



CM Naidu Pays Tribute to Babu Jagjivan Ram on 118th Jayanthi

CM Says We Will Drive Away Poverty from the State with P-4

CM attends Babu Jagjivan Ram Jayanti in Muppalla, NTR District

20 lakh families selected under P4 'Margadarshi-Bangaru Kutumbam'

AP offers highest pensions in India, says CM



WEALTHY HEALTHY HAPPY SOCIETY - CM NAIDU

TPN Correspondent | NTR Dist
Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu asserted that the P4 policy will be the driving force in eradicating poverty from Andhra Pradesh. Participating in the Babu Jagjivan Ram Jayanti celebrations at Muppalla village in Nandigama constituency, CM Chandrababu reiterated the state government's commitment to uplifting the poorest through inclusive and sustainable development. Addressing a large gathering at the Prajavedika Sabha after honoring beneficiaries under the 'Margadar-

shi-Bangaru Kutumbam' initiative, the CM said that the government has already identified 20 lakh families under the P4 framework. He emphasized the need to provide equal opportunities and urged economically strong individuals to support those in need. Earlier, the Chief Minister visited a welfare girls' **2 PAGE**



Prasad Seeds Chairman Donates ₹10 Crore for Kommamuru Lift Irrigation



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The Andhra Pradesh government's P4 (People-Public-Private Partnership for Poverty-free Progress) scheme received a major boost on Saturday as Prasad Seeds stepped forward to fund the Kommamur lift irrigation project entirely from its own resources. Responding to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's call, Prasad Seeds Chairman Prasad handed over a letter of commitment to the CM, announcing ₹10 crore for the construction. The Kommamur lift irrigation project, once completed, will stabilize water supply for 5,315 acres in Kakumanu mandal. Expressing appreciation, CM Chandrababu congratulated Prasad for supporting the farmers' cause and directed the Irrigation Department to work in

coordination with Prasad Seeds for smooth execution. Speaking at a public meeting in Muppalla village, NTR district, CM Chandrababu reiterated the core purpose of P4 enabling those who have risen financially to extend a helping hand to the less fortunate. He emphasized that the initiative aims to create a societal chain of empowerment, bridging the gap between the top 10% and the bottom 20% of families. The Chief Minister also highlighted his interactions with beneficiaries under the Bangaru Kutumba program, saying that only through understanding and participation can real transformation be achieved. "Our intention is to elevate the poor, help them grow financially, and inspire others to **2 PAGE**

Collector Harendhira Prasad Isued Show-Cause Notice to Ramanaidu Studio



Studio misused land meant for film activity

Residential layout created against land terms

Government to reclaim land if reply fails

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The Visakhapatnam District Administration has taken serious note of the alleged violation of land-use norms by Ramanaidu Studio. District Collector A. Mallikarju-

na Harendhira Prasad on Saturday announced that a show-cause notice will be served to the studio for deviating from the purpose for which the land was originally allotted by the government. According to the Collector, the land was granted under the condition that it be used strictly for film studio development and related activities. However, during a preliminary inquiry, it was found that the studio authorities had

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Minister Narayana Launches 5 New Websites, Vows to Boost Women Entrepreneurs

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Urban Development and MEPMA Minister P. Narayana unveiled a major digital push on Saturday with the launch of the Mahila Kaasam mobile app and the official MEPMA website during a one-day workshop held in Vijayawada. The initiative aims to boost transparency and streamline the delivery of welfare schemes to women's self-help groups (SHGs). Speaking on the occasion, Minister Narayana underlined the importance of data accuracy for government welfare distribution. "That's the reason we launched five new websites on Saturday," he said, adding that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu envisions "a businessman in every household by 2047." Highlighting the government's commitment to women empowerment, the Minister announced that ₹8,000 crore in loans will be extended to 80,000 DW-CRA groups across the state. He recalled the previous proposal to award sand contracts to women's groups, which could not materialize due to unforeseen issues. However, he assured that such



innovative ideas would continue to be pursued. The Minister also revealed plans to hold review meetings in all 26 districts to assess the progress of SHG-related schemes and address challenges. "By 2029, we aim to prepare as many women entrepreneurs as possible," he stated, pointing to the government's broader strategy of grassroots economic development. Minister Narayana was felicitated by MEPMA officials at the AP Secretariat for his efforts. **2 PAGE**

Supreme Battle in Pithapuram: TDP vs Jana Sena Sparks Tensions



JSP MLC Nagababu inaugurates CC road

TDP, Jana Sainiks clash with slogans

Police intervene, situation under control

TPN Correspondent | Kakinada
Political temperatures soared in Pithapuram on Saturday as Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and Jana Sena Party (JSP) supporters clashed during a public event in Kumarapuram village. The incident occurred during the inauguration of a CC road by Jana Sena MLC and party leader Nagababu, which turned into a flashpoint for the simmering rivalry between the two alliance partners. As Nagababu arrived to formally open the newly laid road, large numbers of Jana Sainiks gathered and chanted slogans in support of their leader and party chief Pawan Kalyan. In retaliation, **2 PAGE**



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Collector Harendhira Prasad

instead developed the area into a residential layout, blatantly violating the terms of allotment. Speaking to reporters, Harendhira Prasad said, “The land was given to promote cinema and film-based infrastructure. But the usage has turned out to be for real estate, which is contrary to the conditions agreed upon. A notice will be issued, and they will have to explain the deviation.” He further warned that if the response to the show-cause notice is found to be unsatisfactory, the district administration will not hesitate to take back the land. “The government will initiate steps to repossess the property if the explanation does not justify the change in land use,” he asserted. The Collector’s announcement comes in the wake of a broader drive by the government to audit and reclaim public land allotted to private entities under special concessions. This initiative aims to ensure that all such lands are being utilized as per the original purpose. The issue has sparked considerable discussion across the real estate and film industries in the region. All eyes are now on Ramanaidu Studio’s reply to the notice, which could determine the future of the land in question.

Prasad Seeds Chairman

contribute,” he stated. The P4 initiative, launched on Ugadi, envisions Andhra Pradesh becoming a global leader in income equality by 2024. In its pilot phase, the scheme is being implemented in four villages, covering nearly 5,869 families. Surveys are underway to identify bottom-tier families, and their details are being recorded on the Samridhhi Bandhanam platform. Importantly, the government does not involve itself in direct monetary transactions but acts as a facilitator between benefactors and beneficiaries — reinforcing the idea of community-driven progress.

Minister Narayana

He praised the record-keeping efforts of DWCRE groups and MEPMA, emphasizing that accurate data is vital for timely and efficient delivery of government benefits. The event was attended by MEPMA Director Tej Bharat and Labour Commissioner Seshagiri Babu, among others. The Mahila Kaasam app is expected to simplify access to welfare schemes, training programs, and financial services for women’s groups across the state.

Supreme Battle in Pithapuram

TDP activists raised counter slogans, leading to a verbal confrontation. The tension escalated quickly, resulting in a brief clash between the cadres of the two parties. Local police were forced to intervene to prevent the situation from spiraling out of control. They dispersed the crowds and restored order, ensuring that the clash did not result in injuries or major disruption. However, the event has cast a spotlight on the growing political friction in the constituency. Pithapuram is currently one of the most high-profile battlegrounds in the state, with Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan contesting from this seat. Although the TDP and JSP have forged an alliance across Andhra Pradesh, seat-sharing and on-ground dynamics have triggered rivalry in specific regions, particularly where both parties hold significant influence. Local leadership from both sides have called for restraint and appealed to their cadres to focus on peaceful campaigning. However, the symbolic importance of locations like Kumarapuram and the prestige attached to the Pithapuram seat make such flare-ups likely in the coming days. Police and district officials are now on high alert, with orders to monitor all political events closely to ensure peace and law and order during the crucial campaign period.

