



Aghori-Srivarshini Love Story Takes Dramatic Turn with Police Intervention

TPN Correspondent | Gujarat: The unusual love story between Aghori and Srivarshini has taken a dramatic turn with the involvement of the police, following a complaint by Srivarshini's parents. The topic has ignited widespread debate on social media, with opinions sharply divided. Srivarshini reportedly decided to live with Aghori, which her family vehemently opposed. Her parents approached the police and, with their assistance, located and brought her back from Gujarat. Aghori alleges that Srivarshini was forcibly taken away and has declared that he no longer wishes to maintain any relationship with her. Meanwhile, Srivarshini claims that she is being separated against her will and describes her relationship with Aghori as a mother-daughter bond. However, her parents allege that Aghori used hypnotism to influence their daughter, a claim that has not yet been substantiated by the police.



Kasireddy challenges CID notices in liquor case

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati: Kasireddy Rajasekhara Reddy suffered a setback in the Andhra Pradesh High Court as his petition challenging the CID notices issued to him in a liquor case was dismissed. The court's decision allows the investigation to proceed without interference. Kasireddy had approached the High Court contending that the CID notices were unwarranted and issued without proper grounds. He sought relief from the court to quash the notices, arguing that the investigation lacked merit. However, the High Court dismissed his plea, making it clear that the investigation would continue as per established legal procedures. The CID had previously issued notices to Kasireddy over his alleged involvement in a liquor scam. With his petition rejected, the investigation is expected to progress further, posing additional challenges for Kasireddy as he navigates the ongoing legal proceedings. Legal experts believe that the High Court's decision strengthens the CID's authority to continue its probe into the liquor case.



CM Naidu Pushes for 100-Bed Multi-Specialty Hospitals in Every Assembly Constituency

- 175 Assembly Constituencies targeted for healthcare expansion
- PPP model proposed for building and managing hospitals
- Mega Global Medicity project planned for Amaravati

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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday directed Medical and Health officials to formulate an action plan ensuring that every Assembly Constituency in Andhra Pradesh has 100 to 300-bedded multi-specialty hospitals. Reviewing the healthcare infrastructure at the State Secretariat, Naidu noted that only 70 out of 175 Assembly Constituency's currently have hospitals with 100 beds or more. He called for immediate steps to establish such facilities in the remaining 105 Constituency's, proposing a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model for construction and management. A policy offering subsidies to participating organizations is also under consideration. Naidu emphasized that Amaravati should be developed as a global medical hub under the proposed Mega Global Medicity project, aiming to attract patients from around the world. With support from the Gates Foundation, he seeks to strengthen the health and education sectors to enhance overall service quality. He further instructed officials to ensure basic health services are

available virtually at Public Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) where doctors are unavailable. Additionally, he stressed the importance of promoting preventive health measures to combat lifestyle diseases like hypertension and diabetes. To tackle addiction issues, the government plans to enhance the existing 25 de-addiction centers with Rs 32.5 crore and establish 13 new centers across the state. Steps will also be taken to fill vacant doctor posts in tribal areas, establish eight dialysis centers at Vizianagaram, and upgrade CHCs in Kovvur-Nidadavolu. Meanwhile, the Digital Nerve Centre program by Tata Consultancy Centre is being implemented in Kuppam to provide healthcare through digital platforms. The state has also made significant progress in issuing Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) cards to 4.47 lakh people, achieving 88% coverage. Special screenings conducted for tribal populations found 5,072 cases of tuberculosis and 1,977 cases of sickle cell anemia. Additionally, 95.6% of births and deaths have been registered, with 13,26,621 child Aadhaar cards issued.

Relief for Kethireddy Venkatrami Reddy as High Court Imposes Status Quo



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The Andhra Pradesh High Court has granted temporary relief to YSRCP leader and former Dharmavaram MLA Kethireddy Venkatrami Reddy by imposing a status quo in the on-going guesthouse dispute. The court's decision comes after the Revenue Department issued notices alleging that the guesthouse built on Guralakonda occupies government land. According to officials, approximately 2.5 acres of assigned land was registered under the names of Kethireddy's family members. The Revenue Department had attempted to take possession of the land recently but was met with locked gates at the site, forcing them to leave. The controversy gained traction following allegations made by G. Suryanarayana, popularly known as Varadapuram Suri, who demanded a CBI probe into Kethireddy's alleged disproportionate assets. Suri claimed that Kethireddy illegally occupied 15 acres of Dharmavaram tank and registered 25 acres of assigned pattas in his relatives' names. The Revenue Department's recent attempts to reclaim the land intensified the dispute, prompting Kethireddy to seek legal intervention. The High Court's directive for maintaining the status quo provides temporary relief to Kethireddy, but the broader legal battle over the land ownership remains unresolved. Officials are yet to announce their next course of action following the court's order. The controversy is expected to continue, with both sides awaiting further developments.



Minister Lokesh Distributes Permanent House Documents to 546 Families in Mangalagiri - AP State



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Minister Narayana's Team Studies Bengaluru's Real Estate Models

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Minister Narayana, accompanied by CRDA Commissioner Kannababu and Municipal Department Director Sampath Kumar, conducted a tour of Bengaluru to study real estate development models at the field level. During the visit, the ministerial team met with prominent real estate associations and realtors, gathering insights on successful models and practices implemented across Bengaluru. The team focused on understanding various approaches to urban development and housing infrastructure to potentially adapt them for the development of Amaravati. The government is actively considering the option of involving private companies in Amaravati's real estate development. Minister Narayana's team aimed to gain practical knowledge by examining the models adopted by Bengaluru's real estate sector.

CM Naidu Orders Immediate Cleanup of Secretariat Garbage

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has expressed his dissatisfaction over the accumulation of garbage in the Secretariat premises over the past few days. Taking serious note of the situation, he has instructed officials to ensure the complete removal of the garbage within 24 hours. CM Naidu emphasized the need to maintain cleanliness, particularly in such a crucial government establishment. During his visit to the Secretariat, the Chief Minister also inspected the site of a recent fire accident. The incident occurred in the second block of the Secretariat on Friday morning, reportedly originating from the battery storage area. Upon receiving information, firefighter personnel promptly arrived at the scene and successfully extinguished the blaze. Fortunately, no injuries were reported, and the damage was contained. CM Naidu questioned the officials about the existing security measures and stressed the im-



portance of adhering to proper safety standards and protocols to prevent such incidents in the future. He instructed the authorities to conduct a thorough review of safety measures and implement necessary actions to maintain both cleanliness and safety across the Secretariat premises.



We Are Conducting a Full-Scale Investigation into the Fire Incident: Home Minister Anita

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha stated that a full-scale investigation is underway into the recent fire incident at the Andhra Pradesh Secretariat. According to the initial report, the fire was caused by a short circuit in the battery storage area of the second block. Anitha noted that officials were immediately alerted after the accident and made prompt efforts to extinguish the fire. Their quick response helped avert a major accident, preventing further damage. The Home Minister emphasized that the investigation would thoroughly examine all aspects of the incident to identify any lapses in safety measures and ensure preventive steps are implemented moving forward.

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The second block of the AP Secretariat houses the offices of several key ministers, including Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha, Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav, Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh, Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, Municipal Minister Narayana, and Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar. The presence of high-profile offices added to the urgency of the situation, prompting the Chief Minister to issue immediate directives. Officials have assured the Chief Minister of quick compliance with his orders, promising to remove the garbage within the stipulated time and enhance safety protocols to prevent similar accidents in the future.

Minister Lokesh Distributes Permanent House Documents to 546 Families in Mangalagiri

- Permanent rights to property worth ₹1,000 crores distributed
- 26 welfare programs implemented for Mangalagiri residents
- Mentions house titles as a two-decade-old dream fulfilled
- Lokesh vows to fulfill promises, including a 100-bed hospital

TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri

Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh distributed permanent house Documents to 546 families in Mangalagiri on Friday, granting them rights to property worth Rs. 1,000 crores in the open market. The event, part of the coronation program for the poor, was held next to Don Bosco High School in Mangalagiri. Lokesh awarded house Documents to 248 families from Yarrabalem village, followed by 99 families from Neerukonda village and 199 families from Ratnalacheruvu. Speaking at the event, Lokesh emphasized his commitment to fulfilling promises made to the people of Mangalagiri, stating that the welfare of the constituency remains his priority. Reflecting on his 2019 election defeat by a margin of 5,300 votes, Lokesh said the loss motivated him to work harder to win the trust of the people. His efforts, he noted, led to his victory in the 2024 elections with a remarkable majority of 91,000 votes. Lokesh highlighted the implemen-



tation of 26 welfare programs under the Telugu Desam Party's leadership, including the establishment of NTR Sanjeevani clinics, skill training for youth, free medical aid, and support for women's financial independence. He assured residents that the coalition government remains dedicated to addressing all issues

affecting Mangalagiri. He announced plans to lay the foundation stone for a 100-bed hospital on April 13, aiming for completion by April 13, 2026. Lokesh credited the support of the people for his political strength and reaffirmed his commitment to working tirelessly for their welfare and development.

Minister Anagani Satya Prasad Launched Online Slot Booking System For Registrations

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Andhra Pradesh Revenue Minister Anagani Satyaprasad officially launched the online slot booking system for registration offices from the Secretariat, aiming to eliminate long waiting periods for registration work. The new facility will operate across 26 district centers and more than 290 sub-registrar offices throughout the state. According to Minister Satyaprasad, this initiative aligns with Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's vision of fostering citizen-friendly and transparent governance. Developed after extensive discussions with builders' associations and business leaders, the system strives to streamline processes, prevent land disputes, and enhance administra-



tive transparency. Through the online module, users can upload documents and book preferred time slots in advance. When buyers, sellers, and witnesses arrive at the scheduled time, registration can be completed within just 10 minutes. The streamlined process aims to improve efficiency and public satisfaction by minimizing delays. Minister Satyaprasad also highlighted efforts to integrate all relevant departments with the registration department to

further improve service delivery. Additionally, registration services will be available on holidays for a nominal extra fee, offering greater convenience to citizens. Despite initial skepticism, similar online initiatives during recent festivals generated approximately ₹72 crore in revenue for the state government while ensuring public satisfaction. Officials are optimistic that the new slot booking system will be equally successful and widely accepted.



Govt Provides Remunerative Price to Farmers - Minister Nadendla Manohar

TPN Correspondent | Venkatagiri

State Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar stated that the coalition government is committed to providing a remunerative price for paddy and ensuring every bag is purchased from farmers. Speaking at a face-to-face program with farmers in Yataluru village, Venkatagiri mandal, he highlighted that ₹154 crore was credited to farmers' accounts within 24 hours of purchase. Held on Friday evening, the program was organized by the Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Organization through the Rythu Seva Kendra. It was attended by Joint Collector Shubham Bansal, Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu, Railway Kodur MLA Sridhar, Gudur Sub-Collector Raghavendra Meena, and Village Sarpanch Penchalammala. Manohar emphasized the coalition government's goal under Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan to ensure farmers' happiness and prosperity. In the past eight months, 74,000 metric tons of paddy were purchased from 7,000 farmers through 134 farmer service centers in the district. The Minister noted that ₹1,674 crore of pending dues were cleared by the coalition government and introduced technology for paddy purchase via WhatsApp, allowing farmers to sell to their preferred rice mills. He added that 90% of payments are completed within 24 hours and that millers are instructed to accept paddy with up to 17% moisture. Officials were urged to address farmers' grievances promptly and ensure availability of fertilizers and seeds on time. Manohar assured farmers that the government would continue to support them by providing fair prices and timely payments.

Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar Announces 'Thalliki Vandanam' Scheme From Next Academic Year

TPN Correspondent | Addanki

Andhra Pradesh Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar announced the launch of the 'Thalliki Vandanam' Scheme from the next academic year, offering Rs. 15,000 annually to the mothers of every child enrolled in schools. Highlighting the commitment of Education Minister Nara Lokesh to make Andhra Pradesh a leader in school education, Minister Ravi Kumar made the announcement during a program held at the Government Girls' High School in Addanki, Bapatla district. To promote girls' education and reduce school dropouts, the minister distributed 309 bicycles to girl students free of cost, with the support of the voluntary organization 'Assist' from Chilakaluripet. He noted that the initiative aims to encourage girls to continue their education without obstacles



and assured that free bicycles would be provided to students in other schools within the Addanki constituency. Minister Ravi Kumar reiterated that the coalition government, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, is committed to enhancing the education system and setting a benchmark for quality education in the country. Later in the day, the minister held a grievance program at the municipal office in Addanki town, where he distributed Chief Minister's Relief

Fund (CMRF) cheques worth Rs. 1.38 crore to 89 beneficiaries. Addressing the gathering, he stressed the government's unwavering commitment to supporting underprivileged communities and addressing their financial difficulties. Local alliance leaders, education department officials, and members of the Assist organization participated in the event, expressing their appreciation for the government's efforts to promote educational empowerment and welfare.

