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Telangana Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu made a strong statement at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, during a protest organized by BC (Backward Class) organizations demanding enhanced reservations. In a fiery speech, he declared that Telangana will no longer approach Delhi for reservations; instead, Prime Minister Narendra Modi must come to their doorstep to address the issue.

Revanth Reddy accused the

BJP-led central government of deliberately delaying caste-based census and blocking reservation enhancements. "There was immense pressure on me not to conduct a caste census, but we went ahead with it in Telangana," he said. He emphasized that reservations in local bodies and legislative houses depend on proper population data, which is why the Congress has pushed for a caste census. He also reminded that courts have ruled against increasing reservations without accurate population figures.

CM Revanth Challenges Modi Over BC Reservations, Vows 'Dharma Yuddham' in Telangana

- BC Census Essential for Fair Reservations
- BJP Blocking Caste-Based Census Data
- Revanth Demands Modi's Direct Response
- No More Appeals to Delhi
- Massive Protest Planned in Telangana
- BC Rights Fight Will Continue

BJP's 'Kamandal Yatra' and Reservation Politics

The Chief Minister lashed out at the BJP, accusing it of orchestrating the 'Kamandal Yatra' to suppress backward classes. He cited the Morarji

Desai Mandal Commission's recommendation of 27% reservations for BCs, which was never fully implemented. He alleged that BJP has always opposed any move to empower backward classes and that the party-led central government

has not conducted a caste census in any BJP-ruled state.

'Dharma Yuddham' Against BJP in Telangana

Revanth Reddy further accused the Modi government of repeatedly postponing the 2021 caste census to avoid revealing the true BC population. "For the first time in India, Telangana conducted a caste survey, revealing that backward classes constitute 56.36% of the state's population," he claimed. He challenged the BJP, saying, "If the Centre allows Telangana to increase BC reservations, we will organize a massive rally with 10 lakh people and felicitate Modi."

He issued a direct warning to the Prime Minister: "You must either agree to our demands or step down. If you don't support BC reservations, you will have to leave Delhi and face the people." He also criticized BJP leader Bandi Sanjay, stating, "We don't need your empty promises of sacrificing lives; just increase reservations."

Concluding his speech, Revanth Reddy vowed to continue the fight within Telangana. "We will not come to Delhi again; our battle will be fought on our own soil. We will wage a 'Dharma Yuddham' with 10 lakh people at Parade Grounds," he declared.

- State has BC reservation implementation power.
- Congress shifting blame to Modi government.
- Religious-based reservations opposed by BJP.
- Muslims benefiting from BC reservation quota.
- BC organizations silent on key issues.
- Public will teach Congress a lesson.

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Union Minister Bandi Sanjay strongly countered Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's remarks made during the BC Maha Garjana Dharna in Delhi. Revanth had demanded the Central Government's

Bandi Sanjay's Counter to CM Revanth on BC Reservations

approval to increase BC reservations to 42% in Telangana. In response, Bandi Sanjay released a statement questioning why the Telangana government was shifting the responsibility to the Centre when it had the power to implement reservations independently.

Sanjay cited Article 243 of the Constitution, which allows states to set up their own dedication commission and implement BC reservations without central intervention. He pointed out that the Congress party itself promised 42% reservations for BCs in its election manifesto without consulting the Modi government. Now, instead of fulfilling its promise, the Congress was blaming the



Centre, he alleged.

Bandi Sanjay accused the Congress of manipulating BC reservations to benefit Muslims. He stated that the BJP opposes religious-based reservations and criticized the Congress for including over 80% of Muslims in the BC category in Telangana. He claimed that while OBCs currently receive 27% reservations from the Centre, the Congress-proposed 42%

reservation includes 10% for Muslims, leaving only 5% additional quota for actual BCs.

Sanjay questioned whether this move was justice or injustice to BCs, accusing the Congress of prioritizing Muslim reservations over genuine BC needs. He also criticized BC organizations for remaining silent, alleging that instead of fighting for real BC rights, they were aligning with the Congress and staging political dramas in Delhi.

Finally, he warned that Telangana's BC communities were closely observing the situation and would teach a lesson to those neglecting their real concerns. He urged the Congress government to act with sincerity and implement the promised 42% reservations properly instead of blaming the BJP.

Supreme Court Warns Speaker

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The Supreme Court has postponed the hearing on the disqualification case of ten BRS MLAs who defected to the Congress. The case, filed by BRS leaders Padi Kaushik Reddy and KTR, was heard today by a two-judge bench comprising Justice B.R. Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih.

During the hearing, Assembly Secretary's counsel Mukul Rohatgi raised objections to the High Court's intervention in the Speaker's decision. However, Justice B.R. Gavai made a sharp remark, questioning whether courts should remain passive on defection cases. He

reminded that in previous cases, even Assembly Speakers had been summoned to court. He also emphasized that courts are not powerless under Article 142 of the Constitution.

Justice Gavai further noted that the Speaker issued notices to the defected MLAs only after receiving a Supreme Court notice, raising concerns over the delay in

High Court Halts Government Action in HCU Land Dispute

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The Telangana High Court has issued a major directive in the Hyderabad Central University (HCU) land dispute, ordering a halt to all activities, including tree-cutting, for 24 hours in the 400-acre land near Gachibowli. The dispute escalated as the Telangana government attempted to take control of the land, claiming ownership.

The Vata Foundation filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the High Court, urging the land to be declared a National Park due to its rich biodiversity, including deer and peacocks. The PIL also sought a stay on government auctions of the land, citing environmental concerns.

During the hearing on Wednesday, the petitioner's lawyer argued that the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation

- Government claims ownership of disputed land.
- Vata Foundation files environmental PIL.
- Supreme Court rules expert committee mandatory.
- Wildlife, trees at risk in dispute.
- Next hearing scheduled for Thursday.



Waqf Bill Introduced in Lok Sabha Amidst Controversy

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On April 2, 2025, the Indian government introduced the Waqf (Amendment) Bill in the Lok Sabha, proposing significant changes to the management of waqf properties—lands and assets endowed for Muslim religious or charitable purposes. The bill seeks to include non-Muslim members in the Central Waqf Council and state waqf boards, and grants the government authority to determine ownership of disputed waqf properties.