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boarding school and interacted with students. He stated that people gain recognition in society only through their good deeds and called upon everyone to contribute to societal progress. “AP is the only state in the country that provides the highest pensions,” he noted, adding that a humanitarian approach is at the core of the NDA government’s policy.

Chandrababu reminded people of the launch of DWCRE groups three decades ago and reaffirmed that the new Deepam-2 scheme will offer three free LPG cylinders annually. He also criticized the previous YSRCP government for leaving behind a

debt burden of Rs. 10 lakh crore and praised the current administration for stabilizing a crumbling economy within just 10 months.

The CM highlighted that 27 welfare schemes are already being implemented for SC communities, reaffirming the government’s commitment to social justice. CM Chandrababu expressed confidence that India will emerge as a global leader by 2047 and emphasized the need for population growth to maintain demographic balance, warning of challenges faced by aging populations in developed countries. “Education is the foundation—only educated children can lead the world,” he concluded.

CM Chandrababu Naidu Chairs 46th CRDA Authority Meeting

**CRDA authority meeting held under the leadership of CM Naidu
Minister P. Narayana and senior officials in attendance
Key development and planning matters reviewed**

TPN Correspondent | Guntur

The 46th authority meeting of the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) was held on Saturday at Undavalli under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. The session saw active participation from Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P. Narayana and senior CRDA officials. During the meeting, the Chief Minister reviewed the status of ongoing infrastructure projects in the Amaravati capital region and called for their timely completion. He emphasized the need for full transparency in planning and execution processes, directing officials to streamline inter-departmental coordination.

The authority also deliberated on future strategies for urban expansion, including land pooling models and development of citizen-centric amenities. CM Naidu instructed officials to expedite approvals for pending layouts and building permissions to avoid unnecessary delays in project execution. Minister P. Narayana reiterated the government’s firm resolve to build Amaravati as a world-class capital aligned with sustainable urban planning principles. He said that infrastructure development will be undertaken in a systematic and inclusive manner, ensuring the region’s growth benefits all sections of society. Officials gave detailed presenta-



tions on progress in land allotment, housing, and green space development. The meeting reinforced the government’s intention to move forward decisively in transforming Amaravati into a

globally admired urban center. The CM’s direction reflects a renewed focus on reviving the capital’s development momentum and ensuring that Amaravati evolves as a symbol of modernity, efficiency, and equity.

Dy CM Pawan Kalyan Pays Tribute to Babu Jagjivan Ram on His Birth Anniversary



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Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan paid rich tributes to former Union Minister and national icon Babu Jagjivan Ram on the occasion of his birth anniversary. Taking to social media on Saturday, the Deputy CM remembered Babuji’s lifelong service to the nation and his relentless fight for social justice. Calling him a “great leader who dedicated his life for the upliftment of the downtrodden,” Pawan Kalyan recalled Babu Jagjivan Ram’s immense contribution as a Union Minister and respected national statesman. He added, “on his birth anniversary of that great man. On this occasion, I pay tribute to Babu Jagjivan Ram garu, remembering his services to the country.” Babu Jagjivan Ram, widely known as ‘Babuji’, was a towering figure in Indian politics who fought against caste discrimination and worked throughout his life to bring equality to marginalized communities. As a leader, he played a key role in India’s freedom movement and later held several key portfolios in the Union Cabinet. Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan’s tribute comes amid statewide programs organized to commemorate Babu Jagjivan Ram Jayanti. The Andhra Pradesh government, under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu’s leadership, has reiterated its commitment to walk in the footsteps of visionary leaders like Babuji and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by ensuring inclusive development and social justice. The Deputy CM’s message reflects the state’s respect for national icons and its vision to build an equitable society rooted in the ideals championed by such great leaders.

Farmers Suffer Heavy Losses as Unseasonal Rains Damage Crops Across AP

**₹2.15 crore crop loss reported in Anantapur district alone
Mango, banana, paddy, and maize among worst affected
Rains to continue for the next three days, officials warn**



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Unseasonal rains across Andhra Pradesh have brought devastation to farmers, damaging key crops and leading to significant financial losses. The sudden downpour accompanied by strong winds affected several districts on Thursday night, Friday morning, and Saturday just as farmers were preparing to harvest. In Anantapur district, losses have crossed ₹2.15 crore. Horticultural crops worth ₹1.24 crore across 60.77 hectares, including banana, watermelon, sugarcane, and kalingara, were damaged in 11 mandals. Additionally, paddy and maize cultivated in 114 hectares by 71 farmers in Shettur, Garladinne, Narpala, and Anantapur rural areas were also hit, amounting to ₹91.84 lakh in losses. Vijayawada and surrounding rural mandals also bore the brunt. Mango orchards in the flowering-to-fruit transition stage suffered damage, with 10% of fruits falling due to the wind. About 50 acres of mango plantations in Vijayawada Rural Mandal were impacted. Banana plantations collapsed in several

areas, while 1,000 metric tons of drying paddy became wet and unusable. Chilli crops in G. Konduru mandal sustained partial damage. Twelve regions reported heavy rainfall, with over 50 mm recorded in 23 areas. Maddur in Nandyal and Rallapalli in Prakasam received the highest — 111.5 mm. Kalasapadu in Kadapa, Perusomala in Nandyal, and Kondakamar in Sri Sathya Sai district also received over 100 mm. Rain was widespread across Rayalaseema and coastal Andhra. The Disaster Management Authority has forecast continued scattered rain with thunder and lightning over the next three days. Light showers are expected in Alluri, East Godavari, Kakinada, Annamaya, and Chittoor on Saturday, with moderate rain in North Andhra on Sunday and thundershowers in several coastal districts by Monday. Farmers are urging the government to provide immediate relief and assess the damage on priority to help them recover from this unexpected blow.

CM Chandrababu Naidu’s Vision is a Revolution - MP Kesineni Chinni

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Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) lauded Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu as one of the few visionary leaders who have shaped the nation’s progress. Speaking at a public forum held in Muppalla village of Chandarlapedu mandal, organized on the occasion of Babu Jagjivan Ram Jayanti, MP Chinni said CM Chandrababu’s revolutionary thinking puts him 20 years ahead of his time. The program was attended by Ministers



Anitha, Satyakumar Yadav, Dola Bala-veeranjaneya Swamy, MLA Tangirala Soumya, and Collector Lakshmitha. MP Chinni thanked CM Naidu for organizing such a meaningful event in Nandigama’s SC constituency and for advancing the cause of social justice through initiatives like the P4 program. He emphasized that CM Chandrababu’s leadership mirrors the ideals of Babu Jagjivan Ram and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, aiming to uplift marginalized communities through entrepreneurship and empowerment. “The slogan that every family should have an industrialist is revolutionary,” he

inspired thousands to pursue entrepreneurship. Recalling the success of the IT, pharma, and infrastructure sectors in Hyderabad, Chinni said the youth of Andhra Pradesh continue to benefit from CM Naidu’s Vision 2020. “States across India are following the path Andhra Pradesh is charting under CM Naidu,” he added. Chinni expressed confidence that with PM Modi and CM Chandrababu’s joint vision of Vikasith Bharat 2047 and Swarnandhra @2047, Andhra Pradesh can reach that milestone by 2035. He described “Brand CBN” as Andhra Pradesh’s pride and urged the CM to ensure industrial development in the Nandigama constituency, calling it a lucky land for the Telugu Desam Party.