Tribute to Three Social Reformers Born in April

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The month of April marks the birth anniversaries of three prominent social reformers—Babu Jagjivan Ram on April 5, Mahatma Jyotirao Phule on April 11, and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on April 14—who dedicated their lives to fighting social inequality and uplifting marginalized communities. Babu Jagjivan Ram, born in 1908 in Bihar, faced caste discrimination from an early age but rose to become India's Deputy Prime Minister. After pursuing higher education from Calcutta University, he helped establish the All India Depressed Classes Alliance in 1935 and actively participated in the Satyagraha and Quit India movements. Known for his efficient administration, he remained a Member of Parliament for nearly 40 years and passed away on July 6, 1986. Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, born



in 1827 in Maharashtra, founded the "Satya Shodhak Samaj" to eradicate caste discrimination and promote women's education. His wife, Savitri Bai Phule, became the first woman teacher in India. Phule's relentless efforts towards social reforms earned him the title of Mahatma. He passed away on November 28, 1890. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, born in 1891, is known globally as the architect of the Indian Constitution. Facing discrimination throughout his early life, Ambedkar pursued higher studies at Columbia University



and the University of London. As India's first Law Minister, he drafted the Constitution by incorporating valuable aspects from eight other nations. Despite many challenges, he completed this monumental task within 2 years, 11 months, and 18 days. He passed away on December 6, 1956, and was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna. Though these stalwarts are no longer present, the government continues to strive toward achieving their dreams of social justice, equality, and women's empowerment.

Balineni Srinivasa Reddy Settled... YSRCP Weakened



- Speculation of Alliances Shaping Future Political Landscape
- Balineni Srinivas Reddy's Exit Weakens YSRCP
- Balineni Srinivasa Reddy leaves YSRCP and joined Jana Sena
- Ongole constituency leadership gap in YSRCP

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The political landscape in Ongole has undergone a significant shift with the exit of senior leader Balineni Srinivasa Reddy from the YSRCP and joined Jana Sena. A close relative of YSRCP chief YS Jaganmohan Reddy, Balineni's departure has left the party struggling to find a leader of his stature in Ongole constituency. Balineni, who previously contested unsuccessfully as the Ongole MLA for YSRCP, expressed grievances about betrayal by his own people before officially joining the Jana Sena camp. His move was anticipated before the 2024 elections, but his formal alignment with Jana Sena came after talks with Pawan Kalyan. The political dynamics may further shift if the proposed re-division of constituencies is implemented by 2029, potentially creating Ongole Urban and Rural constituencies. Damacherla Janardhana Rao, currently the Ongole MLA, is expected to contest from Ongole Rural under the

TDP banner, where Kamma community votes are strong. If Jana Sena receives the Ongole Urban seat as part of an alliance, Balineni's prospects of winning are considered favorable, especially with the support of Kapu and Kamma communities. However, YSRCP's replacement of Balineni with Chunduru Ravi, a follower of YV Subba Reddy, has not inspired much confidence among party workers. There is speculation that YV Subba Reddy may push his son into the Ongole political arena by 2029. However, many of YSRCP's cadre have already shifted their allegiance to Balineni, leaving the party's strength in Ongole considerably weakened. Despite joining Jana Sena, Balineni continues to face a cold war with Damacherla Janardhana Rao. Analysts suggest that if TDP and Jana Sena forge an alliance during the elections, both parties could benefit significantly. Until then, Balineni's political future remains tied to evolving alliances and strategic decisions.

Prakash Reddy Alleges Paritala Sunitha Involved in 10 Murders



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Former MLA and YSRCP leader Prakash Reddy stirred controversy with sharp allegations against TDP leader Paritala Sunitha. He accused her of being involved in the deaths of ten people, directly or indirectly, since her entry into politics. Prakash Reddy also alleged that Paritala Sunitha's husband, Paritala Ravi, was responsible for committing 100 murders. He questioned how Paritala Ravi managed to escape from legal consequences despite

such severe allegations. He further recalled that during YS Rajasekhara Reddy's tenure as Chief Minister, an investigation was initiated against his own son, YS Jaganmohan Reddy. Drawing a comparison, Prakash Reddy suggested that while YSR had allowed a probe against his son, Paritala Ravi's alleged crimes were overlooked. The comments have sparked strong reactions from political circles, with Paritala Sunitha's supporters condemning the remarks as baseless and politically motivated.

Controversy Surrounds Duvvada Srinivas Over Fake Doctorate Allegations

- Honorary doctorate sparks social media trolling and criticism
- Day Spring International University's credibility under scrutiny
- Allegations of political manipulation and controversy over personal life



TPN T. RAJASEKHAR | SRIKAKULAM

MLC Duvvada Srinivas of the YSRCP is embroiled in controversy over receiving an honorary doctorate from Day Spring International University on March 21, 2025, in Hyderabad. This doctorate, which was reportedly awarded for his political services and ethical contributions, has led to widespread trolling and criticism on social media, especially from TDP and Jana Sena supporters. The issue escalated when supporters claimed that Srinivas received the doctorate from Mack Bharan, an advisor to former US President Donald Trump, which further attracted skepticism. Critics are questioning the legitimacy of the university itself, pointing out that Day Spring International University is affiliated with the AP Tone State Academy, which focuses on religious education and is not recognized by the UGC.

The university's website describes it as offering theological degrees but lacks clarity about its accreditation status in India. Furthermore, questions have been raised about whether the university follows UGC guidelines or is even authorized to operate in India. Compounding the controversy are reports of Srinivas's personal issues, including a long-standing family dispute that led him to seek a divorce and pursue a new relationship with Madhuri. Critics allege that his focus on non-political activities and the opening of a silk showroom with Madhuri have distracted him from his political duties. Amidst the allegations, Srinivas has largely remained silent, with his followers defending the doctorate as genuine. However, the ongoing scrutiny of the university's credentials and Srinivas's personal controversies continue to generate heated debate across the state.

YS Sharmila Accuses Jagan of Betrayal and Deception

- Claims Jagan signed MoU but failed to deliver promises
- Accuses him of cheating their mother Vijayamma
- Asserts Jagan betrayed her and her children



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

AP Congress chief YS Sharmila has launched a fierce attack on her brother and YSRCP chief Jagan during a media interaction in Vijayawada, accusing him of prioritizing assets over family. Sharmila alleged that Jagan himself signed the Saraswati Power Shares MoU and later transferred the shares to their mother Vijayamma under a gift

deed. However, she claimed that Jagan has not given her a single property and is now demanding the return of shares previously gifted to their mother. Sharmila criticized Jagan, stating he would be remembered as the son who filed a case against his mother and the uncle who de-

prived his nephew and niece of their rightful assets. She also targeted individuals like YV Subba Reddy and Vijaya Sai Reddy, accusing them of obstructing her and unjustly blaming her. Accusing Jagan of hypocrisy, Sharmila highlighted the YSRCP's inconsistent stance on the Waqf Bill. She pointed out that while the party opposed the bill in the Lok Sabha, where the NDA holds power, it supported it in the Rajya Sabha. According to her, YSRCP MPs backed the bill following Jagan's instructions, exposing his contradictory approach. Sharmila urged the YSRCP to question Jagan's credibility and reflect on his actions. She emphasized that the national media is now exposing Jagan's double standards and his preference for assets over familial relationships.

Jagan Betrayed Muslims with Double Standards - Nakka Anand Babu

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

TDP Polit Bureau member Nakka Anand Babu has criticized YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, calling him an incompetent leader who betrayed Muslims with his double standards on the Waqf Bill. He stated that the YCP has no clear stance, while the TDP has always maintained that the bill should not harm the Muslim community. Anand Babu alleged that Jagan's contradictory approach—opposing the bill in the Lok Sabha but supporting it in the Rajya Sabha—exposed his hypocrisy. Accusing Jagan of cheating not only his sis-

ter and mother but also the Muslim community, Anand Babu said the YSRCP created a farce by issuing a whip only after the vote in the Rajya Sabha, merely to counter backlash. He pointed out that this unprecedented act of issuing a whip post-vote has drawn widespread criticism from national media and political parties opposing the bill. The YSRCP's sudden support for the Waqf Bill in the Rajya Sabha, despite its previous opposition in the Lok Sabha, has caused deep dissatisfaction within the Muslim community. Critics argue that Jagan's deceptive strategy



has left Muslims feeling betrayed. Reports suggest that the YSRCP's contradictory statements have shocked the community, sparking outrage over the perceived betrayal by Jagan and his party.

Nagul Meera Slams YCP's Double Standards on Waqf Bill

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TDP official spokesperson Nagul Meera criticized YSRCP leader Jagan Mohan Reddy for betraying the Muslim community by adopting double standards on the Waqf Amendment Bill. Speaking to the media on Friday, he accused Jagan of inconsistency between his words and actions, exposing YSRCP's insincerity towards Muslim welfare. Nagul Meera pointed out that YSRCP MPs, who previously claimed to oppose the Waqf Amendment Bill, voted in favor of it without hesitation. He accused Jagan of using Muslims as a mere vote bank while failing to advocate for genuine amendments that would benefit the community. He questioned why Jagan did not at least insist on modifications to ensure Muslim welfare, branding him as a coward who fears standing up for the community's rights. He demanded an explanation for YSRCP's confusing approach—issuing a whip in the Lok Sabha but neglecting it in the Rajya Sabha. Criticizing the party's contradictory stance, he

remarked that the YSRCP's loyalty to the Muslim community has been completely exposed. Nagul Meera urged all YSRCP Muslim leaders to quit the party, highlighting that their leader lacks the courage to clearly declare YSRCP's position on the Waqf Amendment Bill. He questioned whether Jagan feels any shame for his inconsistent and deceptive policies. The TDP leader's remarks come amid widespread dissatisfaction within the minority community over YSRCP's shifting stance



MLA Adireddy Pledges Support for Naganjali's Family with ₹2 Lakh Aid



TPN Correspondent | Rajahmundry

Rajahmundry MLA Adireddy visited Naganjali's family, expressing his deep condolences and promising strict action against those responsible for her death. He assured the family that justice would be served and announced a financial assistance of Rs. 2 lakh to support them during this difficult time. MLA Adireddy also stated that he would bring the matter to the attention of Home Minister Anita and

Minister Lokesh to ensure thorough support for Naganjali's family. He reiterated his commitment to securing justice and providing all possible assistance to them. Pharmacist Naganjali, who attempted suicide due to alleged sexual harassment by Deepak, an AGM at Rajahmundry KIMS Hospital, passed away after her condition worsened on Friday morning. She had been receiving treatment on a ventilator before succumbing to her injuries.

Amaravati Art Street Begins with Grandeur in Rajahmundry

Over 600 artists from across India participate
Art forms range from paintings to clay figurines
Event aims to boost cultural awareness and encourage young artists

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The Amaravati Art Street program commenced with grandeur in Rajahmundry on April 4, attracting art enthusiasts and visitors from various parts of the state. The event was inaugurated by Andhra Pradesh State Deputy Speaker Sri Raghurama Krishnaraju, Minister Sri Kandula Durgesh, MLA Sri Adireddy Vasu, MLA Sri Bathula Balaramakrishna, and AP Cultural Association Chairperson Smt. Tejaswi Podapati. More than 600 artists from across the country are participating in the event, showcasing their creativity through various art forms such as paintings, drawings, clay figurines, and technical art. The artworks displayed reflect diverse

cultural expressions, innovative techniques, and unique styles, making the event a visual treat for visitors. Families, students, and art enthusiasts flocked to the venue, expressing keen interest in the exhibitions and appreciating the talent on display. The vibrant atmosphere has turned the Art Street into a lively cultural hub, drawing attention from art lovers and casual visitors alike. AP Cultural Association Chairperson Smt. Tejaswi Podapati emphasized the importance of such programs in promoting art and culture across the state. She stated that Amaravati Art Street serves as a valuable platform for young artists to showcase their talent and gain recog-



ognition. Additionally, it aims to enhance public awareness of various art forms and encourage their growth and appreciation. According to Smt. Tejaswi, programs like Amaravati Art Street contribute significantly to the state's cultural profile, fostering creativity and innovation while providing opportunities for artists to connect with a broader audience.



The event is expected to continue drawing large crowds throughout its duration, reinforcing Andhra Pradesh's reputation as a vibrant cultural destination. The Amaravati Art Street program has become an annual attraction, playing a pivotal role in preserving and promoting the arts while providing a stage for emerging talent to shine.

