense Action Film Yet

Natural Star Nani has raised excitement for his upcoming film HIT 3, calling it his "massiest action film." The film has already created a buzz with its teaser and a chartbuster song. Nani's character, Arjun Sarkaar, has become a hot topic since the teaser dropped.

Adding to the anticipation, Nani revealed that HIT 3 will be "violent and brutal," promising to shock audiences. Unlike the previous HIT films, this installment will focus not just on who committed the crime but how it was done, bringing a fresh take to the fran-

chise. Directed by Sailesh Kolanu, the film presents Nani like never before, with the team confident that this intense action thriller will be loved by all. Produced by Prashanthi Tirpineni, HIT 3 is all set to hit theaters on May 1st, 2025.

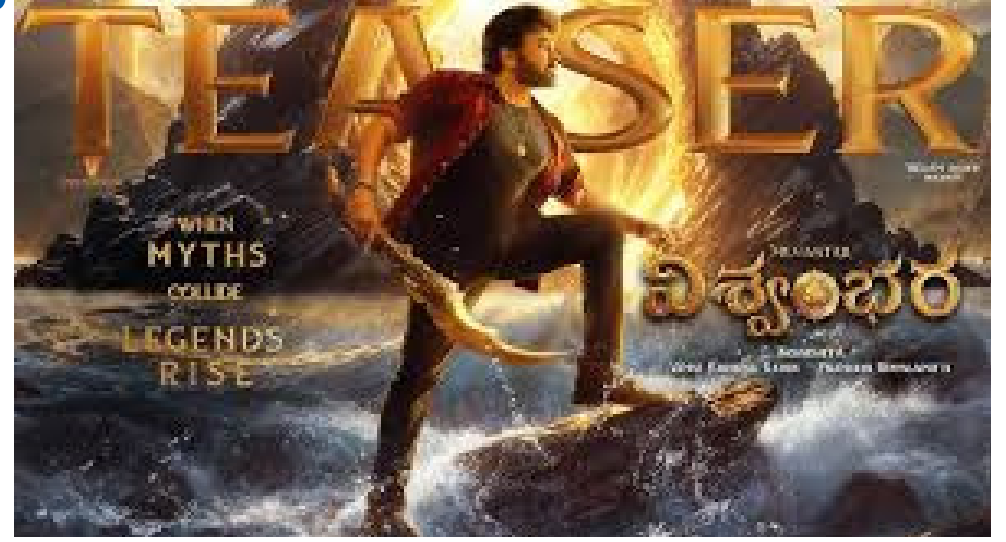


Uncertainty Looms Over Chiranjeevi's Vishwambhara

Megastar Chiranjeevi's highly anticipated socio-fantasy film Vishwambhara, directed by Vasishtha and co-starring Trisha Krishnan, is facing delays with no confirmed release date.

Originally planned for a January release, the film was later pushed to May, but the makers have yet to make an official announcement. The lack of updates on social media has left fans anxious, especially with #Mega157 already generating buzz.

Sources suggest that the delay is due to VFX issues, causing setbacks in post-production. UV Creations, the film's producer, has



remained tight-lipped about the situation. Fans are now hoping for a major update on Srirama Navami, which could clarify the film's status.

Until then, Vishwambhara remains in limbo, keeping fans eagerly waiting for any news on its final release date.

The Paradise Glimpse Costs a Whopping ₹1 Crore

Young director Srikanth Odela, who shot to fame with Dasara, is following the same promotional strategy for his upcoming film The Paradise starring Nani. Just like he did before Dasara, Srikanth released a glimpse of The Paradise, creating significant buzz among fans and industry insiders.



The teaser, titled Ra Truth Ra Language, showcases raw content and provides insight into Nani's intense character, narrated through a gripping female voice-over. The glimpse has sparked widespread discussion, making it a trending topic. Reports suggest that the makers spent a staggering ₹1 crore on the glimpse alone.

With Dasara elevating Nani to the ₹100 crore club, Srikanth Odela is aiming to take The Paradise to the next level with grand production values and a powerful narrative. Fans are now eagerly awaiting more updates on this highly anticipated film.

Dragon Fame Kayadu Lohar's Rising Popularity

Kayadu Lohar, popularly known as the Dragon beauty, is making waves in the South Indian film industry. With her stellar performance in Dragon alongside Pradeep Ranganathan, Kayadu has gained immense popularity, especially among the youth. Before Dragon, her career was progressing at a moderate pace, but post its success, her demand skyrocketed.

Now, she is bagging offers in both Telugu and Tamil cinema. She recently secured a crucial role in director Anudeep KV and actor Vishwak Sen's upcoming project. Given Anudeep's previous success with Jathi Ratnalu and Vishwak Sen's mass appeal, this film is expected to be a major boost for her career.

Beyond films, Kayadu is also making an impact on social media, where her posts frequently go viral. With her growing fan base and strategic career choices, Kayadu Lohar is emerging as one of the most promising talents in South cinema.



Divya Bharathi Breaks Silence on GV Prakash Dating Rumors



Actress Divya Bharathi has finally addressed rumors linking her to music director-turned-actor GV Prakash. The speculation began after their strong on-screen chemistry in Bachelor and Kingston, especially following GV Prakash's divorce announcement from singer Saindhavi. Many assumed Divya was involved in his personal life.

GV Prakash had previously dismissed these claims, calling Divya a good friend. Now, the actress has issued her first and final statement on the matter via Instagram.

She clarified, "My name has been dragged into a personal family matter that has absolutely nothing to do with me. I have no connection to GV's family issues. To be blunt, I would never date an actor, and certainly not a married man."

With this firm response, Divya Bharathi aims to shut down all speculation, making it clear that she is not involved in GV Prakash's personal affairs.