Vangalapudi said, highlighting how this vision has

KOLIKAPUDI STANDS WITH HIMSELF



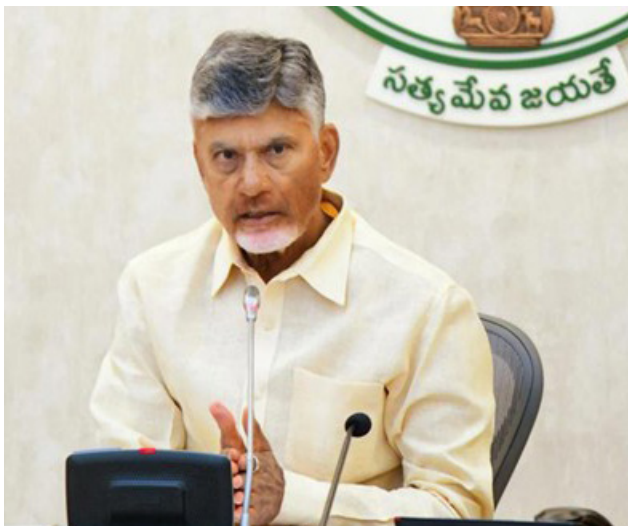
- **MLA Kolikapudi says self-respect, not followers, define a true leader**
- **Warns against arrogant politics, says public service is the real goal**
- **Sevala Devadatt urges leaders to uphold Ambedkar and Jagjivan Rao’s ideals**

TPN Correspondent | Nandigama
Tiruvur MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao made a strong emotional statement, reaffirming his unwavering commitment to the people of his constituency. “Your strength is my strength. Our collective strength will sustain us,” he said, while stressing that true leadership comes from self-respect and service—not from a crowd of followers. Speaking at a public event, Kolikapudi clarified that he does not care for politics that have no use to the public. “A leader must stand as a voice of the people, not get entangled in pride or divisive politics,” he stated, affirming that he will always stand by the people of Tiruvur in the spirit of true democracy. On the occasion of Babu Jagjivan Rao’s death anniversary, party senior Sevala Devadatt also shared his reflections. Recalling the early days of the YSR government, he said the responsibility of building the party in Tiruvur was placed on his

shoulders and that he had carried it forward with dedication. Devadatt highlighted CM Chandrababu Naidu’s message to party leaders during the recent formation day—reminding them that arrogance should have no place in public life. “A leader is a servant, a solution to people’s problems,” Devadatt quoted Naidu. Further reflecting on his political journey, Devadatt said that even when he was denied a ticket, he refrained from personal attacks or caste-based comments. “Neither Babu Jagjivan Rao nor Dr. B.R. Ambedkar ever spread hate or targeted individuals. They spoke of societal and economic inequalities with grace,” he noted. Calling on leaders to remain committed, honest, and ethical, Devadatt said that only through ideals rooted in justice and equality can society move forward.

Trump Tariffs Impacting AP Aqua Sector, Says CM Naidu

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu expressed concern over the impact of US-imposed tariffs, commonly referred to as “Trump tariffs,” on Andhra Pradesh’s economy. He said that these tariffs are severely damaging the state’s aqua sector, which is heavily dependent on exports. The CM assured that the government will conduct periodic reviews to mitigate the negative effects and support the affected industries. While addressing the public, Chandrababu emphasized the importance of balancing welfare with development. He reiterated that pensions are now being disbursed on the first of every month and highlighted several self-employment schemes launched to empower citizens. “A nation can progress only when its leadership is forward-thinking. No one should remain in poverty,” he said. He underlined the state government’s commitment to women’s welfare through Dwakra associations and urged financially successful individuals to give back to society. He recalled the Janmabhoomi days when everyone contributed to development and said that the government is now advancing with the P4 model. The Chief Minister reaffirmed his commitment to completing Amaravati and Polavaram and imple-



menting the Super 6 promises. Among the initiatives, he announced that three LPG cylinders will be provided free of cost annually under the Deepam scheme. Additionally, financial assistance will be extended to families under the “Mother’s Salute” scheme based on the number of children. Criticizing the previous YSRCP government, Chandrababu accused them of damaging lift irrigation projects and stealing essential equipment like pumps and starters. “Their thinking must change,” he said, calling for responsible governance focused on long-term progress.

Chelluboyina Venugopala Krishna Slams CM Naidu Over State Division and Polavaram Damage

TPN Correspondent | Kakinada
Former Minister Chelluboyina Venugopala Krishna launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, accusing him of betraying the people of Andhra Pradesh during the state’s bifurcation. Addressing the media, Chelluboyina alleged that Chandrababu, despite claiming decades of experience, insisted on the division of the state and failed to safeguard its interests during the crucial Assembly debates on the state’s future. He criticized Chandrababu for not participating in discussions concerning the state’s demands and needs during bifurcation. “It was Chan-



drababu’s selfish politics that weakened Andhra Pradesh,” he said. Chelluboyina also blamed the TDP government for damaging the Polavaram project. He alleged that an engineering blunder during Chandrababu’s previous term, where a gap was left in the coffer dam, led to the washing away of the diaphragm wall. Although the Centre gave permission to reconstruct the damaged part, he said the current TDP government has reduced the project’s height, thereby compromising its intended capacity. Targeting actor-turned-politician Pawan Kalyan, the former minister questioned his silence. “Why is Pawan, who always claims to be a questioning force, not speaking up now? Why is he silent when the people are suffering?” he asked. Regarding state finances, Chelluboyina accused the TDP of misleading the public. “When in opposition, Chandrababu lied about the state’s debt. After coming to power, he initially claimed it was ₹14 lakh crore, then reduced it to ₹12 lakh crore. The government now finds itself stuck—unable to lie further or speak the truth in the budget,” he said. He concluded by stating that the people of Andhra Pradesh will not tolerate such double standards and deception much longer.