Minister BC Janardhan Reddy and Battula Tatayya Babu Address Fraud Complaints at TDP Office

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Victims of various frauds submitted their grievances to Minister BC Janardhan Reddy and Housing Board Chairman Battula Tatayya Babu during a public petition reception program held at the TDP central office on Friday. They appealed for justice and resolution of their long-pending issues. Desetti Ramana Murthy from Srikakulam alleged that Golla Banerjee of Nellore cheated him and others by promising jobs and siphoning over a crore and a half through fraudulent schemes. He claimed prior complaints were dismissed without registering an FIR. Nakkala Lakshmi from Boinavaripalle, Bapatla district, complained of harassment by Peetta Poleramma and others who destroyed her under-construction house and threatened her life, alleging police support for the accused. Y. Nagireddy sought payment for MGNRES work done between 2017-2018. Ravella Balasubrahmanyam from Ibrahimpatnam reported financial distress due to his friend Chirra Ramesh refusing to repay a Rs. 30 lakh loan, despite him taking a bank loan to provide the amount. Desam Satyanarayana Reddy from Nandyal district alleged illegal allocation of 700 acres of



depatta land in Korrapoluru village by revenue officials. He urged authorities to distribute the land to the poor and investigate irregularities in house patta allocations under the previous government's Jagananna colony scheme. Gadda Ebenezer from Kurnool Town reported a cybercrime where a fraudster withdrew Rs. 22 lakhs from him via Phone Pay, promising high stock market returns. Minister BC Janardhan Reddy and Chairman Battula Tatayya Babu assured petitioners of prompt action and justice, emphasizing their commitment to resolving the grievances.

Krishna Dist Police Destroy 15,280 Illegal Liquor Bottles and 684.83 Liters of Natu Sara

TPN Correspondent | Krishna Dist
Krishna District SP Shri R. Gangadhar Rao, IPS, led a massive enforcement drive destroying 15,280 illegal liquor bottles worth approximately Rs. 28.97 lakh and 684.83 liters of natu sara on the premises of the District Police Office. The operation covered 814 liquor cases and 65 natu sara cases, seized between April 2013 and February 2025. The drive aimed at eradicating illegal liquor and natu sara from the district involved sub-divisional officers from DPL and NDPL areas. Sub-division-wise, the destruction included 5,907 bottles from Gannavaram, 5,296 bottles from Gudivada, 2,457 bottles from Bandaru, and 1,420 bottles from Avanigadda. Regarding natu sara, 222.5 liters were destroyed from Kritivennu, 216.5 liters from Pedana, 161.58 liters from Bandar (Ta), and 84.25 liters from Gudur. SP Gangadhar Rao warned strict action against anyone involved in the illegal transportation or sale of liquor. He emphasized the police department's commitment to effective enforcement against illegal liquor, natu sara, ganja, gutka, and gambling activities.

The SP urged the public to provide information about such illegal activities by contacting helpline numbers 14405, 100, or 112. He assured that informants' details would remain confidential. Additional SP Admin V.V. Naidu, Additional SP A.R.B. Satyanarayana, Sub-Divisional DSPs, Inspectors, and other police officers participated in the program.



Minister Kollu Ravindra Emphasizes Innovation in Mining Sector

TPN Correspondent | Prakasam Dist
Minister Kollu Ravindra visited the building material SEZ in Gollapalli, Prakasam district, along with local MLA B. N. Vijay Kumar. They inspected granite slab cutting and quartz building material manufacturing units, acknowledging the presence of over 1,500 mining companies in the district. Minister Ravindra highlighted that the establishment of more than 100 plants in the Ongole SEZ signifies the vast opportunities in the region. He criticized the previous administration under Jagan Reddy for exploiting the mining sector through exorbitant penalties and attempts to seize companies. Ravindra called for implementing innovative policies to resolve mining challenges and boost the state's revenue by enhancing exports and creating employment opportunities. He assured the revival of all units affected by alleged harassment and false cases during Jagan's regime. Stressing the importance of modern technology in processing, the Minister noted that advanced techniques could reduce labor costs and facilitate new innovations. He vowed to foster job creation and revenue generation by harnessing the potential of the mining sector.



MP Kesineni Chinni Urges Minister TG Bharat to Support Industrial Growth in Vijayawada

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) has urged State Industries Minister TG Bharat to cooperate in bringing industries to Vijayawada city, part of the Amaravati capital region, to boost employment opportunities. The appeal was made during the Arya Vaishya Atmiya Samavesh held at the S Convention Hall in Vidyadharapuram on Friday, hosted by Arya Vaishya Corporation Chairman Dundi Rakesh. Minister TG Bharat, MLA Sriram Rajagopal, and Chairman Somiseti Venkateswarlu were present as chief guests at the event. MP Kesineni Sivanath paid homage to the portrait of Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Amavari before addressing the gathering.



Highlighting the contribution of Arya Vaishyas to the state's economy, he remarked that Andhra Pradesh would thrive only when the business community prospers, as their trade activities and tax payments significantly contribute to state revenue. He urged Arya Vaishyas, known for their service-oriented approach, to actively participate in the P4 initiative launched by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and adopt golden families.

MP Kesineni Sivanath also noted that the state government has fulfilled its promise to organize the Potti Sriramulu Vardhanthi and Kanyakaparameshwari Atmaarpana Diwas. Referring to Minister TG Bharat as his brother and MLA Sriram Rajagopal as his elder brother, he praised Arya Vaishyas for their preference for peaceful resolutions. He further acknowledged Arya Vaishya Corporation Chairman Dundi Rakesh for his determination and support for traders across the state during the previous government, earning him recognition from CM Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh. The gathering concluded with a warm reception for MP Kesineni Sivanath by the Arya Vaishya community.

TDP Leaders and Activists Unite Against Thiruvur MLA Demand New In-Charge For Thiruvur

TPN Correspondent | Thiruvur
TDP party leaders and activists from four mandals convened at the TDP party office in Thiruvur constituency, showcasing unity against the sitting MLA and demanding a leadership change. During the meeting, party members raised slogans asserting that MLA Kolikapudi, who had issued an ultimatum to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, stands firmly with them. The gathering, which displayed strong opposition to Thiruvur MLA's leadership, emphasized the need for a fresh

in-charge to strengthen the party's presence in the region. Leaders expressed their intention to soon meet with TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu to address their concerns and seek approval for appointing a new in-charge for Thiruvur. With mounting dissatisfaction over the MLA's approach, TDP leaders believe that fresh leadership would reinvigorate party activities and bolster their efforts in the constituency. The decision to pursue this change is expected to be discussed with Chandrababu Naidu in the coming days.



Excise Officer's Alleged Role in Liquor Syndicate Sparks Outrage

TPN Correspondent | Nandigama
Serious allegations have emerged against an excise officer accused of promoting illegal liquor trade across Kanchikacharla and Veerulapadu mandals. Residents claim the officer has a financial stake in liquor shops and supports the operation of belt shops in every village, with not less than ten shops reportedly under his influence. The officer is alleged to be profiting from liquor sales by maintaining partnerships in two liquor shops in the mandals. Locals argue that his involvement is essential to the functioning of the syndicate business, with liquor shops operating like bars and restaurants in Veerulapadu



mandal. Further allegations suggest that the officer enforces a liquor policy that is unprecedented in the state, where belt shop owners are expected to pay

him a monthly salary to continue their operations. Additionally, the officer reportedly turns a blind eye to illegal practices such as unauthorized stickers on liquor bottles, assuring traders of his protection as long as payments are made. The officer's alleged assurances to traders, claiming to handle any issue as long as taxes are paid, have intensified demands from the public for a thorough investigation and strict action against those responsible for exploiting the liquor business for personal gain.

Eluru Suffers From Neglect and Poor Sanitation Amid Public Outcry



- Blocked drains, accumulating garbage plague Eluru city
- Authorities accused of neglecting sanitation and drainage systems
- Residents demand immediate action and accountability

TPN KISHORE B.K | ELURU
Eluru city continues to suffer from severe neglect as blocked drains, accumulating garbage, and poor sanitation plague its residents. Despite its status as a municipal corporation, Eluru remains a haven for mosquitoes, with sewage accumulating on the roads and public areas. Residents across the city have voiced their frustration over the lack of effective action by municipal authorities. Complaints of clogged drains filled with plastic waste, stagnant sewage, and unbearable foul odors have become commonplace. Locals allege that the fogging operations meant to prevent mosquito breeding have been ineffective, citing inadequate resources and negligent staff. The plight is particularly dire in major areas like Vijaya Vihar Center and Papasahab Road (LIC Office Road), where sewers have not been cleared for months. Despite repeated

appeals from citizens, garbage continues to accumulate, and the surroundings are enveloped in a pungent smell. Even high-ranking officials are not spared from this negligence. The Deputy Commissioner, after witnessing the poor sanitation firsthand, attempted to contact the Engineering and Sanitation departments, only to be met with silence. Frustrated by the lack of response, he reportedly questioned the Senior Engineer (SE) about the persistent negligence and disregard for public welfare. Public complaints are mounting, as residents demand urgent intervention from higher authorities. Calls for the District Collector and senior officials to conduct surprise inspections are growing louder. Locals hope such inspections will finally spur the Municipal Public Health Department into action and restore basic sanitation in Eluru.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Launched in Vizianagaram



TPN Correspondent | Vizianagaram
As part of the state government's clean energy policy to encourage the use of electric vehicles, the Eastern Region Power Company (ERPC) has inaugurated its first electric vehicle charging station in Vizianagaram. The station, established in collaboration with V.N. Global Enterprises, is located on Visakhapatnam Road opposite the old district court complex. Speaking at the event, ERPC CMD Immadi Prithviraj stated that ten electric vehicle charging stations are being set up on a pilot basis at power substations in partnership

with private companies. Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has set a goal of establishing 5,000 electric charging stations across the state within the next five years under the EPDCL's leadership. Prithviraj also mentioned that under the PM Suryagarh initiative, solar power units will be provided to 10,000 SC and ST households in each assembly constituency. So far, 7,800 Surya Ghar units have been installed in the districts under ERPC's jurisdiction, including 700 units in Vizianagaram. He noted that the application process has been simplified for quicker installation of units.

Andhra Pharmacist Dies After Alleged Harassment by Hospital Executive

- Pharm-D student Nallapu Naganjali succumbs after 12 days on ventilator
- Hospital executive Duvvada Madhav Rao Deepak arrested in connection
- Student groups stage protests demanding justice

TPN Correspondent | Rajahmundry
Rajahmundry: Nallapu Naganjali, a Pharm-D student interning at KIMS Bollineni Hospital in Rajahmundry, died on Friday after being on a ventilator for 12 days. She had attempted suicide on March 23 by self-administering an anaesthesia injection, allegedly due to harassment by a hospital executive. The 23-year-old, hailing from Routhu Gudem village in Eluru district, was declared dead by doctors at KIMS Bollineni

Hospital. According to police reports, Naganjali was allegedly harassed by Duvvada Madhav Rao Deepak, Assistant General Manager of the hospital. Investigations revealed that Naganjali and Deepak were in a relationship. She had informed her family that Deepak sexually exploited her under the guise of love and threatened her against disclosing the abuse. Acting on a complaint lodged by Naganjali's father, the police arrested Deepak and registered a case against him.



The tragic incident has sparked outrage among student groups, who staged protests demanding justice for Naganjali's family. Authorities have assured a thorough investigation into the matter to ensure justice is served.

MLA Venkata Raju Donates Salary to Support Differently-Abled Individuals

TPN Correspondent | East Godavari
In a heartwarming gesture of compassion and public service, Gopalapuram constituency MLA Maddipati Venkata Raju donated his entire monthly salary to help improve the lives of differently-abled individuals across his constituency. On Friday, the MLA personally distributed four battery-powered three-wheeled bicycles, each valued at ₹2 lakh, to four beneficiaries from four different mandals in the region. The distribution event took place at Prakash Raopalem village in Nallajarla mandal. The initiative, carried out entirely at his own expense, reflects the MLA's continued commitment to the welfare of underprivileged and physically challenged citizens. By donating these advanced motorised tricycles, MLA Venkata Raju aims to empower differently-abled individuals by

enhancing their mobility, independence, and participation in social and economic activities. Speaking at the event, the MLA said, "Public representatives have a responsibility to support the most vulnerable sections of society. These tricycles will not only improve daily life for the recipients but also send a message that they are not alone — the community stands with them." The four beneficiaries, hailing from different villages across the four mandals of

the Gopalapuram constituency, expressed deep gratitude for the support. Many of them shared that this was the first time a public representative had come forward in such a direct and impactful way to assist them. Local leaders and residents who were present lauded the MLA's initiative, calling it an exemplary act of service that others in public life should emulate. They noted that MLA Venkata Raju's action stands as a model of how elected officials can use their positions not just for governance, but to directly uplift the lives of those most in need. This initiative is part of a broader pattern of people-centric work by MLA Venkata Raju, who has been actively engaging with the grassroots and supporting welfare causes across the constituency since assuming office.



MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy Urges Completion of Incomplete Housing Projects

TPN Correspondent | Nellore
Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy has called for urgent measures to provide housing for the poor in the Kovur constituency. Participating in a review meeting led by Housing Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy at the Zilla Parishad meeting hall in Nellore city on Friday, she highlighted several housing-related issues affecting her constituency. MLA Prashanthi Reddy appealed to the government to clear dues amounting to ₹2.84 crore for 869 beneficiaries who completed house construction with loans during the previous government's tenure. She pointed out that of the 2,502 houses planned by 30 contractors over five years, only 640 were completed. She demanded that the contracts of non-performing contractors be terminated and the remaining 1,862 houses be completed by new contractors. The MLA also brought attention to the high number of SC,



ST, and BC applicants under the Pradhan Mantri Awaaz Yojana 2.0 scheme, requesting the sanction of 10,000 additional houses for the constituency. Given the region's status as a delta area with limited government land, she urged the government to purchase private land to provide house plots to the poor. Responding to her suggestions, Minister Parthasarathy instructed officials to expedite the provision of basic amenities like roads, electricity, and drinking water in government housing complexes. Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, District Collector O Anand, and MLAs from Udayagiri, Kavali, and Sarvepalli constituencies were also present during the meeting.

Srikalahasti MLA Distributes Agricultural Implements Under Mechanization Scheme

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Srikalahasti MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy distributed agricultural implements under the Agricultural Mechanization Scheme 2024-25 through government subsidies, aiming to reduce farming costs for local farmers. Speaking at the event, the MLA stated that the government under Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu is committed to prioritizing the welfare of farmers and providing them with necessary resources. Bojjala Sudheer Reddy emphasized that the scheme is designed to ensure that every farmer receives subsidized agricultural implements to enhance productivity and minimize expenses. Farmers and officials welcomed the MLA warmly during the distribution program. The event saw the active participation of Telugu Desam leaders Muniraju Naidu, Gali Murali Naidu, and other party activists who expressed their support for the government's farmer-centric policies.

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Development Festival Celebrations Mark Progress in Pithapuram Constituency

MLC Naga Babu Inaugurated Several Completed Projects

TPN Correspondent | Pithapuram
The Pithapuram constituency is witnessing a series of development initiatives under the leadership of Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Legislative Council member Konidela Nagababu inaugurated several completed projects during his visit to the constituency, fulfilling promises made by the coalition government. Nagababu inaugurated the new Tahsildar's office in Gollaprolu Mandal, built with CSR funds of Rs. 28.5 lakh, along with Government Whip Pidugu Hariprasad. Additionally, he launched the development works completed at the Gollaprolu Head Water Works, costing Rs. 65.24 lakhs. The functioning of motors in the pump house was inspected, ensuring efficient water supply. An Anna Canteen was also opened in Gol-

laprolu town, where Nagababu participated in serving lunch. He reiterated that Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's focus is on improving infrastructure and addressing the needs of the people. Party members and leaders, including AP TIDCO Chairman Vemulapati Ajaya Kumar, Kakinada Urban Development Au-

thority Chairman Tummala Ramaswamy, Kakinada District Collector Shanmohan Sagili, and Jana Sena Party Coordinator Marreddy Srinivasa Rao, were present during the ceremonies. Nagababu received a grand welcome from party ranks and residents, with a massive rally held from Pithapuram to Gollaprolu, accompanied by fireworks, flower showers, and slogans. During his interaction with women in Jagayya Cheruvu Colony, Nagababu assured them that Pawan Kalyan is committed to resolving all local issues, including inadequate drainage, drinking water, and road infrastructure. Government Whip Pidugu Hariprasad promised a thorough survey of the area to address grievances swiftly and effectively, with an official team soon to be deployed.



Godavari: SEIZE THE DRAINAGES

THE POINT DESK

This film revolves around the River Godavari and the pride of those who claim to belong to the Godavari region. However, it raises an important question—do they truly cherish and love the river? The story, dialogues, direction, and production of this film are by Galidevara Thamesh.

Q1: What inspired you to make this short film on Godavari River pollution?

Galidevara Thamesh: Growing up near the Godavari River, I have seen how it has been a lifeline for millions. But over the years, pollution has turned it into a dumping ground. The major issue is untreated sewage and drainage water directly flowing into the river. This deeply disturbed me, and I felt the need to create awareness through a medium that can visually impact people—hence, this short film.

Q2: Can you give us an overview of the film’s storyline?

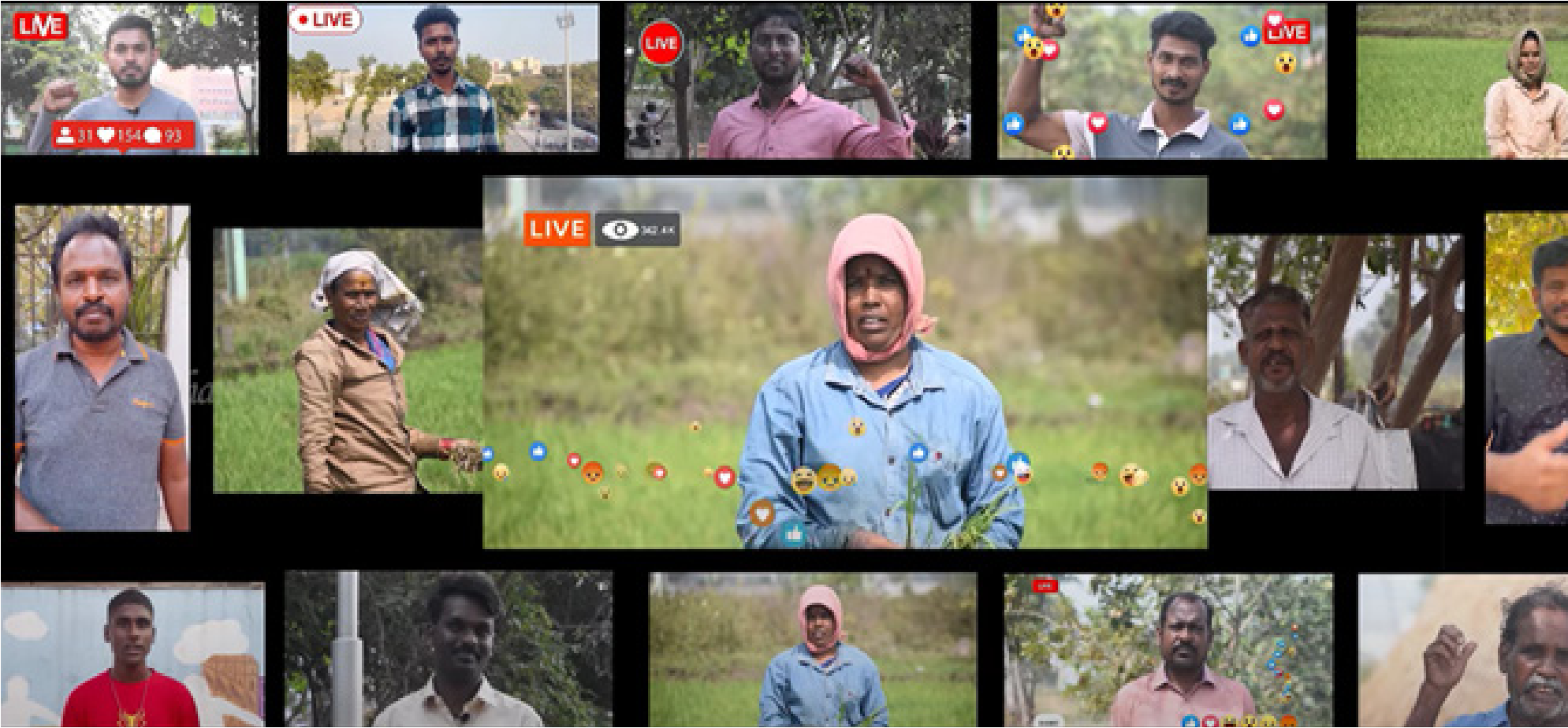
GT: The film follows the journey of a young environmentalist who exposes the increasing pollution in the Godavari River. It showcases the real problems—untreated sewage, lack of purification systems, and public negligence. The story builds awareness and urges the audience to take action before the situation worsens.

Q3: What message are you trying to convey through this film?

GT: The main message is simple—a clean river is a collective responsibility. Authorities must improve sewage treatment infrastructure, industries must follow environmental regulations, and people must stop polluting the river. If we don’t act now, future generations will inherit a poisoned water source.

Q4: What challenges did you face while making this film?

GT: The biggest challenge was shooting in real polluted locations. Some places had a strong stench, and others were unsafe due to the untreated waste.



Getting the right permissions and ensuring authenticity while maintaining cinematic quality was another hurdle. Financial limitations were also a factor, as this was an independent production.

Q5: How was the response from the audience?

GT: The response has been phenomenal! Even though this is a new YouTube channel, the film crossed 10,000 views in just 4 days. People have shared it widely, discussed the issue, and even tagged local authorities. This reaction shows that people do care and are ready to support change. I would specially thank my friends who deeply supported me.

Q6: Do you think this film can lead to action from the government or authorities?

GT: Awareness is the first step toward action. If enough people demand a solution, authorities will have no choice but to respond. I am planning to share this film with environmental or-



ganizations, policymakers, and municipal bodies to push for stricter sewage treatment regulations.

Q7: Is there a specific area along the Godavari River where pollution is worse?

GT: Yes, multiple areas, especially near major towns and cities, face severe pollution. Many drains discharge untreated sewage directly into the river. In some places, industrial waste is also a major concern. Proper sewage treatment plants and stricter monitoring are needed urgently.

Q8: What role do industries and the public play in this issue?

GT: Both are responsible. Some industries release untreated chemical waste, which is highly toxic. On the other hand, people also contribute by throwing garbage, plastic, and other waste into the river. Without public cooperation, even the best policies will fail.

Q9: Do you plan to continue making films on social and environmental issues?

GT: Absolutely. This is just the beginning. I want to use filmmaking as a tool to bring attention to real issues affecting our society. I plan to make more films covering topics like Political Party

followers, Money in Politics, and Culture.

Q10: What’s your message to the public and authorities?

GT: To the public—don’t wait for the government to act; start by doing your part. Stop dumping waste into the river and raise your voice for change. To the authorities—build proper sewage treatment plants, enforce stricter regulations, and take immediate action before we lose the Godavari forever.

Conclusion

Galidevara Thamesh’s “Godavari: Seize the Drainages” is not just a short film—it is a wake-up call. Through powerful storytelling rooted in reality, he compels both citizens and authorities to confront an environmental crisis that can no longer be ignored. As the river silently suffers the consequences of neglect, Thamesh’s film stands as a passionate plea for awareness, responsibility, and most importantly, collective action to save the Godavari for future generations.

Revanth Reddy was all about lake protection last year. This year, he’s destroying them

Bulldozing Green Spaces for IT Parks

In just a few days, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has found himself in the midst of a public relations disaster, thanks to the state government’s controversial decision to raze approximately 400 acres of land near the University of Hyderabad (UoH). What began as a simple development project has sparked widespread protests, police crackdowns, and heated debates about the balance between urban development and environmental preservation.

The land in question, near the UoH campus, is not just any piece of real estate; it is home to a rich biodiversity, including a lake, ancient rock formations like the Mushroom Rock, and a variety of wildlife. This 400-acre area houses 233 species of birds, as well as Bengal Monitor Lizards, Star Tortoises, and spotted deer. For students, the green space has long been viewed as a central, peaceful lung for the campus. However, the state government intends to convert the land into an IT park, leading to an outcry among students, environmentalists, and local activists.

Protests erupted last week when JCB bulldozers appeared on the UoH campus, triggering a violent police crackdown. The images of distraught animals, including peacocks, and the devastation caused by the bulldozers flooded social media, intensifying public anger. While the Telangana High Court issued an interim order halting the demolition, the state government



shows no signs of reversing its decision.

What makes the situation even more contentious is the fact that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has been vocal about the need to protect lakes and green spaces in Hyderabad. In 2024,

he launched the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Monitoring and Protection Agency (HYDRA), aimed at preventing encroachments on these natural spaces. Now, questions are being raised about whether HYDRA will take action against the state itself for this proposed encroachment.

The background of this issue is rooted in a complex legal dispute. The University of Hyderabad was established in 1974 as part of a settlement after the 1969 Telangana protests. The land on which the university sits, called Kancha Gachibowli, was handed over to the university in 1975, but it was never formally transferred to the university’s ownership. In 2003, the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC) took control of the 400 acres and handed it over to a private company, IMG Bharata, for development. However, this area remained freely accessible to students without any barriers separating it from the campus.

In 2024, the state government wrested control of this land from IMG Bharata following a legal battle, claiming that the land technically belonged to the state. The government then sought to develop the area into an IT park, which has led to the ongoing protests.

What is particularly striking in this situation is the stark contradiction between the state’s rhetoric and its actions. Revanth Reddy has been a vocal advocate for protecting natural spaces in the city, yet his government’s actions suggest a disregard for environmental concerns when it comes to land acquisition for development. The city of Hyderabad has already witnessed the destruction of other heritage sites and green spaces, such as the ancient Khajaguda rock site, which has been slowly

eaten away by real estate development.