Minister of Minority Affairs, Kiren Rijju, who presented the bill, stated that the amendments aim to curb corruption and enhance transparency in the administration of waqf assets. He emphasized that the inclusion of non-Muslim members would promote diversity and accountability within waqf institutions.

However, the bill has faced



strong opposition from various quarters. Critics argue that it could undermine Muslim property rights and lead to government overreach in religious affairs. Opposition parties and Muslim organizations contend that the proposed changes are politically motivated and could result in the confiscation of historic mosques and other waqf properties.

The bill's introduction has sparked heated debates in Parliament, with opposition members demanding a thorough review and consultation with stakeholders before proceeding. The outcome of these deliberations will determine the future course of the legislation and its impact on the management of waqf properties in India.



Telangana Cabinet Expansion Delayed Again Amid Disputes

- Various factions demanding ministerial representation.
- Nalgonda Congress leaders in internal conflict.
- BC leaders protesting for fair share.
- No clarity on new expansion date.

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The much-anticipated Telangana cabinet expansion has been postponed again, causing disappointment among ministerial aspirants. Initially expected on Ugadi and later on April 3, the expansion has been stalled due to internal conflicts and political disagreements within the Congress party. Re-

ports indicate that CM Revanth Reddy and senior party leaders are facing mounting pressure from various social and regional factions, making it difficult to finalize the cabinet composition.

Political tensions have escalated in Nalgonda, where a cold war has emerged within the Congress party. Senior leader Jana Reddy has reportedly op-



posed the cabinet inclusion of Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy, arguing that preference should be given to MLAs from Ranga

Reddy district. With two Reddy MLAs already representing Ranga Reddy, Rajgopal Reddy's chances appear uncertain. This

has intensified competition for the remaining ministerial slots.

The demand for represen-

tation from various communities has further delayed the process.

BC leaders are demanding at least two more cabinet positions, while Madiga organizations and Lambada youth associations have approached Rahul Gandhi for inclusion in the cabinet. Additionally, MLAs from Ranga Reddy district are strongly lobbying for their share in the expansion.

With BC leaders launching a protest in Delhi demanding 42% reservations and CM Revanth Reddy actively participating, the chances of cabinet expansion on April 3 have become highly unlikely. As internal conflicts persist, the question remains—when will Telangana finally see a full cabinet in place?

Central Government Approves Adilabad Airport: Telangana Gets Green Signal



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In a major boost to Telangana's aviation infrastructure, the central government has granted approval for the Adilabad airport. Following the recent clearance for the Warangal Mamnoon Airport, the Indian Air Force has now given the green signal for Adilabad as well. Telangana Minister for Roads, Buildings, and Cinematography, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, announced the development in an official statement.

The minister extended his congratulations to the people of Adilabad and Telangana, emphasizing that this approval marks a significant achievement for the state. He highlighted that securing permissions for two airports within just six months reflects the relentless efforts of the Telangana government in improving connectivity and infrastructure.

Adilabad, known for its strategic location and economic potential, has long awaited an airport to enhance regional connectivity. The approval paves the way for further development, boosting trade, tourism, and investment opportunities in the region.

With the central government's nod, the Telangana government is expected to initiate the next steps, including planning and construction phases. This development aligns with the state's vision to expand its aviation network, ensuring better accessibility for the people of northern Telangana.

The back-to-back approvals for Warangal and Adilabad airports showcase Telangana's growing importance in India's aviation sector. As the state moves forward with these projects, the new airport is expected to play a crucial role in regional development and economic growth.

Telangana Extends LRS Fee Concession Deadline

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In a major relief to Telangana residents, the state government has extended the deadline for availing the Layout Regularization Scheme (LRS) fee concession. The new deadline has been pushed to April 30, giving applicants additional time to regularize their plots at a discounted rate.

The government issued fresh orders confirming the extension, urging people to take advantage of the opportunity. This decision comes as a response to the lower-than-expected number of registrations despite the previous deadline of March 31.

Under this scheme, pending plot registrations from the past four years can now be completed with a 25% discount on the LRS fee.

The Telangana government had introduced this relief to encourage property owners to complete their registrations without financial burden.

Initially, the government expected a significant response, but the turnout fell short of expectations. Considering this, authorities decided to extend the deadline till April 30 to allow more people to benefit from the scheme.

Citizens who have yet to complete their LRS payments are encouraged to utilize this



extension and regularize their properties before the new deadline. The government has assured that this is a final opportunity, and no further extensions may be granted.

This extension is expected to bring relief to thousands of property owners who were unable to complete their registrations within the initial timeframe.

Eatala Rajender Warns Government Over HCU Land Sale



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BJP MP Eatala Rajender strongly criticized the Congress government for its decision to sell Hyderabad Central University (HCU) land. He accused CM Revanth Reddy's administra-

tion of leading Telangana into financial ruin and depending on land sales to sustain the government. He condemned the move to auction 400 acres of HCU land for ₹40,000 crore, calling it a shameful act.

As part of their protest, BJP

leaders staged a demonstration outside Telangana Bhavan in Delhi, demanding an immediate halt to the auction. Eatala warned the state government, stating that if it proceeds with the sale, it will face severe consequences. He pointed out that while hospitals and residential schools struggle to find land, the government is eager to sell off crucial university lands instead of utilizing them for public benefit.

BJP's Protest at Telangana Bhavan

Eatala revealed that BJP MPs from Telangana had met Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Bhupender Yadav to discuss the issue.

He stated that the state government does not have the au-

thority to cut even a single tree on university land without permission. He emphasized that BJP leaders, including MPs, MLAs, and MLCs, would stand with the students to protect HCU land.

Government is Suppressing Student Protests

Eatala criticized Revanth Reddy for using bulldozers and police force against students protesting to protect the HCU land from turning into a concrete jungle. He accused the government of violently suppressing students and filing false cases against them. He added that students from other universities in Telangana are uniting in solidarity with HCU students to fight against the land sale.

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(TGHC) was violating Supreme Court orders by using bulldozers to clear the land. The lawyer emphasized that even if the land belonged to the government, any deforestation should comply with the Supreme Court's ruling, which mandates an expert committee before clearing forest land. The government, however, proceeded arbitrarily, endangering wildlife.