Waqf Owns Most Land After Railways & Defense, Says MP Purandeshwari

- **Jagjivan Ram’s legacy hailed on his birth anniversary**
- **Waqf Bill passed in both Houses**
- **Women get representation in Waqf Board**
- **Congress leadership absent during debate**

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
BJP AP President and MP Daggubati Purandeshwari emphasized that the Modi government is committed to inclusive governance, asserting that the Waqf Amendment Bill was passed in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha with wide consultation. She stated that the bill aims to make the Waqf Board more accountable and efficient, with no interference in religious matters. Purandeshwari reminded that the bill was passed after inputs from Waqf Boards in 25 states were gathered by the Joint Par-



liamentary Committee. “Everyone talks about Muslims, but it is Modi who worked for their welfare,” she remarked, citing the abolition of triple talaq as a major reform. She clarified that the bill only amends administrative provisions, such as introducing women’s representation in the Waqf Board—something long overdue. Highlighting the scale of Waqf properties, she said, “After Railways and Defense, Waqf owns the most land. Yet its reported income is just ₹163 crore. The Sachar Committee stated that if properly managed, Waqf lands could generate ₹16,000 crore.” She alleged that lack of oversight allowed misuse, and stressed that the reforms will benefit the backward Muslim minority and ensure transparent use of Waqf assets. Purandeshwari slammed Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi for their absence during the debate, questioning their criticism. She said the previous Congress government diluted the Waqf Board’s autonomy in 2013 for vote bank politics. Paying tribute to Babu Jagjivan Ram on his birth anniversary, she praised his legacy and credited the Modi government for implementing schemes inspired by his vision. She highlighted PMAY, Startup India, and DICCI as examples of welfare and empowerment programs for SCs, STs, and women. Purandeshwari reiterated that BJP is not against Muslims but is focused on their real progress, asking people to reject parties that politicized their welfare for decades

Vempalli Satish Reddy Slams Sharmila’s Allegations on Jagan

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Former MLC and YSRCP leader Vempalli Satish Reddy came down heavily on Andhra Pradesh Congress chief Y.S. Sharmila for her recent allegations against YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Addressing the media, Satish Reddy claimed that Sharmila is making “unnecessary and politically motivated” accusations about the distribution of assets. He pointed out that the very properties Sharmila is referring to are currently under the scrutiny of investigative agencies, and thus it is misleading to claim she was denied a rightful share. He also added that the agreement between Jagan and Sharmila regarding their family assets is well-established and known. Satish Reddy further alleged that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is using Sharmila as a tool to execute diversion politics. “The TDP

graph is falling day by day, and as a desperate measure, Chandrababu has brought Sharmila to the forefront to distract public attention,” he said. He concluded by saying that Sharmila’s criticism of Jagan is aimed solely at benefiting Chandrababu and weakening the YSRCP’s image in the state



Delay in Post-Mortem Report Raises Suspensions in Praveen Pagadala Case - Harsha Kumar

TPN Correspondent | Rajahmundry
Former MP Harsha Kumar has raised serious concerns over the delay in the release of the post-mortem report in the suspicious death of Praveen Pagadala. Speaking to media, he questioned why the report, which is usually released within three days, has not been made public even after several days have passed.



“In any normal case, a post-mortem report should be available by the third day. What is the reason for the delay here?” Harsha Kumar asked, expressing deep suspicion over the handling of the case by authorities. He demanded an answer from the state government and police department, questioning whether Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu was giving secret instructions to suppress the investigation. “Is the CM directing the police to hold back facts?” he asked. Harsha Kumar firmly stated that he and his supporters believe this was not a natural death, but a clear case of murder. He criticized the

police for their failure to investigate the case from multiple angles, alleging that only one version was being pushed. He also revealed that he was prevented from demanding a re-post-mortem examination. “Why was I stopped when I asked for a re-post-mortem? What are they trying to hide?” he questioned, warning that such suppression of facts would not go unnoticed. He further declared that no amount of intimidation or threats would silence their efforts to seek justice for Praveen Pagadala. “We will not be scared. We demand full transparency in this case,” he asserted.

CM Naidu’s Cold Shoulder to Thiruvur MLA Kolikapudi Sparks Buzz

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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu gave a strong signal to Thiruvur TDP MLA Kolikapudi Srinivas during his recent tour of Nandigama. After landing by helicopter, Chandrababu interacted warmly with several senior party leaders who had gathered to welcome him but pointedly ignored Kolikapudi, who was standing nearby. Eyewitnesses noted that



although Chandrababu greeted other leaders with handshakes and brief conversations, he glanced at Kolikapudi sternly and moved on without acknowledging

him. Visibly dejected, Kolikapudi quietly stepped back and remained on the sidelines. This cold shoulder comes at a time when the TDP High Command is reportedly displeased with the recent controversies surrounding the Thiruvur constituency. Sources indicate that Kolikapudi’s handling of local party affairs and his name being involved in internal conflicts have drawn criticism from the leadership.

CM Naidu Lays Foundation Stone for Major Development Works in NTR Dist

Foundation stone unveiled for Rs 131 crore worth of development projects in Chanderlapadu mandal
1938 community sanitary complexes and 221 model village infrastructure works to be taken up
Footwear manufacturing unit to be set up in Vellaturu with Rs 5.75 crore under PM-AJAY

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Marking the occasion of Babu Jagjivan Ram Jayanti, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation stone for a series of key development projects on Saturday at a public gathering held in Muppalla, Chanderlapadu mandal, NTR district. Participating in the event were District In-charge Minister Satyakumar Yadav, MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni), Government Whip and Local MLA Thangirala Soumya, and other dignitaries. The Chief Minister formally launched development works valued

at over Rs 131 crore, focusing on social infrastructure, livelihoods, and basic amenities for marginalized communities.
Key projects include:
1. Rs 5.75 crore footwear manufacturing unit at Vellaturu village, to be funded under PM-AJAY, aiming to generate employment and economic empowerment for local artisans.
2. 1938 community sanitary complexes to be constructed across the state, specifically in Gurukul schools and SC hostels, at an estimated cost of Rs 58.14 crore, supported by the Swachh

Bharat Mission (Gramin).
3. Infrastructure development in 221 model villages, taken up under the PMAGY scheme, with an investment of Rs 62 crore, aimed at holistic rural upliftment.
4. RO-based drinking water supply schemes for 100 hostels and 53 Gurukul schools, with a total estimated cost of Rs 5.18 crore, also funded under PM-AJAY.
CM Chandrababu Naidu reiterated his government's commitment to fulfilling the aspirations of Babu Jagjivan Ram, who dedicated his life to the



empowerment of Dalits and the upliftment of backward communities. He emphasized that these initiatives will pave the way for Swarnandhra 2047, where every village will become self-reliant and every citizen will have access to essential services.

Quantum Computing Will Brighten Youth's Future - MP Kesineni Shivanath



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Vijayawada MP Kesineni Shivanath (Chinni) on Saturday emphasized that quantum computing will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of youth, especially in the Amaravati capital region. Speaking at a scholarship distribution program at Sharada College, Gandhinagar, he said that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's visionary leadership is preparing Andhra Pradesh to be at the forefront of cutting-edge technologies like artificial intelligence and quantum computing.
The event, organized by Mrs. Tummalapalli Annapurnamma Student Home Trust, saw 250 students receiving scholarships. MP Kesineni and Government Whip & MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao distributed the awards and extended their best wishes to the students. MP Kesineni, who once wrote his inter exams at Sharada College, expressed pride in returning as chief guest.
Highlighting the potential of quantum computing, Kesineni explained how this technology could revolutionize industries – for instance, reducing vaccine development time from two years to just fifteen minutes. While this innovation currently exists only in America, he expressed confidence that Amaravati will soon become a hub for such advanced technologies, giving Telugu youth a global edge.
He said Vikasit Bharat 2047, envisioned by PM Modi, and Swarnandhra 2047, led by CM Chandrababu Naidu, aim to create entrepreneurs in every family. The MP assured outgoing students that even if they don't get campus placements, the government will support them through training and consultancy services to become successful entrepreneurs. MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao lauded the trust's commitment to student welfare and highlighted the government's ongoing support for Brahmin communities in the state. The event was also attended by Trust Vice Presidents Dr. G. Eshwar, Y. M. Satyanarayana Rao, Secretary G. V. Y. S. S. Raghav Rao, Treasurer Moguluru Srikrishna, and executive members including Yabalaru Lokanatha Sharma, G. V. Y. S. Chalapathirao, and Kopparapu Balaramakrishnamurthy.