This decision raises several important questions. Can the state justify the destruction of such a valuable ecological space for the sake of development? Is there no alternative land available for the IT park that would not involve the destruction of biodiversity? The ongoing protests show that students and citizens are deeply concerned about the long-term consequences of such projects, and the state’s response has been to silence these concerns through police force.

As tensions mount, it is crucial for the Telangana government to reconsider its decision and engage in meaningful dialogue with the University of Hyderabad authorities, students, and environmentalists. The state may technically own the land, but it must also acknowledge its responsibility to protect the environment and respect the wishes of its citizens. Bulldozing green spaces and silencing protests is not the solution.

The current situation serves as a reminder of the need to balance development with environmental preservation. The Chief Minister and his government must find a way to reconcile these interests, or risk alienating the very people they claim to serve. As Hyderabad’s urban landscape continues to change, it is essential that the voices of the city’s residents—especially those who care about its natural heritage—are heard and respected.



PM Modi to Inaugurate India’s First Vertical Lift Sea Bridge

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate India’s first vertical lift sea bridge, the new Pamban Rail Bridge, in Tamil Nadu on April 6, coinciding with the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami. The 2.08 km-long bridge, linking Rameswaram to the mainland, is a major infrastructure milestone designed to enhance connectivity while preserving the rich cultural heritage associated with the region. According to a statement from the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO), Modi will flag off both a train and a ship from the adjacent road bridge and witness the bridge’s vertical lift mechanism in operation. Following the inauguration, the Prime Minister will visit the Ramanathaswamy Temple in Rameswaram, performing darshan and pooja at one of the most revered pilgrimage sites in India. The PMO highlighted the bridge’s deep cultural significance, referencing the Ramayana, in which the legendary Ram Setu is believed to have originated near Dhanushkodi. Built at a cost of over ₹550 crore, the bridge features 99 spans and a 72.5-meter vertical lift span that rises 17 meters, allowing smooth passage of ships while ensuring uninterrupted train services. The bridge incorporates stainless steel reinforcements, high-grade protective paint, and fully welded joints, making it highly durable and low-maintenance. A special polysiloxane coating protects it from corrosion, ensuring longevity in the harsh marine environment. Additionally, it is designed to support dual rail tracks, keeping future infrastructure demands in mind. At around 1:30 PM, PM Modi will also lay the foundation stone and dedicate rail and road projects worth over ₹8,300 crore in Tamil Nadu. These include the four-laning of the Wala-japet-Ranipet section of NH-40, and the dedication of Viluppuram-Puducherry (NH-332), Poondiyanakuppam-Sat-nathapuram (NH-32), and Cholapuram-Thanjavur (NH-36) highway projects. As he addresses the gathering, the Prime Minister’s visit underscores the government’s commitment to strengthening infrastructure, boosting economic growth, and preserving cultural heritage in Tamil Nadu.

PM Modi’s Landmark Visit to Sri Lanka



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Colombo on Friday evening for a three-day visit aimed at strengthening bilateral ties between India and Sri Lanka. His visit follows his participation in the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit in Bangkok. The Indian prime minister is scheduled to hold extensive discussions with Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Disanayake on Saturday, covering a wide range of topics, including energy, trade, digitalization, defense, and connectivity. Both nations are expected to announce around 10 key agreements that will further cement cooperation, particularly in areas of defense, energy security,

- **Modi arrives in Sri Lanka**
- **Talks focus on key sectors**
- **10 agreements expected soon**
- **India supports economic recovery**

ty, and technological advancements. Modi’s visit comes at a crucial time for Sri Lanka, which is gradually recovering from one of its worst economic crises in history. Just three years ago, the island nation faced severe financial distress, prompting India to step in with a financial assistance package worth \$4.5 billion, which played a key role in stabilizing Sri Lanka’s economy. With economic indicators showing signs of improvement, the discussions between the

two leaders will focus on sustainable economic recovery, infrastructure development, and enhanced trade partnerships to ensure long-term financial stability. The Indian prime minister has emphasized the importance of reviewing progress on the joint vision of “Fostering Partnerships for a Shared Future,” a strategic framework aimed at fostering deeper cooperation in multiple sectors. India and Sri Lanka share strong historical, cultural, and economic ties, and

this visit is expected to further reinforce their mutual commitment to regional stability and growth. Enhancing digital connectivity between the two countries, improving defense collaboration, and addressing energy security challenges will be central themes during the talks. Modi’s visit also signals India’s commitment to strengthening its influence in the Indian Ocean region, particularly as China continues to expand its footprint in Sri Lanka through infrastructure investments. As the two nations engage in dialogue, the outcomes of this visit could shape the future of Indo-Sri Lankan relations, paving the way for stronger strategic, economic, and security cooperation.

Veteran Actor Manoj Kumar Passes Away

Legendary actor and filmmaker Manoj Kumar, known for his deep-rooted patriotism on screen, passed away at the age of 87 on April 4, 2025, at the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Mumbai. Fondly called “Bharat Kumar” for his remarkable portrayals of nationalist characters in films, Kumar breathed his last at 4:03 am due to cardiogenic shock resulting from an acute myocardial infarction, a severe heart attack. Reports indicate that he had been battling decompensated liver cirrhosis in recent months, which further contributed to his deteriorating health. He was admitted to the hospital on February 21, 2025, as his condition worsened. Born Harikrishnan Goswami on July 24, 1937, in Amritsar, Punjab, Manoj Kumar became a towering figure in Indian cinema with his patriotic and socially relevant films. His performances in classics like Shaheed, Upkar, and Purab Aur Paschim left an indelible mark on audiences and established him as a symbol of national pride. Apart from acting, Kumar was also a successful director, delivering thought-provoking films that resonated deeply with the Indian public. His immense contribution to Hindi cinema was recognized with numerous accolades, including seven Filmfare Awards and a National Film Award. In 1992, he was conferred the Padma Shri, one of India’s highest civilian honors, and in 2015, he received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, the most prestigious recognition in Indian cinema. The news of his passing has left the film fraternity in mourning, with tributes pouring in from colleagues, fans, and admirers. Filmmaker Ashoke Pandit, while speaking to ANI, expressed deep sorrow, calling Manoj Kumar an inspiration and a true doyen of Indian cinema. He reminisced about their meetings and described Kumar as a man full of life and positivity. His absence leaves an irreplaceable void in the industry, and his films will continue to inspire generations to come. As Bollywood bids farewell to one of its greatest icons, Manoj Kumar’s legacy of cinematic excellence and patriotic fervor will remain eternal in the hearts of millions.



Actor Vijay Demands Katchatheevu Retrieval

Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief and actor Vijay has reignited the debate over Katchatheevu Island, urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to reclaim India’s sovereignty over the disputed territory ahead of his visit to Sri Lanka. As an interim measure, Vijay proposed a 99-year lease of the island, but he maintained that full retrieval remains the only long-term solution to the persistent crisis faced by Tamil Nadu’s fishermen. The actor-politician launched a scathing attack on both the DMK and the BJP-led central government, accusing them of neglecting the plight of Tamil fishermen and failing to take concrete steps toward reclaiming Katchatheevu. He dismissed the DMK’s recent Assembly resolution, which urged the Centre to retrieve the island, as mere “political drama” ahead of the 2026 Tamil Nadu elections. Vijay also reminded the public that the DMK was in power in 1974, when the island was handed over to Sri Lanka under the Indo-Lankan agreement. Furthermore, he criticized the Centre for what he called discriminatory treatment, alleging that while Gujarat fishermen receive protection, their Tamil Nadu counterparts face frequent arrests and boat confiscations by the Sri Lankan Navy. The Katchatheevu retrieval debate gained further traction after Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin wrote to PM Modi, demanding a review of the 1974 Indo-Lankan treaty and urging the Prime Minister to negotiate the release of jailed Tamil fishermen during his Sri Lanka visit. The Tamil Nadu Assembly also passed a resolution echoing these demands, amplifying political pressure on the Modi government. Katchatheevu, a 1.9 sq km island located 12 nautical miles off Rameswaram, has long been a flashpoint in India-Sri Lanka relations. Experts point out that the fish population in the region has declined significantly, forcing Indian fishermen to venture 22 nautical miles into Sri Lankan waters, increasing their risk of arrests.



Tamil Nadu’s NEET Exemption Bill Rejected by Centre

Tamil Nadu’s long-standing demand for an exemption from the National Entrance and Eligibility Test (NEET) suffered a major blow on Friday after President Droupadi Murmu rejected the state’s bill seeking to allow medical admissions based on Class XII marks. The bill, which was cleared twice by the state legislature in 2021 and 2022, had been pending with the Union government for years before being formally rejected. Chief Minister MK Stalin, addressing the Assembly, condemned the rejection as an “insult to Tamil Nadu” and called it a “black phase in federalism”. He pointed out that despite the Tamil Nadu government providing all necessary clarifications, the BJP-led Centre had refused to consider the exemption. In response, Stalin announced a meeting of all legislature parties on April 9 to discuss further legal and political actions. He emphasized that Tamil Nadu’s fight against NEET is far from over and that legal experts would be consulted to explore lawful measures to challenge the Centre’s decision. The controversy surrounding NEET in Tamil Nadu has been ongoing for years. The state’s primary argument against the system is that it disproportionately benefits students from wealthier families, who can afford expensive coaching, while students from rural and marginalized backgrounds struggle to compete. Switching to Class 12 marks for admissions, the state argues, would promote social justice and equitable access to medical education. Tamil Nadu has been vocal about its opposition, passing a unanimous Assembly resolution in 2023 urging the Centre to scrap NEET altogether. The state has also witnessed tragic incidents of student suicides linked to NEET pressure, adding emotional weight to the debate.



‘1000 Gold Cards sold Daily’ Trump’s \$5M visa plan draws global interest

- **New citizenship pathway aims to boost US economy**
- **Each Gold Card offers fast-track to US residency for \$5 million investment**
- **Program replaces EB-5 visa, with simplified process and no job creation clause**

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Former US President Donald Trump's newly launched “Gold Card” visa program has caught global attention, offering a streamlined pathway to US citizenship for high-net-worth individuals through a \$5 million investment. According to Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, the program has already seen major traction, with 1,000 Gold Cards sold in a single day, raising \$5 billion. Unveiled as a bold replacement for the EB-5 investor visa program, the Gold Card eliminates complex conditions like job creation, allowing applicants to gain permanent residency in a faster and more efficient manner. The move is being hailed as a game-changer for wealthy individuals looking to establish their future in the United States



while contributing significantly to its economy. “This is an opportunity for the world’s best entrepreneurs and investors to become part of the American dream,” said Lutnick during an appearance on the All-In Podcast. “We’re seeing unprecedented demand.” Key benefits of the Gold Card

include simplified documentation, no business or employment requirements, and a clear path to US citizenship. It positions the US as an attractive destination for global capital, especially at a time when other countries are also vying for investor immigration. Supporters argue the Gold Card

will help revitalize key sectors, including real estate, technology, and infrastructure, through direct capital infusion. With daily sales hitting four digits, the initiative marks a new era in US economic diplomacy—welcoming visionaries, innovators, and investors who are ready to invest in America’s future.

PM Modi meets Bangladesh Chief Adviser Yunus Raises India’s concerns over safety of Hindus

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Relations between India and Bangladesh have soured after Bangladesh's interim leader, Muhammad Yunus, made controversial remarks about Northeast India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised India's concerns during a meeting with Yunus on the sidelines of the BIMSTEC summit in Bangkok on April 4, 2025. Alongside External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Modi expressed India's concerns over the safety of minorities in Bangladesh, particularly Hindus, and urged the Bangladeshi leader to avoid provocative rhetoric that could harm bilateral relations.

The tensions stem from remarks made by Yunus about India's Northeast region. Speaking during a visit to China, Yunus described the Northeast states—often referred to as the “Seven Sisters”—as a landlocked region and suggested that Bangladesh could serve as a “guardian of the



ocean” for the area. His comments were viewed as offensive, particularly by leaders in Assam, who stressed the importance of strengthening transportation links between the Northeast and the rest of India.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma condemned Yunus' statement, pointing out its implications for India's stra-

tegic vulnerabilities. Sarma stressed the need to improve rail and road infrastructure in the region, particularly around the “Chicken's Neck” corridor, a crucial passage that connects Northeast India to the rest of the country. He warned that such remarks could reflect deeper geopolitical motives and suggested that India should explore alternatives to bypass the vulnerable corridor.

In his conversation with Yunus, Modi reiterated India's commitment to a peaceful, stable, and cooperative relationship with Bangladesh, emphasizing the importance of mutual respect and understanding. He also called for a thorough investigation into the safety of minorities in Bangladesh and urged for any inflammatory rhetoric to be avoided to maintain a stable environment between the two nations. The meeting marks the first between Modi and Yunus since the latter took office after the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government in August 2024.