The High Court took serious note of these claims and directed the Telangana government's legal representatives to submit a detailed explanation by the next hearing. Additionally, it issued temporary orders prohibiting any activity on the disputed land until further notice.

This ruling is seen as a significant setback for the Telangana government, which had been moving forward with plans to reclaim and auction the land. The court will continue its hearing on the matter on Thursday.

Supreme Court Warns Speaker

action. The bench also criticized Telangana CM Revanth Reddy's recent statements in the Assembly, where he claimed that no by-elections would occur in the state. The court questioned how the Chief Minister could make such a statement while the case was still under judicial review.

The Supreme Court's observations highlight the gravity of the defection case and its legal implications. The next hearing is scheduled for tomorrow, with further arguments expected on the issue.

HCU Land Dispute: Central Environment Department's Sensational Letter to State Forest Department

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The Hyderabad Central University (HCU) land dispute has become a major controversy in Telangana, with both the ruling and opposition parties accusing each other. The issue is currently being heard in the High Court.

In a significant development, the Central Environment Department has responded by sending a letter to the State Forest Department regarding alleged environmental violations. The letter highlights reports of illegal tree felling and

land clearing in Kanche Gachibowli village, Ranga Reddy district. It also cites media reports stating that the activities have harmed the environment, endangered wildlife, damaged lakes, and affected ancient rock structures within the university campus.

Strict Action Ordered Against Violations

The Central Environment Department has directed the State Forest Department to take strict action against those responsible for environmental violations. Additionally, it has advised immediate mea-

sures to prevent further environmental damage within the university premises. The state authorities have been instructed to ensure the protection of trees, wildlife, and ecological balance.

Furthermore, the department has asked for a detailed investigation and a comprehensive report from the Principal Secretary of the State Forest and Environment Department. It has also empha-



sized that all actions should comply with previous court and tribunal orders to avoid legal violations.



KCR Holds Key Meeting with BRS Leaders from Medak District

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BRS Chief and former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) held a crucial meeting with BRS leaders from the undivided Medak district at his Erravalli Farm House today. The meeting was attended by former and current MLAs, MLCs, and key party leaders from Medak, Sangareddy, and Siddipet districts.

During the discussion, KCR focused on the upcoming BRS Silver Jubilee celebrations, scheduled to be held in Warangal on the 27th of this

month. He directed the leaders to ensure the grand success of the event and instructed them to begin constituency-wise preparatory meetings immediately.

Mass Mobilization for Warangal Public Meeting

KCR emphasized that the Warangal BRS Sabha should be a massive gathering showcasing the party's strength. He called for meticulous planning and organized efforts to mobilize people from each constituency. He set a tar-

get of bringing at least one lakh people from each constituency to the event, making it a historic show of strength for the party.

KCR's meeting with the BRS cadre from Medak district is seen as a crucial step in revitalizing the party and preparing for the Silver Jubilee event. The party is now focused on strengthening its base and re-engaging with its supporters ahead of future political challenges.



BRS, BJP Spreading Misinformation on HCU Lands: TPCC Leader



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TPCC General Secretary Charan Koushik Yadav accused BRS and BJP of spreading false propaganda on social media regarding HCU lands. Speaking at a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan, he lashed out at the opposition parties, alleging that they were attempting to create confusion in Telangana.

He clarified that during the second phase of the Telangana movement, then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi allocated land for the Central University. Initially, land was designated near Golconda Fort, but later, more land was allotted in Gachibowli to meet the university's needs. However, the then-state government did not officially transfer the land to HCU.

During Chandrababu Naidu's tenure as Chief Minister, around 534 acres were allocated to Sherlingampally MRO. Later, an attempt was made to allot 400 acres to IMG Sports. However, when YS Rajasekar Reddy became CM, he revoked this allocation. The IMG group later approached the court, but KCR's government did not pursue the case, leaving it unresolved.

Now, CM Revanth Reddy fought the case in court, leading to the Supreme Court's ruling that the land belongs to the state government. The government has since allocated it to TGIAC. However, BRS and BJP are misleading people by claiming it belongs to HCU and are trying to create unrest in the state, Koushik Yadav alleged.

BJP Backing Revanth Reddy on HCU Land Issue: Jagadeesh Reddy

1. Revanth Reddy backed by BJP support.

3. Congress suppressing protests with false cases.

5. BRS demands justice for HCU land.

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Former minister and BRS leader Jagadeesh Reddy accused CM Revanth Reddy of taking 400 acres of land with BJP's support. Speaking at Telangana Bhavan, he condemned the police lathi charge on HCU students protesting to protect university land. He criticized the Congress government for mistreating students and filing false cases against social media activists, media personnel, and farmers.

He stated that students and youth helped Congress come to power, but now they are forced to protest against the same government. He alleged that Congress thrives on filing cases and using force and slammed ministers for calling protesting students a "paid batch." Reddy sarcastically questioned if Tamil Nadu Congress MP Karti Chidambaram, actor Prakash Raj, and YouTuber

Dhruv Rathee were also speaking out due to payments.

Jagadeesh Reddy recalled that in 2012, Chandrababu Naidu allocated HCU land to private entities, and back then, both Congress and BRS opposed it. However, he alleged that Revanth Reddy, who was in TDP at the time, supported it. He claimed that while KCR implemented "Harithaharam" to protect greenery, Congress is engaged in "Haritha Samharam" (destruction of greenery). He challenged BJP's sincerity, asking why leaders like Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay were not intervening if they truly cared about HCU. He questioned why the government secretly entered the land at midnight if it belonged to the state, alleging a hidden deal.

Finally, he said five lakh people supported the "Save HCU" slogan and asked if all of them were a



"paid batch." He demanded the Congress government stop the "massacre" happening at HCU and urged Rahul Gandhi to take a stand.

Minister Jupalli Krishna Rao Slams Officials for Disobedience

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Telangana Excise and Tourism Minister Jupalli Krishna Rao expressed strong displeasure over officials in his departments, accusing them of disregarding his decisions. Speaking at a meeting, he remarked that officials should have either fear or devotion towards their responsibilities, but he observed neither. Jupalli criticized some officers for not implementing his directives and warned that such behavior would not be tolerated. He stressed the importance of discipline and accountability in governance, stating that without proper adherence to policies, administration would suffer. Addressing the much-anticipated cabinet expansion, the minister remarked that it is not just about appointing new

ministers but also about portfolio reshuffling. He expressed hope that Mahabubnagar district would receive another ministerial position in the expansion, citing the need for further development in the region.