Special Flower Offering to Sri Kanaka Durga Temple in Vijayawada

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A special flower offering (Pushpaarchana) was conducted with divine fervor at the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam, Indrakiladri, Vijayawada on Saturday, April 5, 2025, marking the seventh day of Vasantha Navaratri in the Vishwavasu Nama year.

The event began at 9:00 AM in the newly constructed pooja mandapam at the Nataraja Swamy temple premises. Temple priests performed the rituals using red lotus flowers, red gunnera blossoms, and thin jajus, invoking the blessings of Goddess Kanaka Durga with Vedic hymns and sacred mantras.
A grand procession of flowers was brought from the sanctum sanctorum of the main temple by the priests and temple staff, carrying bamboo baskets filled with flowers amidst auspicious rituals and chanting.
A large gathering of devotees witnessed the floral offering and had darshan of Ammavaru, making the occasion spiritually uplifting. The temple premises were vibrant with devotional energy as the Navratri festivities continue with grandeur and devotion.



TDP Workers Are the Lifeblood of the Party - MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao

TPN Correspondent | Gannavaram
In a heartwarming gesture, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has extended financial support of ₹5 lakh to the family of Jampana Venkateswara Rao (69), a long-time party activist from A. Seetharamapuram village in Bapulapadu mandal, who recently lost his life in a tragic road accident.
Upon learning about the incident, Gannavaram MLA and Government Whip Yarlagadda Venkat Rao swiftly responded by initiating the process for availing the party's accident insurance scheme. He instructed local leaders to assist the grieving family in arranging the necessary documentation without



delay.
On Friday evening, MLA Yarlagadda personally handed over the ₹5 lakh cheque to Jampana Venkateswaramma, the wife of the deceased, and his son Jampana Harikrishna, offering them emotional and moral support.

Speaking on the occasion, Yarlagadda Venkat Rao emphasized that TDP workers are the true strength and lifeline of the party, and the party will always stand by them and their families in times of need. He assured the family that they are not alone

and that TDP will continue to support them. The family expressed heartfelt gratitude to the MLA and the party for standing by them in this difficult time and for ensuring financial security after the activist's untimely demise. Prominent local leaders including Bapulapadu Mandal TDP President Dayyala Rajeswara Rao, General Secretary Patta Suresh, Village President Nakka Prasad, and others such as Atluri Srinivasa Rao, Garlapati Rajeswara Rao, Movva Venugopal, and Lingam Sridhar were present during the cheque presentation. Their presence reflected the deep-rooted solidarity among TDP ranks.

₹5 Crore Sanctioned For Gudivada Boost for Road Development - MLA Ramu

TPN Correspondent | Gudivada
Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu announced that the coalition government has sanctioned ₹5 crore for crucial road development works in the Gudivada constituency, addressing long-pending infrastructure issues. Of this, ₹2.50 crore is earmarked for the Gudivada bypass road, and another ₹2.50 crore for the Gudlavaluru-Mudinepalli road.
In a statement released on Saturday, MLA Ramu expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh for giving top priority to the development of Gudivada. "The problems that have been neglected for decades are now being resolved one by one under the coalition government," he said.
Ramu highlighted that in just ten months since the coalition assumed power, the constituency has seen a wave of development. Notably, 57.98 kilometers of CC roads have already been constructed in the villages at an investment of ₹21.93 crore. He further announced that large-scale development programs will be rolled out over the next two to three months across Gudivada town and surrounding areas, ushering in a new era of infrastructure growth in the region.



Heavy Rain Lashes Vijayawada and Guntur Cities

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Heavy rain lashed Vijayawada and Guntur cities on Saturday, causing waterlogging in several low-lying areas and major disruptions to daily life. Continuous downpour for hours led to roads being submerged, severely affecting the movement of people and vehicles.
The rainfall recorded was over 60 mm per hour, resulting in traffic jams at several key junctions. Areas such as Singh Nagar, Patamata, Alluripeta, Lalapet, Nallapadu, and SVN colonies experienced power outages due to the rain. Several shops in low-lying markets were forced to shut down temporarily.
Municipal, revenue, and electricity department officials swung into action, launching rescue and relief operations in the affected zones. Due to an ineffective drainage system, rainwater failed to drain out, leading to heavy water stagnation in many parts of the cities.
According to the Meteorological Department, rainfall is likely to continue for the next two days. Officials have advised citizens to avoid unnecessary travel and remain indoors for safety. The government machinery is closely monitoring the situation and is said to be fully alert.



Babu Jagjivan Ram's Dream Realized with P4: Kondeti Uday Kumar

TPN Correspondent | Eluru
In honor of Babu Jagjivan Ram's 118th birth anniversary, a heartfelt tribute program was held on Saturday at Chanubanda village, Chatrai Mandal, Eluru District, under the auspices of the MRPS Committee. The event was spearheaded by Kondeti Uday Kumar (Bobby), General Secretary of Telugu Youth from Musunuru, along with local TDP youth leader Modugumutthaiyya and MRPS Chanubanda President Istaraiah.
As part of the celebrations, 150 sarees were distributed to widows, symbolizing the organizers' commitment to social service. Chief guests Appikatla Ravikumar, Mareswara Rao, Kota Joshi, and Firangi Pullaiah garlanded Babu Jagjivan Ram's statue at the village center and paid floral tributes.



Sweets were later distributed among the women present at the event. Addressing the gathering, Kondeti Uday Kumar described Babu Jagjivan Ram as a modern pioneer who stood for equality and justice. "He was not just a freedom fighter, but

a social reformer who tirelessly worked for a casteless society and the upliftment of the downtrodden," he said. He lauded Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu for initiating the P4 program, which echoes Jagjivan Ram's ideals. Bobby explained that the initiative is designed to benefit 40 lakh families by ensuring access to education, healthcare, and basic infrastructure, focusing particularly on the bottom 20% of the poor and the top 10% of high-achieving individuals, with special emphasis on women's welfare and empowerment.
"This initiative is a bold step towards building an inclusive society where everyone has the opportunity to live with dignity, regardless of caste or background," Bobby concluded.

MLA Arani Srinivasulu Holds Praja Darbar in Tirupati to Address Citizen Grievances



- 35 petitions received from praja on civic and departmental issues
- MLA directs officials to resolve complaints at the earliest
- Flooding concerns in low-lying areas raised
- proposal to divert rainwater to Balaji Reservoir

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

MLA Arani Srinivasulu conducted a praja darbar in Tirupati on Saturday, taking direct feedback from citizens and aiming to provide swift solutions to their problems.

The event witnessed active participation from local residents, who submitted a total of 35 petitions addressing issues related to the Municipal Corporation, Revenue Department, TTD, Endowments, Police,

Irrigation, AP SPDCL, APMSDC, and the Co-operative Department. MLA Srinivasulu instructed the respective officials to forward these petitions to concerned departments immediately and ensure timely redressal. He emphasized that the government is committed to transparent and efficient governance, and directed departments to treat praja concerns with urgency and sincerity. During the darbar, former councilor Naga-bhushan and councilor Narasimha Achari submitted a petition highlighting the threat of flooding in low-lying eastern parts of Tirupati due to heavy rains. They urged the MLA to construct Kantur Kand-as around the Tirumala Hill and divert rainwater towards the Balaji Reservoir to mitigate flood risk. Corporator SK Babu and several others also brought up civic issues affecting their wards and requested swift intervention. The MLA assured them of follow-up with the concerned departments. Municipal Corporation Manager Hussain, Health Officer Yuva Anvesh Reddy, Electricity Department AD Ramanjaneyulu, NDA coalition leaders, party activists, and local citizens were present at the event. The darbar reflected the MLA's commitment to grassroots engagement and pro-active governance.