"Heartbroken, Was Unable To Meet Expectations": South Korea's Yoon Apologies



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In a heartfelt statement on Friday, South Korea's ousted president, Yoon Suk Yeol, publicly apologized after the country's Constitutional Court upheld his impeachment over a flawed martial law declaration, which led to his immediate removal from office. The ruling, delivered in a unanimous verdict, officially stripped Yoon of his presidential powers, marking a historic moment in the nation's political history.

“I am truly sorry and heartbroken that I was unable to meet your expectations,” Yoon said in a brief statement following the court's announcement. His apology came after a turbulent period in office, during which his leadership and decisions were widely criticized, culminating in the court's decision to uphold the impeachment motion that had initially been passed by the National Assembly.

Yoon, who served as president for just over a year, faced significant criticism after his controversial decision to declare martial law in response to growing political unrest in the country. The move, which was seen by many as an overreach of presidential powers, sparked widespread protests and led to accusations that Yoon had attempted to undermine South Korea's democratic processes. Critics argued that the declaration was an excessive response to the situation and threatened the stability of the country's democratic institutions.

The Constitutional Court's ruling solidified the concerns of the opposition and civil rights groups, who had long warned that Yoon's actions could set a dangerous precedent. In their unanimous decision, the justices emphasized the importance of maintaining checks and balances within the government, and stated that Yoon's actions had violated constitutional principles by overstepping the bounds of executive authority.

Despite the gravity of the situation, Yoon's apology indicated a sense of remorse, though many political observers were quick to point out that it came too late. Throughout the impeachment proceedings, Yoon had remained steadfast in defending his actions, claiming that his decision to invoke martial law was necessary to protect the country from potential threats. However, as the legal challenges against him mounted, the pressure became too great for him to ignore, culminating in the court's ruling.

The impeachment of a sitting president is a rare and significant event in South Korea, a country known for its vibrant democracy and history of political upheaval. Yoon's removal marks only the third time in the nation's modern history that a president has been impeached, following similar cases involving former presidents Park Geun-hye and Roh Moo-hyun.

In the wake of the court's ruling, political leaders from both the ruling party and opposition have expressed mixed reactions. Some have praised the Constitutional Court for upholding the rule of law, while others have warned that the decision could deepen political divisions in the country. The national discourse has been dominated by debates over whether Yoon's actions were justified, or whether they represented an abuse of power by a president who had not fully grasped the delicate balance of authority within a democracy.

China Opposes US Tariffs, Vows Countermeasures in Escalating Trade Dispute



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China has strongly condemned the latest round of tariffs imposed by the United States, vowing to take “countermeasures” to protect its rights and interests. The Chinese government's reaction came after US President Donald Trump implemented a series of new levies on imports, including a 10 percent tariff on global goods and an additional 34 percent tariff specifically targeting China.

In retaliation, China has imposed its own tariffs on US agricultural products, including soybeans, pork, and chicken, with rates as high as 15 percent. These moves are part of a broader trade dispute that has the potential to damage both economies. China's fragile economic recovery, already hindered by a debt crisis in the property sector and low consumer spending, now faces further pressure from these new tariffs.

The Commerce Ministry in Beijing issued a statement expressing firm opposition to the tariffs, which it described as violations of international trade rules. It argued that the measures would seriously harm the rights and interests of affected countries, warning that they would have far-reaching consequences for global economic development. The ministry also accused the US of engaging in “unilateral bullying” and called for the immediate cancellation of the tariffs.

Trump's Continued Tariff Strategy: Pharma Products to Face New Charges Soon

Drugmakers are urging U.S. President Donald Trump to implement pharmaceutical tariffs gradually, as the industry braces for a potential new tariff on imported medical products. According to sources familiar with the discussions, the President is expected to announce a broader tariff plan this week, but details about specific tariffs on pharmaceuticals are unlikely to be revealed immediately.

Trump, who had previously exempted the pharmaceutical sector from past trade wars, has signaled that tariffs on medicines will be a part of his broader trade policy, aimed at reducing reliance on foreign countries for drug production. However, the industry fears the impact of these tariffs, especially the proposed 25% levy, which could make medicines more expensive and potentially lead to shortages.

Industry groups like PhRMA (Pharmaceutical Research and Manu-



facturers of America) argue that bringing more drug production to the U.S. is a long-term process that could take 5 to 10 years and require billions of dollars in investment. This is why they are advocating for a gradual ramp-up of the tariff rate rather than a sudden 25% increase.

In response, the Trump administration appears to be recognizing the challenges involved in shifting drug manufacturing to the U.S. While some sources are hopeful that the administration will con-

sider a more gradual approach to tariff implementation, the industry remains on edge as it prepares for the potential rise in costs.

The announcement expected on Wednesday may include a study looking into how pharma-specific tariffs could be applied, with a possible commitment to a more incremental rollout of tariffs. However, there is still uncertainty about how the tariffs will ultimately be structured and whether any adjustments will be made in response to industry concerns.

Some multinational drugmakers, including Johnson & Johnson, Eli Lilly, AstraZeneca, and GSK, have already made significant investments in U.S. manufacturing to bolster domestic production. Despite this, many of these companies continue to rely on overseas facilities for key components, and increasing production in the U.S. could take years.

Global Shockwaves Hit Indian Markets: Indices Plunge as Tariff Fears Grip Investors

Domestic stock markets were volatile on Friday. Sectoral and benchmark indices were volatile. This was due to the implementation of tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump on countries around the world. As a result, markets in all countries turned red. The same sentiment continued here too. Shares in the metals and pharma sectors fell by 6%. Oil, manufacturing, energy and other sectoral indices also fell by more than 3 percent. In total, investors lost Rs 5 lakh crore in wealth as the Nifty 345 and the Sensex fell by 930 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 76,295 in the previous session, opened at 76,160 on Friday. It touched an intraday low of 75,240. It reached an intraday high of 76,258. Finally, it closed at 75,364, losing 930 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 23,190, touched a low of



22,857 and a high of 23,214. It closed at 22,904, down 345 points. The Nifty Bank fell 94 points to settle at 51,502. In the Nifty50, 9 companies gained while 38 lost. Tata Consumer, Bajaj Finance, HDFC Bank, Nestle India,

Apollo Hospitals were the top gainers. Tata Steel, Hindalco, ONGC, Tata Motors, and Cipla lost the most. Finance and FMCG indices rose marginally today. Metal and pharma indices fell by 4-6%. Oil, manufactur-

ing, energy, commodities, IT, CPSE, PSE, healthcare and media indices fell by 3 percent. Selling pressure was also seen on consumer durables, auto, infra and PSU bank shares.

Market breadth on NSE turned completely in favor of sellers. 646 shares rose and 2230 fell. Shares of 26 companies reached 52-week highs and 66 shares reached 62-week lows. 146 shares touched the upper circuit and 108 shares touched the lower circuit.

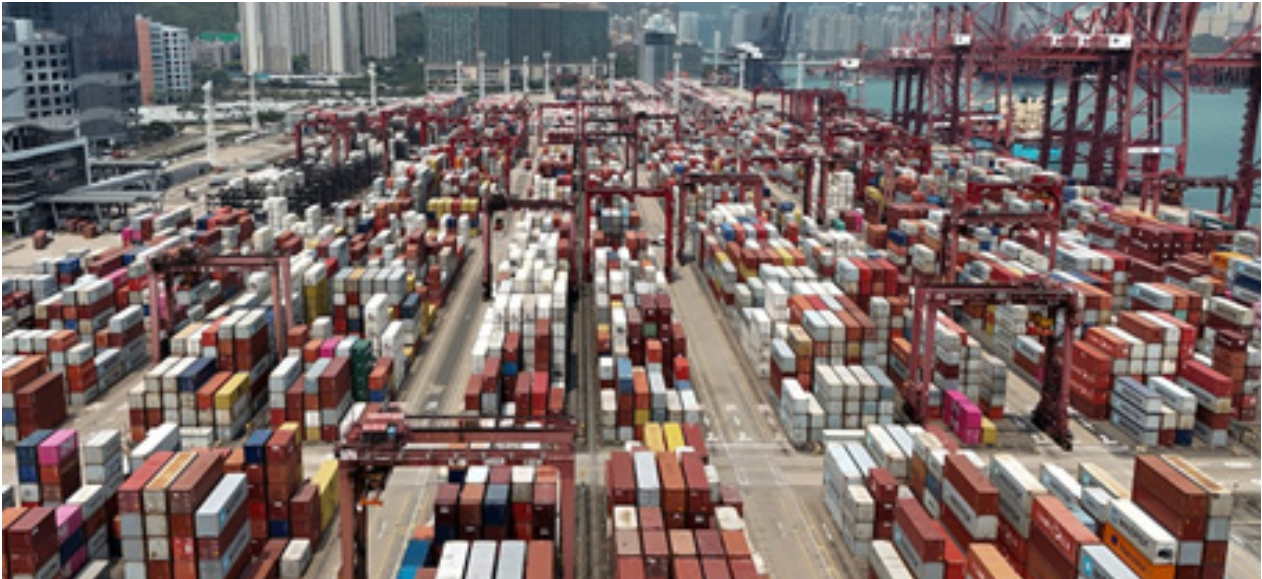


the revival plan. Citi has given a sell rating to Aditya Birla Passion with a target price of Rs 260. On the other hand, Morgan Stanley has maintained its underweight rating. UBS has given a sell rating to IndusInd Bank, reducing its target price to Rs 600 from Rs 770. The Union Cabinet has approved railway projects worth Rs 8,741 crore in Chhattisgarh. UBS has given a buy rating to Bank of Baroda with a target price of Rs 290. The price of Brent crude oil has fallen to \$ 68 per barrel. 19 lakh shares have changed

Rupee strengthened by 21 paise to settle at 85.23 against the dollar. HUDCO approved a mobilization of Rs. 65 thousand crore in FY26. Borrowing limit increased to Rs. 2.5 lakh crore. Go First Airlines is forced to sell its assets after NCLAT rejected

hands in Tata Steel. Adani Group has approved raising Rs 6500 crore in the form of loans in FY26. HDFC Bank's loans have risen by 5.4% and deposits by 15.8%. CLSA has given a buy rating to Federal Bank with a target price of Rs. 230.

China strikes back with 34% tariffs on all US Goods



China has announced sweeping retaliatory tariffs of 34% on all US imports starting April 10, in response to President Donald Trump's latest round of steep duties on Chinese products. The move marks a significant escalation in the ongoing trade war between the world's two largest economies.

The counter-tariff, mirroring Trump's so-called "reciprocal" duties, is part of a broader package of measures unveiled by Beijing on Thursday, including export controls on critical materials and sanctions on American companies. Chinese authorities said the decision was aimed at "protecting national economic interests and responding proportionately."

Among the key measures China unveiled:

- A 34% tariff on all US goods, matching US rates on Chinese imports.
- Immediate export restrictions on seven types of rare earth materials critical to global electronics and defense industries.
- Launch of an anti-dumping investigation into US and Indian exports of CT X-ray tubes.
- Suspension of poultry imports from two major US producers.
- Inclusion of 11 American defense companies in the "unreliable entity list."
- Export controls imposed on 16 US firms.
- A ban on sorghum imports from a key US supplier.

The Chinese announcement came during a public

holiday, underscoring the urgency and coordination behind the measures. "The speed in which the counter measures were rolled out shows a high level of deliberation and a suite of appropriate responses to hit back at the US," said Dylan Loh, assistant professor at Singapore's Nanyang Technological University. "It strikes the balance between inflicting pain but not being seen as an overreaction."

Trump's new tariffs, introduced earlier this week, aim to raise levies on nearly all Chinese products to 54%, a historic high. He justified the action by citing China's alleged role in the fentanyl crisis and the need to balance trade terms with US partners. However, the move has reignited fears of a full-blown trade war, sending shockwaves through global markets.

Following China's announcement, European stocks plunged, with key indices nearing correction territory. In the US, futures on the S&P 500 slid by 2.2% in early trading, while Treasury yields fell sharply, reflecting a flight to safety. Commodities markets also reacted swiftly: soybean futures dropped 2%, while wheat and corn fell over 1%. Analysts warn that with Trump yet to speak to Chinese President Xi Jinping since returning to the White House, the lack of diplomatic engagement could worsen the standoff. In 2023, China imported \$164 billion worth of American goods, the lowest in four years—a figure likely to fall further under the new tariffs.

‘This is not a startup’: Piyush Goyal slams billionaire kids’ ice cream ventures

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Union Minister Piyush Goyal sparked a debate on India's startup culture during his address at the Startup Mahakumbh 2025 event, where he strongly criticized the trend of wealthy business families launching niche ice cream and cookie brands and labeling them as "startups." Goyal argued that such ventures, though successful, lack the technological ambition needed for India's future.

"Fancy ice cream and cookies. I know at least three or four billionaires whose children make one brand or the other, very fancy ice cream and cookies, and run a very successful business," said Goyal. "And I have no complaint against that. But is that the destiny of India? Is the future of India satisfied with that?"