Though Chief Minister Revanth Reddy hails from Mahabubnagar, Jupalli pointed out that his primary focus remains on state-wide governance. Hence, another minister from the district would help accelerate local development.

However, Jupalli refrained from confirming the exact date of the cabinet expansion, clarifying that the decision rests solely with the Congress high command. His remarks come amid growing speculation about imminent political changes in the Telangana government.



MP Raghunandan Rao Slams Revanth Reddy Over HCU Land Issue

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Medak MP Raghunandan Rao made sensational remarks, stating that BJP will strongly oppose Telangana CM Revanth Reddy's land auction plans. Speaking at a BJP protest in front of Telangana Bhavan, Delhi, he accused the Congress government of environmental destruction in the name of development.

He questioned whether Indira Gandhi's rule meant constant land sales and deforestation. He pointed out that the HCU land, home to thousands of trees and animals, was being destroyed for commercial purposes, and Hydra Commissioner Ranganath was turning a blind eye to it.

Raghunandan Rao reminded that in 1973, the Congress government granted 2,400 acres to Hyderabad Central University to suppress the Telangana movement. Now, Revanth Reddy, who claims to bring back Indira's rule, is selling off 400 acres for his own agenda, he alleged. He challenged the CM to reveal who gave him the authority to sell university land.

He also criticized Revanth for opposing land sales during the BRS rule but justifying them after com-

ing to power. BJP strongly condemns this move and will fight against it legally, including filing petitions in the National Green Tribunal (NGT). Furthermore, Raghunandan questioned Rahul Gandhi's silence on the issue, pointing out that he visited HCU multiple times earlier but is now ignoring student protests and police lathi charges. He dared Revanth and Rahul to visit the university instead of staging protests in Delhi.

He assured that BJP will stand by students and block the land auction at any cost.



MLC Kavitha's Sensational Comments on 'My Home Vihanga' Lands



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BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha made strong remarks regarding the Hyderabad Central University (HCU) land issue and the 'My Home Vihanga' project. She stated that during the BRS rule, no government land was allocated for the construction of 'My Home Vihanga'. She challenged CM Revanth Reddy to send bulldozers to demolish the project if it was built on government land. However, she alleged that Revanth Reddy would not dare to act against My Home Rameshwar Rao be-

cause of his ties with the BJP.

Kavitha criticized the Congress government, saying that Revanth Reddy only targets the poor and vulnerable with bulldozers, while rich and influential individuals remain untouched. Speaking to a news agency in Hyderabad, she recalled that it was the BRS government that protected the 400 acres of HCU land from being privatized. She emphasized that under KCR's leadership, legal experts fought in court to ensure that these lands remained with the university.

Kavitha further alleged that CM Revanth Reddy is struggling to govern the state. She accused him of attempting to sell the 400-acre land only because Hyderabad's real estate market has declined due to his policies. She demanded that any land taken from the university should be returned to it.

Highlighting environmental concerns, she warned against turning the already concrete-dense Gachibowli into another corporate hub and urged the government to consider the ecological impact of large-scale construction.



SLBC Tunnel Rescue Operations to be Completed in 15 Days: Minister Ponguleti

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Minister for Irrigation Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy announced that the rescue operations at the SLBC (Srisaillam Left Bank Canal) tunnel, being carried out under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's directives, are progressing at a rapid pace. He assured that the operations will be completed in the next 10-15 days. Minister Ponguleti visited the accident site today and later addressed the media in Srisaillam. He stated that over the past 40 days, nearly 800 experts from various orga-

nizations have been working tirelessly, day and night, to carry out the rescue mission. Currently, around 550-560 personnel, equipped with advanced machinery, are engaged in the operations. However, he explained that the presence of iron and other debris inside the tunnel has made the removal of sludge difficult and hazardous. So far, two bodies have been recovered, and the district collector has been instructed to ensure compensation for the affected families. Ponguleti assured that comprehensive safety

measures would be implemented to prevent such incidents in the future. He reiterated the government's commitment to completing the project and providing irrigation water as promised. The state government has made all necessary arrangements to ensure smooth rescue efforts. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has directed the collector, special supervising officer, disaster management officer, and SP to be available at all times to oversee the operations.



Minister Sridhar Babu Appears in Court for 2017 Case



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Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu appeared before the Nampally court today for a case registered in 2017. The case was filed in Basanth Nagar, Peddapalli district, when he, along with others, demanded fair compensation for families who lost their lands and houses due to the Kaleshwaram Project. During the protest, the then-BRS government filed cases against Sridhar Babu and 12 others, including Harkara Venugopal, Annayya Goud, and Shashi Bhusan Kache. The charges were registered under IPC Sections 147, 353, and 427 read with 149, despite the protest being peaceful. As part of the legal proceedings, Sridhar Babu appeared before the Judicial First Class Magistrate today. His advocate argued that the cases were politically motivated and filed despite the protest being non-violent. In December last year, Sridhar Babu had approached the Telangana High Court with a discharge petition, seeking dismissal of the case. However, the High Court rejected the plea but granted an exemption from appearing in the lower court regularly. With the case now under trial, Sridhar Babu's legal team is expected to continue their fight for justice, arguing that the charges were unfairly imposed. The next hearing is expected to determine further proceedings in the case.



YouTuber Harsha Sai Moves High Court Over Betting App Case

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YouTuber Harsha Sai has approached the Telangana High Court, seeking the dismissal of cases filed against him in connection with a betting app scandal. He filed a petition requesting the immediate quashing of the FIRs registered at Panjagutta and Miyapur police stations. Harsha Sai claimed that false propaganda was being spread against him and that baseless cases were being filed without proper evidence. Reports suggest that his petition may come up for hearing in the High Court tomorrow. Meanwhile, separate cases related to the betting app controversy have

been registered against Harsha Sai at both police stations. Amid fears of arrest, speculation is rife that Harsha Sai has been staying abroad to evade authorities. Apart from Harsha Sai, multiple YouTubers from the Telugu states are also facing similar allegations, with police registering cases against them. Reports indicate that some of them have also fled abroad. In an effort to bring them to justice, authorities have issued lookout notices against the accused YouTubers. The case has gained significant attention, and further developments are expected as the legal proceedings unfold.