Over ₹40 Crore Allocated for Road and Welfare Development in Pithapuram - MLC Nagababu

TPN Correspondent | Kakinada

Jana Sena Legislative Council Member and General Secretary Sri K. Nagababu announced that over ₹40 crore has been allocated for the construction and development of roads in Pithapuram constituency, under the leadership of Deputy CM Shri Pawan Kalyan. Addressing the media at Chebrolu party office on Saturday, Nagababu detailed the rapid progress of development projects.

Of the total amount, ₹22 crore is allocated for CC roads, ₹10.85 crore for BT roads, and ₹8 crore for R&B road repairs. He said ₹16 crore has already been spent. On Saturday, roads worth ₹3.70 crore were inaugurated across Pithapuram, including Kumarapuram, Virava, Gokiwada, Vannepudi, Chinna Jaggampet, Amara-valli, Kothapalli, and Uppada Colony.

Nagababu also highlighted the distribution of ₹16.81 crore in monthly social pensions to 39,441 beneficiaries and ₹5.84 crore worth of gas cylinders to 70,328 families under the Deepam scheme.

Further, ₹1.52 crore has been



sanctioned for a road over-bridge to ease traffic on the Samarlakota-Uppada road, and plans are underway to upgrade Pithapuram Govern-ment Hospital to a 100-bed facility.

In Gollaprolu, a ₹88.98 lakh Primary Health Center was in-augurated to serve 23,146 people. A new ₹60 lakh Tahsildar office building was also inau-gurated.

For drinking water improve-ment in Gollaprolu town, ₹65.24 lakh was sanctioned, benefitting 23,880 people. An Anna Canteen built at ₹17 lakh is now serving meals at just ₹5.

Additionally, an Integrated Girls' Hostel in Pithapuram was upgraded with ₹36.50 lakh. Position pattas were issued to 15 eligible families in Rathalapet after two decades of waiting.

Minister Nadendla Manohar Visits Tirumala, Dines with Devotees



TPN Correspondent | Tirupati State Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar visited Tirumala Srivari temple along with his family on Saturday morning. After offering prayers to Lord Venkateswara, the minister received blessings from Vedic scholars at the Ranganayaka Mandapam and was presented with the traditional Tirtha Prasadam. Demonstrating humility and reverence, Minister Manohar chose to have lunch like any other devotee at the Ven-gamamba Annaprasada Com-plex, where free meals are served to pilgrims. Sharing the

experience with his family, the minister dined among the devotees, reflecting the spirit of equality and devotion. The visit drew attention for the minister's simple and re-spectful participation in the temple rituals and services, aligning with the traditions of Tirumala.



Mystery Behind Attack on Young Woman Will Be Solved Soon - SP Vakul Jindal



TPN Correspondent | Vizianagaram

Vizianagaram District SP Vakul Jindal, IPS, assured that the mystery behind the brutal knife attack on an 18-year-old woman in Shivaram village of Garividi mandal will be solved at the earliest. Addressing the media on Saturday, the SP said five special police teams have been formed to crack the case. The incident occurred on April 5, when Kondru Akhila was attacked with a knife by an unidentified individual while she was washing utensils at her home. SP Vakul Jindal, upon receiving information, immediately reached the crime scene along with Chee-purupalli DSP, clue team, dog squad, and other officers to launch a swift investigation. The police teams collected crucial technical evidence

from the spot, and efforts are underway to identify and apprehend the accused. SP Vakul Jindal assured that justice will be served soon, and the inves-tigation is being treated with utmost seriousness. Following the attack, the in-jured young woman was first shifted to Cheepurupalli Hospital and later referred to Tirumala Medicovert Hospital in Vizianagaram for advanced treatment. Present at the crime scene and during the inspection were Cheepurupalli DSP S. Raghavu-lu, Rajam CI K. Ashok Kumar, Rajam Rural CI H. Upendra Rao, SB CI A.V. Leela Rao, and several other police officials. The SP reiterated that no stone would be left unturned in solving the case and bringing the culprit to justice.

All Set for Sri Rama Navami Celebrations in Dendur Constituency

TPN Correspondent | Eluru

Dendur MLA Chintamane-ni Prabhakar announced that arrangements for Sri Rama Navami celebrations have been made grandly across the constituency. On Satur-day, the MLA distributed eight tonnes of jaggery for making Panakam to 500 Rama tem-ples located in the villages of Pedapadu, Pedavegi, Dendur, and Eluru rural mandals. The distribution was held at the MLA's camp office in Duggira-la, in the presence of coalition leaders and party workers. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Chintamaneni Prabhakar said that "Rama Rajya" symbolizes good governance and that the coalition government is striving to fulfill that vision. He criticized the previous YSRCP government for causing hard-ships to the people and said those difficulties are now be-ing addressed. As a result, peo-ple are able to celebrate tradi-tional festivals like Sri Rama



Navami with renewed joy and grandeur. The jaggery was specially pro-cured and distributed as part of the festive arrangements in the constituency, reflecting the commitment of the coa-lition government to support cultural and religious tradi-tions. Mandal Party Presidents Maganti Narayana Prasad (Millu Babu), Boppana Sud-ha, Laveti Srinivas, Nambu-ru Nagaraju, senior leader Tata Satyanarayana, cluster in-charges, unit in-charges, village party presidents, and several alliance leaders and activists participated in the event, which saw enthusiastic public response.

MLA Prashanthi Reddy Resolves 13-Year Struggle of Sugar Factory Workers

TPN Correspondent | Nellore

The long-pending issue of pending salaries for Kovur sugar factory workers has finally been re-solved, thanks to the persistent efforts of Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy. The work-ers, who had been awaiting justice for over 13 years, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the MLA at her residence in Magunta Layout, Nellore, where they presented her with bouquets in ap-preciation.

Speaking to the media, the sugar factory work-ers' union leaders praised MLA Prashanthi Reddy for raising their issue in the Legislative Assembly, which prompted the government to act. They also acknowledged the contribution of MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy in bringing the matter to the Chief Minister's attention. As a result, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu approved ₹28 crore towards pending dues, de-livering long-awaited relief to the workers and their families.

The workers stated that MLA Prashanthi Red-dy had been a steadfast advocate, unlike pre-vious leaders who made promises but failed to act. They recalled her commitment during last year's election campaign in Buchireddyp-alem alongside the CM, and how she followed through after assuming office.



Addressing the gathering, MLA Prashanthi Red-dy reaffirmed that the current government is one that honors its promises. She thanked CM Chandrababu Naidu on behalf of the workers and vowed to transform Kovur into an indus-trial hub. She revealed plans to transfer the 124-acre sugar factory land—previously targeted by real estate interests—to APIIC for industrial de-velopment. She also assured fair compensation for the sugarcane farmers through coordina-tion with the District Collector. The event saw participation from Sugar Factory Workers' Union leaders Narayana, M.V. Rama-na, Shiva, Mastan, Penna Delta Chairman Jet-ty Rajagopal Reddy, and TDP leaders Thiruvur Ashok Reddy, Bezawada Vamsi Krishna Reddy, among others.