Goyal's comments were pointed, targeting a growing trend of branding lifestyle and food ventures as high-impact startups. He criticized the liberal use of buzzwords such as "healthy," "vegan," "gluten-free," and "zero" in marketing such products as innovative startups. "Using these terms and good packaging, they call themselves a startup. This is not a startup, it's entrepreneurship. This is business," Goyal stated firmly. He emphasized that India's real growth lies in areas like semiconductors and artificial intelligence, which can shape the future of the country and help it compete globally. "We are investing heavily in becoming self-reliant, building chips and AI models which will prepare the nation for the future," he said. In a sharp rhetorical jab, Goyal asked, "What should India do? Make ice cream or semicon-

ductor chips?"

His remarks ignited reactions across the startup ecosystem. Aadit Palicha, co-founder and CEO of Zepto, came to the defense of Indian consumer-facing startups. In a social media post, he highlighted the significant contributions these companies make to the economy.

"It is easy to criticise consumer internet start-



ups in India, especially when you compare them to the deep technical excellence being built in US/China," said Palicha. He noted that Zepto alone brings in over ₹1,000 crore in annual tax revenue, draws billions in foreign direct investment, and has strengthened India's backend supply chains.

Palicha added, "If that isn't a miracle in Indian innovation, I honestly don't know what is."

As the debate over what defines a "true startup" continues, Goyal's remarks have reignited conversations about the direction of India's entrepreneurial ecosystem and the need to focus on deep-tech for national progress.

Oil plunges to four-year low amid tariff turmoil

Global oil prices crashed to their lowest levels in four years as a double shock from a surprise output hike by OPEC+ and a fresh wave of tariffs between the US and China sent energy and commodities markets into a tailspin. Benchmark Brent crude has dropped 14% in just two days, plunging below \$65 per barrel, while US crude futures have fallen to their lowest since 2021.

The sharp slide began Thursday after US President Donald Trump announced sweeping new tariffs targeting major trade partners, raising fears of a global economic slowdown and weakening oil demand. The rout deepened Friday after China retaliated by announcing a 34% tariff on all US imports effective April 10.

Compounding the market turmoil, OPEC+ stunned traders late Thursday by tripling its planned production hike for May. Delegates within the group described the move as a strategic decision aimed at forcing discipline among member countries that had been exceeding their production quotas. The output surge has raised questions about the bloc's commitment to supporting higher prices.



The result has been a steep selloff not only in oil, but across a broad spectrum of commodities. Copper dropped as much as 5.1% to its lowest level since January, and European natural gas futures slumped nearly 10%. Major mining firms were also hit hard: Glencore Plc shares fell 11%, while BHP Group and Rio Tinto Group posted significant

losses.

The unexpected output decision by OPEC+ marks a major shift in strategy after months of curbing supply to support prices. Analysts say the group's move could be aimed at regaining control of the market by undercutting overproducers, even at the cost of short-term price pain.

"The dual blow from OPEC+ and the trade war has jolted the oil market out of its recent trading band," said one analyst. "It's clear that both supply and demand risks are mounting."

Wall Street has responded with swift revisions to oil forecasts. Goldman Sachs and ING Groep NV are among the institutions lowering their price targets, citing demand concerns and rising supply. The developments come at a critical time for the global economy, which is already struggling with inflationary pressures and weakening consumer sentiment. The renewed volatility in oil prices is expected to ripple through energy markets and could complicate monetary policy decisions in the coming months.

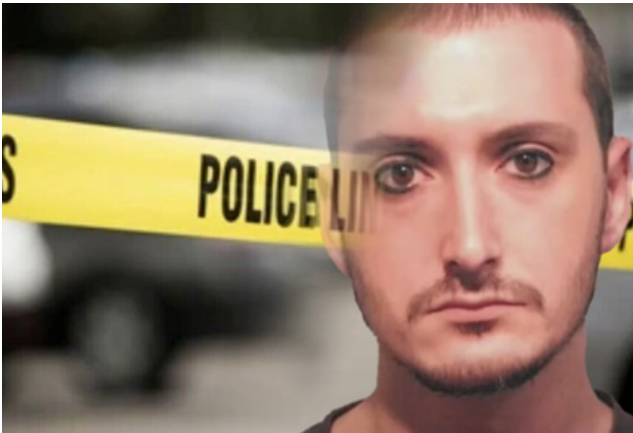
Mystery Account ‘JosD92’ Takes IPL 2025 Internet by Storm



A mysterious online persona, JosD92, has captivated the IPL 2025 digital community with a bizarre yet intriguing obsession—Hindi commentary and MS Dhoni. The enigmatic account has gained viral status on platforms like X (formerly Twitter) and YouTube, leaving cricket fans both

amused and bewildered. JosD92’s strategy is simple but effective—they frequently join IPL live-streams, particularly on popular YouTube channels like ‘Sports Yaari’, and purchase Super Chats to have their comments read aloud by the hosts. These comments, almost always centered around Hindi commentary and Dhoni, have sparked curiosity about the real identity and motives behind the account. The repetitive nature of JosD92’s messages, coupled with their willingness to spend money just to be heard, has made them a viral phenomenon. Some speculate that JosD92 is a Dhoni superfan, while others joke that it could be a social experiment or an elaborate marketing gimmick. As IPL 2025 progresses, JosD92’s legend continues to grow, with fans eagerly anticipating their next Super Chat message. Whether it’s sheer passion or a well-orchestrated digital stunt, one thing is certain—JosD92 has made their mark on IPL’s online landscape.

New Jersey Janitor Jailed for Food Contamination



A former elementary school janitor in New Jersey has been sentenced to eight years in prison after admitting to contaminating students’ food with human fluids and faeces. The shocking case, which unfolded at Elizabeth F. Moore School in Bridgeton, has sparked outrage, with authorities confirming that the 27-year-old culprit, Giovanni Impellizzeri, will serve at least five years before becoming eligible for parole. According to reports from the New York Post and

NBC Philadelphia, Impellizzeri was also charged with possession of child sexual abuse material. His January confession included third-degree possession of child sexual abuse material and second-degree official misconduct, leading to the harsh sentencing. The Cumberland County Prosecutor’s Office detailed the disturbing case in a press release, revealing that Impellizzeri’s crimes came to light after investigators obtained footage of him engaging in inappropriate acts within the school premises. Further inquiry into his phone data uncovered additional unsettling videos and messages, intensifying the case against him. The incident has raised alarms over school safety and background checks for employees, with many parents and community members demanding stricter hiring regulations in educational institutions. Authorities have assured the public that new measures will be considered to prevent such horrific violations in the future. Meanwhile, the case has ignited nationwide discussions on school security, staff oversight, and the need for stringent surveillance in environments involving children.

Vietnamese Man’s 5-Month Headache Reveals Shocking Cause



A bizarre medical case from Vietnam has left people stunned after a 35-year-old man suffering from severe headaches for five months discovered that a pair of chopsticks had been lodged in his brain. The man, whose identity has not been disclosed, had been relying on painkillers to manage his condition, but over time, his symptoms worsened—his vision began deteriorating, and he noticed a watery discharge from his nose. Concerned, he rushed to the Cuba Friend-

ship Hospital in Dong Hoi, Quang Binh province, where doctors conducted a CT scan that revealed a shocking discovery. The scan showed that the man’s brain was filling with air, a rare and dangerous condition known as tension pneumocephalus. Even more shocking was the presence of two broken chopsticks extending from his nose to his brain. Despite experiencing months of pain and discomfort, the man had no memory of how the chopsticks ended up inside his head. After further questioning, doctors speculated that he might have suffered a drunken altercation months ago, where he was possibly stabbed in the face with chopsticks but did not recall the incident. To save his life, doctors performed a complex endoscopic surgery through his nose, carefully removing the chopsticks and closing the hole in his brain. The case has gone viral on social media, shocking netizens and sparking discussions about how such an injury could go unnoticed for so long. Medical experts say this rare case highlights the importance of seeking immediate medical attention for persistent, unexplained symptoms, as what seems like a common headache could sometimes indicate a far more serious underlying condition.

Canada’s ‘Snake Honeymoon Spot’ Draws 75,000 Garter Snakes Yearly

Every spring, Narcisse, Manitoba, transforms into the world’s largest snake mating ground, drawing over 75,000 red-sided garter snakes in a dramatic courtship spectacle. This unique event, which attracts biologists and tourists alike, sees male snakes swarming around female snakes in a fascinating ritual known as the ‘mating ball’. The mating frenzy occurs in limestone dens, where the snakes hibernate during the winter and emerge as temperatures rise. The male garter

snakes outnumber the females, leading to intense competition as they coil around a single female, attempting to impress her. While the sight of thousands of writhing snakes might sound terrifying to some, it has become a major tourist attraction, with visitors gathering to witness nature’s most extraordinary reptilian love fest. This event is not just about spectacle; scientists study the behavior, pheromones, and survival strategies of these snakes, providing insights into reptilian mating

habits. Despite its eerie appearance, the Narcisse Snake Dens offer a rare glimpse into nature’s most astonishing mating rituals, making it a must-visit destination for wildlife enthusiasts and thrill-seekers alike.



ChatGPT Sparks Aadhaar, PAN Card Controversy

OpenAI’s artificial intelligence chatbot ChatGPT has once again found itself at the center of controversy after several social media users claimed it was generating fake Aadhaar and PAN cards, sparking serious security concerns. The AI tool, which recently gained popularity for its Studio Ghibli-style image generator, has been widely used by millions of users to create and share visually appealing artwork. However, its image generation capabilities are now under scrutiny, with many demanding stricter AI regulations to prevent misuse. Reports surfaced online showing purported screenshots of fake Indian identity documents allegedly created using ChatGPT’s image tools. These claims have triggered widespread debate on AI ethics, data security, and regulatory frameworks. Several users have expressed concerns that such capabilities could lead to identity fraud, financial crimes, and privacy violations. In response, AI experts and cybersecurity



analysts have urged tech companies to implement stronger safeguards to prevent misuse of AI-generated content. While OpenAI has not officially confirmed whether ChatGPT can create authentic-looking Aadhaar or PAN cards, past incidents highlight the potential risks associated with unrestricted AI-generated images. Regulatory authorities in India are now facing growing pressure to closely monitor AI developments, ensuring that such technologies do

not compromise national security or public trust. This incident also underscores the urgent need for global AI governance, as concerns over deepfakes, misinformation, and data security continue to rise. Amidst the uproar, calls for stricter AI legislation have intensified, with experts stressing that companies must establish clear ethical guidelines to prevent AI from being misused for fraudulent activities.

American CEO Allegedly Chokes Cruise Passenger Over Wife’s Insult



A luxury cruise turned chaotic when Kenneth DeGiorgio, CEO of First American Financial, was accused of choking a fellow passenger after a heated altercation over footwear etiquette in a cocktail lounge. The incident took place aboard a Virgin Voyages cruise, where DeGiorgio’s wife, Nichol DeGiorgio, reportedly asked another pas-

senger, identified as MA, to wear shoes while dancing. In response, MA allegedly hurled an expletive-laden insult at her, triggering the confrontation. According to eyewitnesses, an enraged Kenneth DeGiorgio approached MA and grabbed him by the neck, escalating the situation into a physical altercation. Some reports also claim that DeGiorgio threatened to kill MA during the attack. Security footage from the ship captured MA struggling to maintain his balance as DeGiorgio allegedly choked him. Following the incident, cruise security intervened, and the ship’s captain ordered DeGiorgio to remain confined to his cabin for the remainder of the journey. No official charges have been reported yet, but the altercation has sparked discussions online about the conduct of high-profile executives in public spaces. While Virgin Voyages has not issued a statement, sources suggest that legal action could follow if MA decides to press charges. The incident has also raised concerns about passenger safety on luxury cruises, where such outbursts can quickly turn violent.

Man Slams Schools Over Costly Textbooks



A recent viral video on social media has ignited debate over the exorbitant prices of school textbooks, with a concerned citizen calling out private schools for ignoring the New Education Policy (NEP) and placing unnecessary financial strain on parents. The man, in the widely shared clip, criticizes educational institutions for acting like “shopping malls” by charging as much as ₹6,000 for textbooks, making school bags heavier while adding to the financial stress of families already struggling with rising costs of essentials. One of the key concerns raised is that schools are blatantly disregarding the NEP’s principles, which emphasize “One Nation, One Class, One Curriculum, One Publication.” Despite this directive aimed at standardizing education and reducing the financial burden on students and parents, many private in-

stitutions continue to push expensive textbooks instead of adopting more affordable, government-approved alternatives. The issue has sparked widespread discussion online, with many parents sharing similar experiences and questioning the lack of regulation in textbook pricing. Critics argue that schools have turned education into a business, prioritizing profits over accessibility. Some have even called for strict government intervention to ensure that private institutions adhere to NEP guidelines and prevent exploitation. As the debate intensifies, education officials are facing growing pressure to enforce policies that promote affordability and fairness in school education. Whether this outcry will lead to actual reforms remains to be seen, but the frustration among parents and students is undeniably mounting.