Phone Tapping Case: Fresh Notices Issued to Shraavan Rao

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The police have once again issued notices to Shraavan Rao in connection with the ongoing phone tapping case. He has been directed to appear before the authorities on April 8. Reports suggest that Shraavan Rao has been attempting to evade the investigation and has not provided the required information to the police. During the investigation, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) requested two mobile phones that were allegedly used during the 2023 elections. However, Shraavan Rao handed over only one phone while withholding the other. Moreover, the phone he submitted was reportedly an old, rusted device, which left the police in shock. Dissatisfied with his response, the authorities have now issued fresh notices, instructing him to appear with both requested mobile phones on the specified date. In the initial round of questioning, Shraavan Rao reportedly failed to provide any satisfactory answers. In the latest inquiry, he once again tried to mislead the investigation by submitting an outdated device and claiming ignorance. With the fresh summons, the police are determined to uncover the truth behind the case, and Shraavan Rao's next move remains to be seen.



HCA President Jagan's Arrest Demanded by Youth Congress

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The Youth Congress has demanded the immediate arrest of Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) President Jagan Mohan Rao, alleging corruption. Protests erupted as Youth Congress leaders staged a dharna, chanting slogans against Jagan and calling for a legal probe into his actions. The police deployed heavy security to manage the situation. Meanwhile, the long-standing ticket dispute between Hyderabad Cricket Association and Sunrisers Hyderabad has finally been resolved. Both parties recently announced that the issue has been settled, with the Hyderabad franchise agreeing to provide 10% of tickets as per the agreement. This ticket allocation system has been in place for years, and the latest resolution ensures its continuation. Despite this resolution, Youth Congress leaders remain firm in their stance, insisting that Ja-



gan Mohan Rao must face legal action for alleged financial misconduct within the Hyderabad Cricket Association. The political pressure on the HCA president continues to mount as calls for accountability grow louder.

BJP Mahila Morcha Attempts Secretariat Siege Over HCU Land Auction

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The Hyderabad Central University (HCU) land auction controversy has become a major political flashpoint in Telangana. Student unions, opposition parties, including the BJP and BRS, have strongly opposed the government's decision. In protest, BJP Mahila Morcha leaders called for a siege of the Telangana Secretariat on Wednesday, demanding the cancellation of the land auction. As they marched towards the Secretariat, raising slogans against the government's move, the police intervened to stop them. A tense situation unfolded as BJP Mahila Morcha leaders



clashed with the police, leading to a brief scuffle. Amidst the chaos, BJP Mahila Morcha state president Dr. Mekala Shilpareddy was arrested near Necklace Road and taken to the police station. The BJP has vowed to continue its agitation until the government withdraws its decision on the HCU land auction.

Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud Vardhanti Observed at Telangana Bhavan

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The death anniversary of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud was commemorated at the Ambedkar Auditorium in Telangana Bhavan, Delhi. The event was attended by Telangana PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud, Ministers Ponnampaluri Prabhakar and Konda Surekha, along with several MLAs, MPs, and other key leaders. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Konda Surekha praised Sarvai Papanna Goud as a warrior who fought against social discrimination and worked for an inclusive society where all communities had equal representation in governance. She paid rich tributes to him on his death anniversary. Minister Surekha highlighted the on-

going efforts for the approval of the BC Bill in Parliament, stating that it carries forward the legacy of Sarvai Papanna Goud's struggle. She acknowledged Rahul Gandhi's initiative in launching the BC Declaration as a significant step towards justice for backward communities. Following his guidance, the Telangana government under CM Revanth Reddy has successfully conducted a BC caste census and ensured its approval in both legislative houses. The minister demanded that the central government take Telangana as an example and conduct a nationwide BC caste census, leading to the introduction and passage of the BC Bill in Parliament.



Raja Singh's Letter to CM Revanth: "No Force Can Stop Rama Bhaktas"



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BJP MLA T Raja Singh has written a letter to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, urging him to ensure that the Sri Rama Navami Shobha Yatra, scheduled for April 6, takes place without any obstacles.

In his letter, Raja Singh mentioned that the yatra, which starts from Aakashpuri Hanuman Mandir in Dhoolpet and ends at HVS Public School in Sultan Bazaar, has been conducted peacefully for the past 15 years. He highlighted that millions of Rama devotees participate with discipline and devotion every year.

Police Pressure and Allegations of Bias

Raja Singh accused Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV Anand

and other officials of pressuring him by citing Supreme Court rulings on noise pollution to restrict loudspeakers during the procession. He questioned whether these restrictions were being applied uniformly across all communities. He pointed out that recent AIMIM meetings featured loudspeakers and DJ music without any objections from the authorities. He alleged that such selective enforcement was unfair.

Determination to Hold the Yatra
Despite police pressure, Raja Singh declared that the yatra will be grander than ever this year. He affirmed that no force could stop the devotion of Rama Bhaktas. Additionally, he invited CM Revanth Reddy to join the yatra and witness the unwavering devotion of the people.

ACB Files Cases Against 15 Govt Employees

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The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered 15 cases against government employees in March as part of its crackdown on corruption. ACB Director Vijay Kumar revealed in a press release. The cases include 12 trap cases, 2 criminal misconduct cases, and 1 surprise check. Among those arrested is an outsourcing employee, with all 15 accused being sent to judicial custody.

The ACB conducted raids across multiple departments, including Revenue, Home, Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD), Energy, Education, Health, Medical, Transport, Agriculture, and Cooperation. Officials seized a total of ₹3.28 lakh in these trap cases. Between January and March, the ACB registered 52 cases, including 37 trap cases, 4 disproportionate assets cases, 4 criminal misconduct cases, 3 regular inquiries, 1 surprise check, and 3 discreet inquiries. In this period, a total of 55



government employees and 6 outsourcing staff were arrested and remanded to judicial custody. The agency recovered ₹12 lakh in bribe money from trap cases. Additionally, ACB officials uncovered disproportionate assets worth over ₹4.80

crore belonging to various government employees. The agency has intensified its operations to root out corruption and ensure transparency in public services. More investigations are expected in the coming months.