Minister Subhash Pays Tribute to Babu Jagjivan Ram On His Birth Anniversary

TPN Correspondent | Ramachandrapuram

On the occasion of the 118th birth anniver-sary of Babu Jagjivan Ram, State Labour Minister Vasamsetty Subhash paid rich tributes to the legendary leader, describing his contributions as "invaluable" to India's freedom struggle and to social justice.

The minister garlanded Jagjivan Ram's stat-ues at multiple locations Ramachandrapuram RTC complex, Narasapurapu Peta, and Tadipalli villages, highlighting the deep reverence held for the late leader across communities. He was joined by local sarpanch Lakshmi, Dalit orga-nization leaders, public representatives, and residents of the villages.

Speaking at the event, Minister Subhash re-called that Jagjivan Ram, born in a modest family in Bihar, rose to become India's first Dalit Deputy Prime Minister—a symbol of per-severance and commitment to public service. "He served as an MP for 40 years. That's not just longevity, it's legacy. It reflects the unshake-able trust of the people," the minister said. He noted Babu Jagjivan Ram's active partici-pation in the Quit India Movement, his repeated imprisonments, and his tireless efforts toward the abolition of untouchability and the uplift-ment of weaker sections. "He showed the na-



tion what true leadership looks like whether it was as Labour Minister, Defense Minister during the 1971 war, or steering the country out of the 1976 food crisis," Subhash remarked. Drawing inspiration from Jagjivan Ram's work as Union Labour Minister, Subhash pledged to fulfill his responsibilities in the state with sim-ilar dedication. He also urged on Saturday's po-litical leaders to emulate Jagjivan Ram's com-mitment to social equity and nation-building. The program witnessed participation from sev-eral community members and Dalit leaders who joined in honoring the enduring legacy of a leader who spent his life fighting for dignity, equality, and justice.

Lord Sri Ram

A Timeless Symbol of Sanatana Dharma

conveyed the message to mankind that there is only an ability-character hierarchy that is respected, not by the birth origins and inheritance.

The epic Ramayana clearly demonstrates that Sanatana Dharma opposes a caste system. It maintains that a person's worth is determined by their values, character, and dedication to dharma rather than by where they were born. Rather than their origins, the vanaras—including Hanuman—are admired for their extraordinary traits and fearlessness. Anyone can become great, regardless of upbringing, as demonstrated by Hanuman's dual roles as a devout supporter and a celestial figure. This principle affirms that true devotion to righteousness and service eradicates any innate caste hierarchy and emphasizes how every person in Sanatana Dharma is respected for their inner traits and contributions.

Lord Rama's life and character a guiding light for humanity

Indeed, Lord Rama's life and character have long been held as a guiding light for humanity. His unwavering commitment to dharma, his compassion, humility, and willingness to sacrifice personal gains for the greater good offer enduring lessons on moral integrity and righteous leadership. Rama's example encourages us to strive for a life of duty, selflessness, and justice—principles that continue to resonate across cultures and generations.

A king should be like a saint, willing to give up power and pleasures.

Lord Sri Ram embodies the essence of Sanatana Dharma — upholding righteousness, duty, and compassion in every aspect of life. He demonstrated deep respect for parents, obeying their wishes without question, even when it meant sacrificing his throne and comforts of the palace. In contrast, history records many rulers who imprisoned their fathers or killed their



brothers for power. Had they studied the life of Rama, perhaps they would have chosen the path of dharma over ambition.

Did not depend on the palace army and made the tribals as army.

Rama embraced both palace and forest life with the same grace — never once expressing disappointment. Even when he set out to rescue Sita Mata, he did not call upon his royal army or his brother Bharata, who was ruling in his absence. Instead, he stood with the vanaras (forest dwellers), transformed them into a powerful force, and embraced them as his equals, declaring, "They are no less

than my brothers. This shows that true leadership is not about status or wealth, but about commitment, integrity, and a connection to the people. Rama valued public sentiment, stood by his word, and led by example.

The Champion of tribal empowerment transformed them into warriors, raising their status to match his divine standing.

Lord Rama transformed the lives of forest dwellers by turning the Vanaras into a formidable army against the mystic demons of Lanka. Among these brave warriors, Hanuman—originally a Vanara—was elevated to

a divine status, revered as equal to the Lord Rama himself. This honor is a profound reminder of Rama's commitment to inclusivity; every temple of Lord Rama proudly displays a statue of Lord Hanuman, celebrating his divine contribution.

Furthermore, during the Treta Yuga, when Lord Rama incarnated as Lord Krishna, the presence of a flag bearing Hanuman's image on Lord Krishna's war chariot during the Kurukshetra battle underscored the highest respect for forest dweller the Lord Hanuman. This gesture exemplifies the essence of Sanatana Dharma—a society that transcends caste barriers and uplifts even the most marginalized. By bestowing the highest honors upon tribal warriors, Sanatana Dharma stands as a testament to equality, justice, and the empowerment of the downtrodden.

Conveyed the message to the world that skills and commitment will be honoured, not the one's birth caste.

The Ramayana indeed elevates vanaras the tribal beings—by highlighting their courage, loyalty, and commitment to duty. Their celebrated roles suggest that qualities such as efficiency, valor, and adherence to dharma are far more significant than the circumstances of one's birth. This narrative supports the idea that in the broader principles of Sanatana Dharma, intrinsic virtue and moral action are held in higher esteem than social hierarchies or caste distinctions. It's important to recognize that while the epic emphasizes these universal values, the evolution of social structures

in later periods sometimes introduced more rigid interpretations of caste. Nonetheless, the core message of the Ramayana serves as a reminder that true nobility arises from one's actions and character, not merely from inherited status. In Lord Rama's legacy, we find a profound lesson: true strength lies not in birth or privilege, but in the courage and spirit of every individual, regardless of their origins.

Proved that bare footed Vanaras the tribal beings can build mighty bridge on ocean, an impossible task

The construction of Ram Setu, a bridge across the ocean built by bare-foot vanaras with nothing but stones and faith, is a testament that no goal

is impossible when confidence and unity lead the way. Rama encouraged Hanuman to realize his own divine strength — a reminder that a good leader inspires others to discover their inner power. His rule was one of justice, inclusivity, and equality, where caste had no place, and every being was treated with dignity.