Lucknow Super Giants Secure 12-Run Victory Over Mumbai Indians



Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) defeated Mumbai Indians (MI) by 12 runs in an exciting IPL 2025 clash held at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium. Batting first, LSG set a challenging target of 203 for 8 in 20 overs, powered by remarkable half-centuries from Aiden Markram and Mitchell Marsh.

Mumbai Indians, chasing 204, made a spirited effort with strong performances from Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Varma. Despite their resilience, MI could only reach 191 for 5 by the end

of their innings. The match saw an interesting strategic move when Tilak Varma retired out in the final over, allowing a more aggressive batsman to attempt scoring quick runs.

The victory strengthens LSG's position in the IPL 2025 standings, showcasing their competitive form and effective strategies. Fans enjoyed a thrilling contest between the two teams, with LSG emerging as the superior side in a high-scoring encounter.

Pranavi Tied-4th Amid Weather Halt in Joburg Ladies Open



India's Pranavi Urs was in superb form at the Joburg Ladies Open before play was suspended due to a flooded course at Modderfontein Golf

Club. Sitting T-4 at 5-under through 13 holes, she trails leader Mimi Rhodes (-8), who completed her round.

Pranavi bounced back from an opening bogey on the 10th with six birdies before suspension. Meanwhile, Diksha Dagar carded 71 to finish T-21.

Other Indians struggled: Avani Prashanth and Tvesa Malik shot 77 each, placing T-107. Rhodes, fresh from her LET win in Australia, leads with a bogey-free 65. Cassandra Alexander (-7) and Shannon Tan (-6) follow closely.

Play resumes tomorrow with eight groups, including Pranavi's, yet to finish. Urs is well-positioned to challenge for the lead once play resumes.

Rahi Sarnobat Triumphs with Gold After Battling Neuropathic Pain

Two-time Olympian Rahi Sarnobat made a remarkable comeback, clinching gold in the Women's 25m Air Pistol at the National Games 2025 in Dehradun. The 34-year-old shooter overcame neuropathic pain syndrome, a debilitating condition that left her bedridden in 2022.

In a heartfelt interview, Rahi shared how she battled chronic pain, extreme fatigue, and de-

pression, unable to live a normal life for months. With help from neurologists and physiotherapists, her first step to recovery was simply sitting up to watch TV.

Her return was fueled by inner strength, not just sporting ambition. "This time, I wasn't aiming for a comeback in sport—I was fighting to come back to life," she said.

Now, Rahi shoots with renewed

focus, aiming not to prove herself, but to explore her untapped potential and inspire others.



Chirag Advances, Prajwal-Nitin Reach Doubles Final



India's Chirag Duhan stormed into his maiden ITF M25 singles semifinal with a 6-2, 7-6(1) win

over Ishaque Egbal in Bengaluru. The 21-year-old now faces top seed Jay Clarke, who beat Karan Singh in straight sets.

In doubles, SD Prajwal Dev and Nitin Kumar Sinha cruised into the final after a 6-0, 7-6(5) win over Parikshit Somani and Manish Sureshkumar. They'll face Nick Chappell (USA) and Grigoriy Lomakin (KAZ), who crushed Aryan Shah/Karan Singh 6-1, 6-0 in the semis.

Elsewhere, Oliver Crawford and Ryuki Matsuda also advanced to the singles semis. Meanwhile, Indian pair Somani-Manish stunned top seeds Adil Kalyanpur/Kody Pearson in the quarters before falling in the semis.

All eyes are now on Chirag's revenge clash with Clarke and the Indo-foreign doubles final showdown.

Yuva Yoddhas Storm into Final, Set Up Title Clash with Jaipur Pink Cubs

Yuva Yoddhas cruised into the Yuva All Stars Championship 2025 final with a commanding 39-24 victory over Warriorz KC in the semifinal. The Uttar Pradesh-based team dominated from the start, securing a 6-0 lead and inflicting two All-Outs by halftime (22-9). Shivam Singh shined as the Best Raider with 10 points, while Ravi was named Best Defender with seven tackle points.

The Yoddhas will now face Jaipur Pink Cubs, who have beaten them three times this season, including two wins in the best-of-three head-to-head round.

Jaipur topped Pool A with 80 points, while Yoddhas led Pool B with 65 points.

The high-stakes final promises a thrilling showdown, with Yoddhas seeking revenge and Jaipur aiming for a clean sweep.



MI New York Sign Star Players for MLC 2025



MI New York have announced a powerhouse-packed squad for Major League Cricket 2025, set to begin on June 13. The team has roped in international stars Quinton de Kock, George Linde, Michael Bracewell, Naveen-ul-Haq, and Azmatullah Omarzai.

They join retained overseas players Kieron Pollard, Nicholas Pooran, Rashid Khan, and Trent Boult, along with key domestic names like Monank Patel and Heath Richards.

MI New York, who were eliminated in the 2024 playoffs by Texas Super Kings, are eyeing a strong comeback with this revamped squad. De Kock returns to the MI family, while Linde and Omarzai bring SA20 title-winning momentum from MI Cape Town.

The franchise released stars like Rabada and Nortje ahead of this season. With a balanced mix of experience and fresh talent, MI New York aim for their second MLC title.

HIL 2024-25 Returns with a Blockbuster Season, Crosses 41 Million Viewers

The return of the Hockey India League (HIL) in 2024-25 has been a resounding success, captivating over 40.8 million viewers across



India. This edition marked a historic milestone with the inaugural women's league, achieving near gender parity in viewership. While 44 men's matches drew 32.9 million, the 13 women's games attracted an impressive 15.1 million—a massive stride in Indian sports broadcasting.

Riding on the post-Olympics hockey wave, the league saw global viewership from 18 countries and over 1 billion digital views across social platforms. The HIL's revival aligns with Indian hockey's centenary and Olympic medal success, further fueling the sport's resurgence.

Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey lauded the fan response, vowing continued efforts to elevate the game. The league's impact cements its role in shaping India's modern hockey era.



Vijay Deverakonda's Bold Take on Bollywood Decline



Telugu star Vijay Deverakonda made bold remarks on Bollywood's current slump, stating that the industry is facing tough times but will regain its past glory soon. In a recent interview, Vijay said Bollywood has been struggling to deliver major hits in recent years, while South

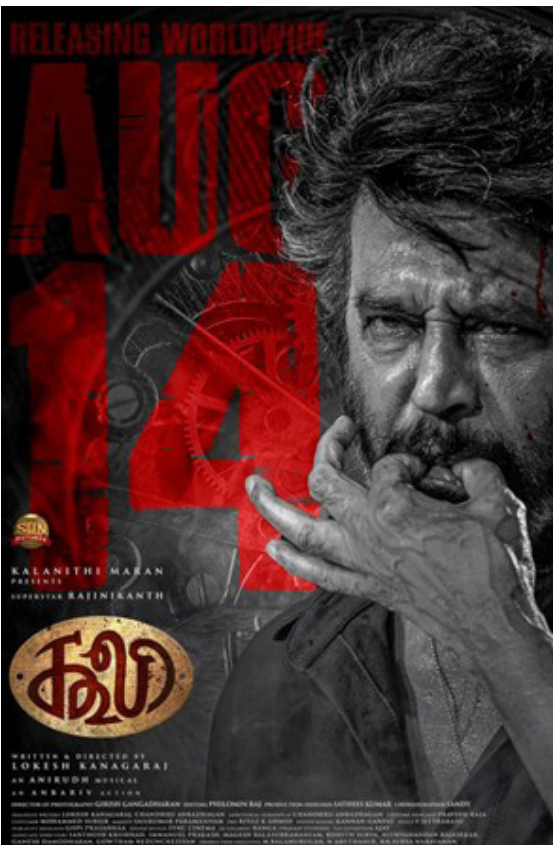
Indian films have seen a massive rise in popularity across the country and globally. He emphasized that the Telugu film industry's success is a result of years of hard work and creativity. Commenting on the growing gap in Bollywood, he added that new-age filmmakers—mostly from out-

side Mumbai—are likely to fill the creative void. Deverakonda also noted how North Indian audiences are now more interested in watching South Indian films, a shift from the past when such content received little recognition. He believes Bollywood's revival will come through fresh talent.

Rajinikanth's Coolie Set for August 14 Release

Superstar Rajinikanth is all set to return to the big screen with *Coolie*, directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj. The film's release date has officially been confirmed—*Coolie* will hit theatres worldwide on August 14, as announced by production house Sun Pictures through a post on X (formerly Twitter). The combination of Rajinikanth and Lokesh has created massive buzz across industries, with fans eagerly awaiting this high-octane entertainer. Lokesh, known for his gripping

storytelling and strong youth connect, enjoys a cult following even in Telugu-speaking states. Adding to the excitement, *Coolie* will also feature cameo appearances by stars like Akkineni Nagarjuna, Upendra, and Aamir Khan, raising expectations sky-high. With such a powerful cast and crew, *Coolie* is poised to become one of the biggest pan-India releases of the year. The countdown to Thalaivar's action-packed return begins!



Dhanush's Idly Kadai Locks October 1 Release Date



Dhanush's upcoming directorial *Idly Kadai* has officially locked October 1 as its new release date. The announcement came with a festive new poster featuring Dhanush in a traditional look, joyfully dancing amid a crowd. Originally slated for April 10, the film was postponed to avoid clashing with Ajith Kumar's *Good Bad Ugly*. Set in a rural backdrop, the emotionally rich drama marks Dhanush's fourth directorial after *Pa Paandi*, *Raayan*, and *Nilavukku En Mel Enna-*

di Kobam. He stars alongside Nithya Menen, reuniting after their acclaimed performance in *Thiruchitrabalam*. The film also features Arun Vijay, Shalini Pandey, Prakash Raj, and Rajkiran. Produced by Wunderbar Films and Dawn Pictures, it will be distributed by Red Giant Movies. The crew includes GV Prakash Kumar (music), Kiran Koushik (cinematography), and Prasanna GK (editing).

Peddi Glimpse Set for Release on April 6

Excitement builds for *Peddi*, starring Global Star Ram Charan



and directed by Buchi Babu Sana, as makers announce the release of its much-awaited glimpse titled *First Shot* on April 6, marking Sri Rama Navami. The announcement comes days after the film's title and intense first-look poster were unveiled on Charan's birthday, March 27. Adding to the buzz, music maestro A.R. Rahman has completed the audio mixing for the glimpse, heightening anticipation among fans. The glimpse will drop at 11:45 AM on Sunday, giving Mega fans plenty to celebrate this festive season. *Peddi* marks the first collaboration between Charan and Uppena director Buchi Babu Sana and promises a mass entertainer with powerful visuals and music. With Rahman on board, expectations are sky-high for this rural action drama.

Veteran Actor-Director Manoj Kumar Passes Away at 87

Legendary actor and filmmaker Manoj Kumar, fondly known as Bharat Kumar for his patriotic films, passed away at the age of 87 in Mumbai's Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital early Friday morning. The iconic figure had been battling decompensated liver cirrhosis and succumbed to cardiogenic shock following an acute myocardial infarction. Admitted on February 21, 2025, Manoj Kumar had been under medical care for several weeks. "He passed away peacefully at around 3:30 AM due to age-related complications," said Dr. Santosh Shetty, CEO of the hospital. Born Harikrishan Goswami in Amritsar on July 24, 1937, Manoj Kumar earned nationwide admiration for his patriotic-themed films like *Shaheed*, *Upkar*, and *Purab Aur Paschim*. His on-screen persona earned him the enduring title 'Bharat Kumar'. Tributes poured in from across the nation, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi mourning the loss, calling him an icon who ignited national pride through cinema. Apart from acting, he was a celebrated director of hits

like *Kranti* and *Roti Kapda Aur Makaaan*. Later, he joined politics and became a member of the BJP. Manoj Kumar's legacy remains a cornerstone of Indian cinema, forever etched in the hearts of millions.



Disha Patani Not Part of Prabhas's 'Fauji', Confirms Production

Rumours of Disha Patani starring alongside Prabhas in the upcoming period drama *Fauji* have been officially dismissed. The film, directed by Sita Ramam fame Hanu Raghavapudi, will feature Imanvi Esmail as the sole female lead, marking her Telugu debut. The production team clarified they never approached Disha and confirmed there's no second female lead. *Fauji* promises to showcase Prabhas in a fresh, emotionally intense role,

blending themes of love, war, and sacrifice. Producer Ravi Yerneni shared that filming is progressing rapidly, with a strong belief in the film's blockbuster potential. The cast includes industry veterans like Anupam Kher, Jaya Prada, and Mithun Chakraborty. Meanwhile, Disha was last seen in Tamil hit *Kanguva* and will next appear in *Welcome to the Jungle* with Akshay Kumar and Sanjay Dutt.