TGPSC Group-1 Mains Exam Under Scrutiny: Allegations of Irregularities

TPN, Correspondent|Hyderabad
The Telangana Group-1 Mains examination conducted by the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TGPSC) has sparked controversy, with several candidates alleging irregularities in the evaluation process. Accusations of bias and lack of transparency have led to legal action, as a group of 23 candidates filed a petition in the Telangana High Court seeking re-evaluation of their answer sheets.

The petitioners argue that while the exam was conducted in three languages, the evaluation was reportedly done by experts proficient in only one language, potentially disadvantaging candidates from Telugu and Urdu mediums. The High Court has taken note of the com-



plaints and issued notices to TGPSC, demanding an explanation regarding the evaluation procedure.

In response, TGPSC has denied the allegations, asserting that the evaluation was conducted with full transparency

and fairness. The commission urged candidates not to be misled by false information and assured that the selection process followed standard guidelines.

Meanwhile, some media houses have reported on the controversy, prompting TGPSC to lodge a complaint with the Cyber Crime Police against certain platforms for allegedly spreading misleading news without verifying facts.

As the case unfolds, the fate of the Group-1 Mains results remains uncertain. The High Court's verdict will be crucial in determining whether re-evaluation will be permitted or if the commission's stance will be upheld. The controversy has left thousands of aspirants anxiously awaiting further developments.

Complete Transfers of Revenue Employees: TRESA Demands



TPN, Correspondent|Hyderabad
The Telangana Revenue Employees Services Association (TRESA) has expressed concern over the prolonged delay in transferring Tahsildars back to their original districts after being reassigned during elections. TRESA President Vanga Ravinder Reddy and General Secretary K. Gautham Kumar stated that while election-related transfers occur regularly, officials are not being reinstated to their previous districts even after 20 months, causing hardships for families. On Wednesday, TRESA representatives submitted a petition to the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA), highlighting the distress faced by revenue employees. They cited the case of a Tahsildar from Kamareddy district who passed away due to mental stress caused by prolonged separation from family. They urged the

government to return 26 Deputy Tahsildars, who were transferred for election duties, back to their original postings. Additionally, they demanded that all cadres transferred under GO 317 be relocated based on their local district criteria. They pointed out that junior assistants, senior assistants, Nayab Tahsildars, and Tahsildars were transferred to different districts during promotions, disrupting their careers. TRESA also appealed for the reinstatement of 5,400 VRAs transferred to other departments and sought job regularization for VRAs above 61 years old.

They called for proper categorization of computer operators under a single framework and demanded a resolution within a week. If the government fails to act, TRESA warned of a state-level meeting to decide further action.

Farmer Ends Life Over Irrigation Woes in Kamareddy

TPN, Correspondent|Kamareddy

Telangana farmers are facing severe difficulties due to water scarcity during the summer. With no water for irrigation, crops are withering, leaving farmers in distress. Compared to last year, the water shortage has worsened, making it harder for farmers to recover their investments.

In a tragic incident, a farmer from Kamareddy district took his own life due to a lack of irrigation water. Swamy, a farmer who cultivated paddy on his two-acre land, struggled after his borewell failed. Unable to save his crops and burdened by mounting debts, he saw no way out. Reports suggest that Swamy had taken loans for farming expenses but was left helpless when his crops dried up.

The incident highlights the ongoing crisis faced by Telangana farmers, emphasizing the urgent need for water management solutions and government intervention to support those affected by drought-like conditions.

Fast-Track Court Trial for Accused in Urkonda Gang Rape Case

TPN, Correspondent|Nagarkurnool

Nagar Kurnool District SP Vaibhav Gaikwad announced that the accused in the Urkonda gang rape case will be presented in a fast-track court. Speaking at a press conference at the Kalwakurthy DSP office, he detailed the horrific incident.

A seven-member gang from Urkonda Pet kept a watch on devotees visiting the Anjaneya Swamy temple. When



a 27-year-old married woman arrived at the temple with her children, one of the accused, a contract worker at the temple, alerted his associates. As

the woman went to relieve herself with a relative about 150 meters from the temple, four men followed her while three others coordinated via mobile phone.

The accused attacked her relative and then gang-raped the woman. When she later asked for water, they humiliated her further by urinating on her. They also robbed her of gold ornaments and ₹6,000 in cash before threatening to kill her if she reported the

crime. Fearful, the survivor delayed filing a complaint at the Urkonda police station. Based on CCTV footage, the police first interrogated the temple worker, uncovering critical evidence. All seven accused were arrested under gang rape and criminal intimidation charges. SP Gaikwad praised the Kalwakurthy police for their swift action in solving the case.

Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy Offers Prayers at Srisailam Temple

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Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, along with his wife, visited the Srisailam Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, one of the Ashtadasha Shakti Peethas and Dwadasha Jyotirlingas. Upon their arrival at the temple Rajagopuram, they were warmly welcomed by temple Executive Officer Srinivasa Rao, who garlanded them and facilitated their darshan.

The minister and his wife had a special darshan of Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy, received theertha prasadam, and participated in the Vedic chanting rituals for divine blessings. As a token of appreciation, the temple authorities presented them with a portrait of the deities.

Demonstrating his commitment to the temple's development, Minister Ponguleti donated ₹10,11,116 to the Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Devasthanam. He handed over the cheque to the temple Executive Officer to support various temple development activities. His visit not only reaffirmed his devotion but also showcased his dedication to preserving and enhancing the heritage of Srisailam Temple.



Mother Kills Three Children to Marry Her Lover in Hyderabad

TPN, Correspondent|Hyderabad

In a shocking incident, a woman allegedly murdered her three children to marry her lover. The crime took place in Ameenpur, Hyderabad, where the accused, Rajitha alias Lavanya, along with her lover Shiva, was arrested by the police.

According to reports, Rajitha was married to Apurichintha Chennayya, who was 20 years older than her. The couple had three children: Sai Krishna (12), Madhu Priya (10), and Gautham (8). While Chennayya worked as a water tanker driver, Rajitha was a private school teacher. Six months ago, Rajitha reconnected with her schoolmate Shiva at a get-together. Their



friendship quickly turned into an affair, with daily chats and video calls strengthening their bond. Since Shiva was unmarried, Rajitha proposed marriage. However, Shiva refused, citing her children as an obstacle.

Determined to be with Shiva, Rajitha decided to eliminate her children. She allegedly smothered them to death while they were asleep. After committing the heinous act, she planned to escape with Shiva, but the police arrested them before they could flee.

The gruesome murders have sparked outrage among the public, questioning how a mother could commit such a brutal crime. The police are conducting a thorough investigation into the case.

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 Shakha system, which promoted physical fitness, ideological clarity, and leadership skills.

Selfless Service and Social Transformation

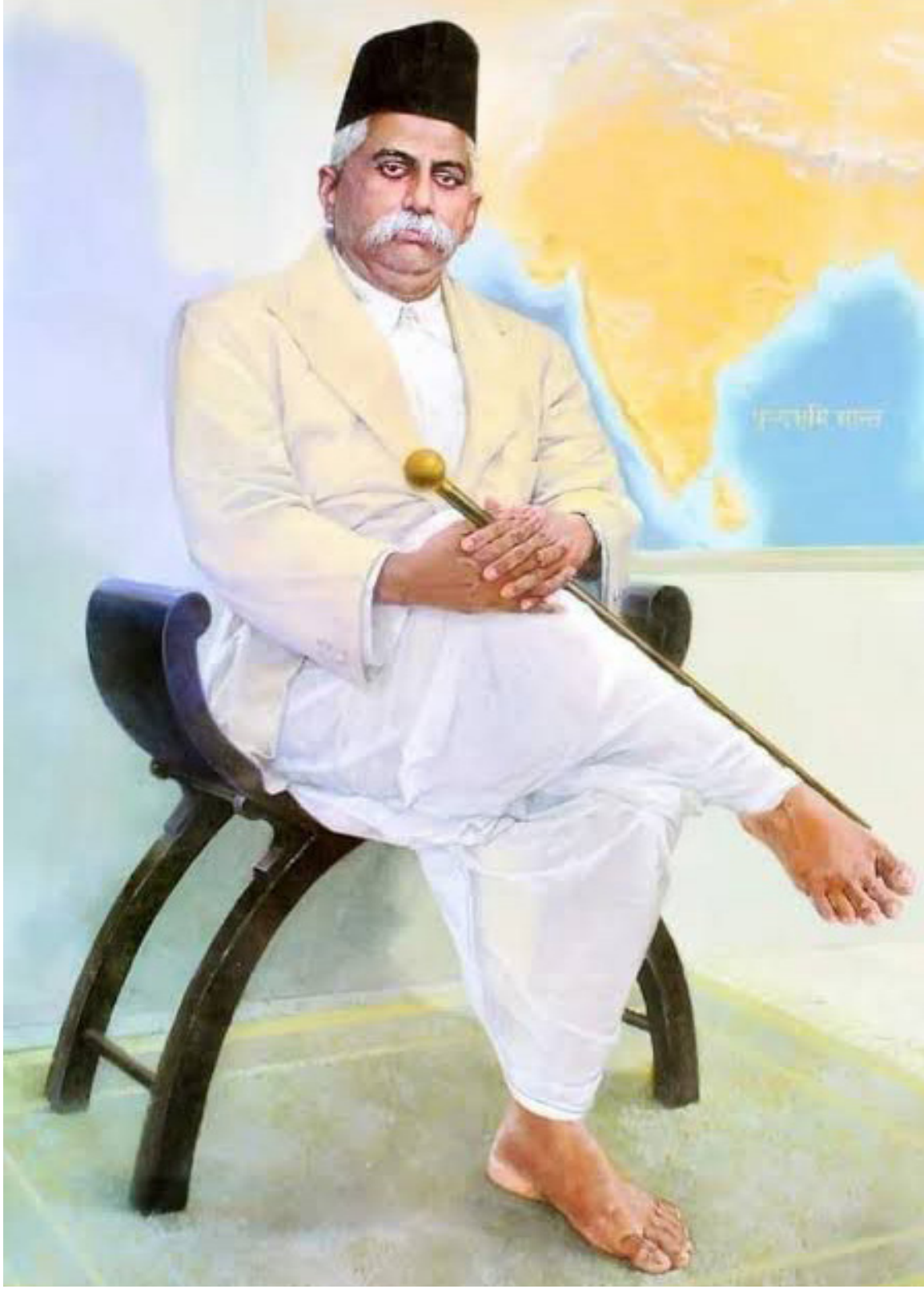
Dr. Hegdewar strongly believed in Seva (selfless service) as a cornerstone of nation-building. Under his leadership, the RSS engaged in social service, disaster relief, rural development, and tribal welfare. What began as a modest initiative has now evolved into the world's largest NGO. Today, the RSS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

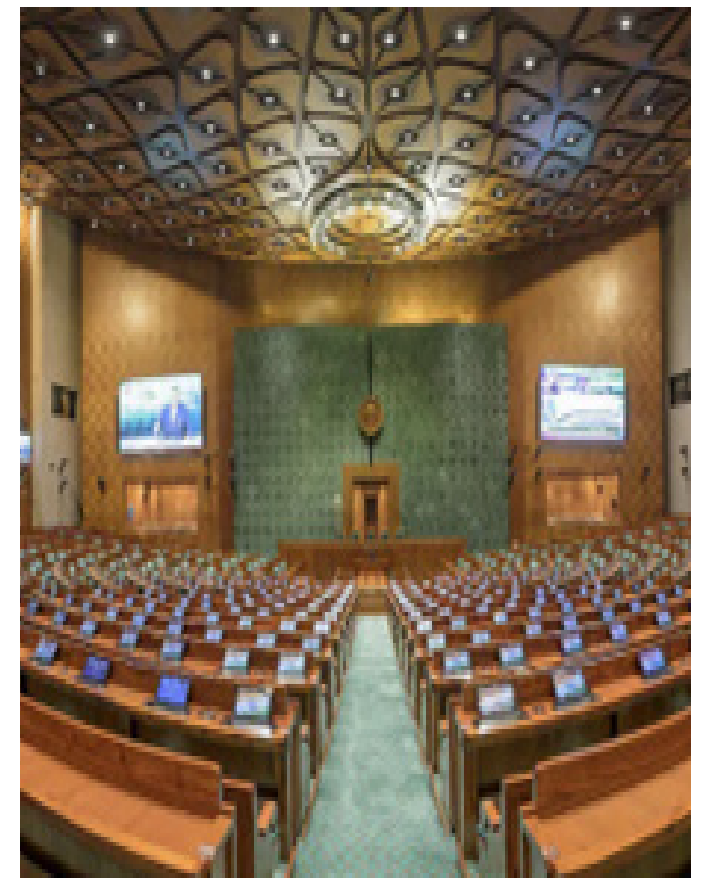
Dr. Keshav Baliram Hegdewar's contributions to nation-building, cultural revival, and social unity continue to inspire generations. His legacy lives on through the RSS and its countless initiatives that uphold his vision of a disciplined, united, and service-oriented Bharat. As we commemorate his birth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

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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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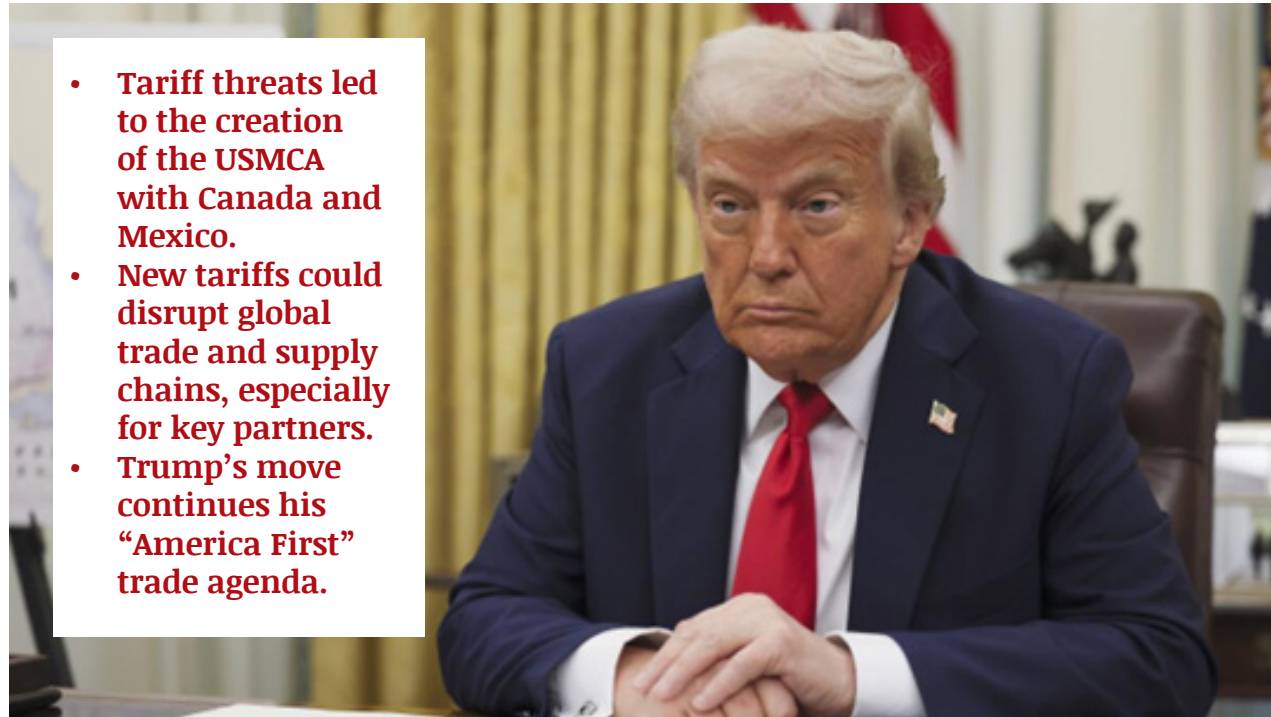
Bangladesh's interim government adviser, Muhammad Yunus, sparked controversy during a recent four-day visit to Beijing by subtly urging China to "extend" its influence in the region, leveraging the landlocked status of India's northeastern "seven sister states." In a video that surfaced on social media 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

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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 | Washington

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.



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.

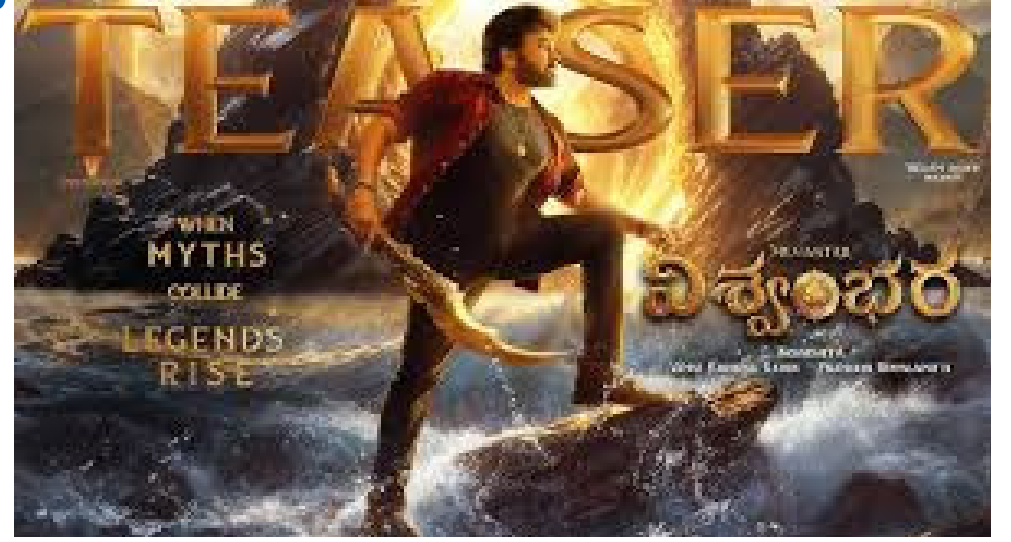


Uncertainty Looms Over Chiranjeevi's Vishwambhara

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.