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Dr Buragadda Srinadh

Waqf Amendment Bill 2025: Balancing Justice, Reform, and Rights



The Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2025, officially titled the UMEED Act, represents a landmark step towards streamlining the management of Waqf properties while upholding justice, transparency, and constitutional safeguards. More than a simple amendment, the Act aims to rectify long-standing administrative and legal loopholes in India's Waqf system. The Act abolishes Section 40 of the original 1995 Waqf Act, which allowed Waqf Boards to unilaterally declare any property as Waqf land, often without due process. This provision had led to thousands of disputes and was criticized by the Sachar Committee in 2006 for undermining justice. The 2025 amendment replaces this arbitrary system with a structured legal mechanism: district collectors now have the authority to adjudicate such matters, with a right to appeal to the High Court within 90 days. Home Minister Amit Shah emphasized this during parliamentary debate, underscoring that clause 35(9) of the new bill introduces statutory appeals and aligns with Article 14's principles of equality and Article 32's protection of legal remedies. The claim that the bill undermines Waqf's inalienable status is countered by judicial precedents that distinguish religious practice from administrative functions. In *Sardar Syedna Taher Saifuddin Saheb v. State of Bombay* (1962), the Supreme Court clarified that

governance tasks do not equate to worship. The 2025 Act introduces a 12-year limitation period for claims, mirroring the Limitation Act, 1963, thus preventing indefinite litigation and potentially unlocking around 9.4 lakh acres of land worth ₹1.2 lakh crore. This land, currently tied up in over 13,000 pending cases, could be redirected towards educational and healthcare initiatives benefiting economically disadvantaged sections of the Muslim community. Another reformative step is the inclusion of two Muslim women on every Waqf Board, addressing the historical underrepresentation—only 2% female participation noted by the Sachar Committee. This democratization aligns with Articles 15(3) and 16(2), which support affirmative action and gender equity in public institutions. The Act also introduces limited representation for non-Muslims—two of the 11 members on a Waqf Board—to enhance transparency, without infringing on religious autonomy, as permitted under *S.R. Bommai v. Union of India* (1994). Claims under Article 26—that the bill interferes with religious practices—are further dispelled through precedents like *Raja Bira Kishore Deb v. State of Orissa* (1964) and *Durgah Committee, Ajmer v. Syed Hussain Ali* (1961), where the Supreme Court upheld state regulation of secular aspects of religious institutions.

Karnataka's Pay Hike for Crorepati Lawmakers

In a move that has sparked widespread criticism, the Karnataka government has approved a sweeping pay hike for its legislators—even as the state grapples with a mounting financial crisis. On March 21, the Congress-led Assembly passed bills doubling salaries and allowances for the Chief Minister, ministers, and members of both legislative houses. The Chief Minister's monthly salary was raised from ₹75,000 to ₹1.5 lakh, while ministers now receive ₹1.25 lakh, up from ₹60,000. MLAs and MLCs have seen their pay double from ₹40,000 to ₹80,000. Even pensions have been hiked from ₹37,500 to ₹75,000 per month. Altogether, this revision

is projected to cost the state an additional ₹62 crore annually.

This pay hike comes at a time when the state is struggling with debt that has surged past ₹7.6 lakh crore. Despite a record revenue collection of ₹2.6 lakh crore (excluding borrowings) for 2025–26, a major chunk—₹1.6 lakh crore—is earmarked for salaries, pensions, and interest payments. Another ₹2 lakh crore is needed to sustain welfare schemes, leaving just ₹60,000 crore (about 15% of the budget) for infrastructure and development projects. Consequently, the state has resorted to



borrowing to keep basic services running. The decision to reward lawmakers so generously seems all the more tone-deaf when placed against the backdrop of their personal wealth. According to a recent report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), Karnataka has the highest number of ultra-wealthy MLAs in India, with 31 legislators possessing assets exceeding ₹100 crore. The state's MLAs have an average net worth of ₹63.5 crore, and a staggering 97% of sitting MLAs are crorepatis. Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar alone has declared assets worth over ₹1,413 crore, making him the richest legislator in the state and

the second richest in India.

Among Congress MLAs, 132 out of 135 are crorepatis, with an average wealth of ₹67.13 crore. BJP MLAs also follow suit—63 of 66 are in the same category, averaging ₹44.36 crore. Janata Dal (Secular) is not far behind, with 18 of its 19 MLAs owning assets worth over ₹1 crore. In this context, the state's generous pay hike appears unnecessary and sends a message of detachment from the financial realities faced by ordinary citizens.

Meanwhile, the government's welfare schemes are under stress. Payments under flagship initiatives such as the Gruha Lakshmi Yojane have reportedly been delayed for five months. Pending dues to electricity supply companies (Escoms) remain unpaid, and Local Area Development Fund allocations to MLAs are stuck. Public infrastructure projects, including metro and bus services, are struggling due to lack of funds.

PM Modi Receives Sri Lanka's Top Honour



Prime Minister Narendra Modi was honoured with Sri Lanka's highest civilian award, the 'Mitra Vibhushana' medal, on Saturday for his outstanding role in enhancing India-Sri Lanka relations. The award was conferred shortly after Modi landed in Colombo for a three-day official visit. This prestigious honour recognizes Modi's exceptional contributions to strengthening bilateral ties and nurturing the shared cultural and spiritual heritage between India and Sri Lanka. According to the Sri Lankan President's Office, the Mitra Vibhushana medal was specially instituted to acknowledge extraordinary global friendships and reflects the depth of the longstanding ties between the two nations. This event also marks a diplomatic milestone, as Prime

Minister Modi is the first international leader to be officially hosted by Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake since he assumed office in September 2024. The warm welcome and the honour bestowed upon Modi underscore Colombo's strategic emphasis on deepening its engagement with New Delhi. Notably, this is the 22nd international honour Modi has received from a foreign government, further solidifying his stature as a respected global statesman. The recognition from Sri Lanka adds to a growing list of accolades for his proactive foreign policy and leadership in regional cooperation. President Dissanayake highlighted Modi's pivotal role in championing regional unity and acknowledged India's consistent support in areas ranging

from infrastructure development to humanitarian aid and cultural exchange. The medal ceremony also served as a symbolic reaffirmation of the two nations' shared historical legacy rooted in Buddhism, trade, and people-to-people connections. During his visit, PM Modi is expected to hold bilateral meetings with top Sri Lankan leaders, address issues related to economic collaboration, energy partnerships, and regional security, and participate in cultural events celebrating India-Sri Lanka friendship. The honour reinforces India's status as a key partner for Sri Lanka in its pursuit of stability, growth, and post-crisis recovery, while also reflecting PM Modi's growing diplomatic footprint in South Asia and beyond.

Dhoni Retirement Buzz Grows Louder

speculation is mounting around ms dhoni's potential retirement from the indian premier league (ipl), especially after a rare appearance by his parents at the chepauk stadium ahead of chennai super kings' clash against delhi capitals. fans and netizens have taken to social media, suggesting that the 43-year-old legend could be preparing to make a major announcement following tonight's match. the presence of dhoni's family, which is uncommon during regular season games, has only fueled retirement rumors. the speculation comes at a time when the chennai super kings (csk) are under pressure, having lost their last two matches. dhoni, who has been more selective in his appearances on the field, faced criticism for coming in too late during the team's 50-run defeat against royal challengers bangalore, a match where the chase was already out of reach by the time he stepped in. despite the recent slump, dhoni's ipl legacy remains unmatched. he is the only captain to have led a team to over 100 wins in the tournament and boasts the highest number of matches as a skipper—226 games. over the course of his illustrious career, he has played 267 ipl matches, scored 5,289 runs, and holds a batting average of 39.18 with a strike rate



of 137.70. specifically with csk, dhoni has appeared in 237 matches, amassing 4,715 runs with an even better average of 40.30 and strike rate of 139.46. as fans await clarity, delhi capitals captain axar patel won the toss in saturday's match and opted to bat first, aiming for a third consecutive victory. delhi brought

in sameer rizvi to replace the unavailable faf du plessis, while csk replaced devon conway with jamie overton and brought in rahul tripathi for mukesh choudhary. whether this is dhoni's final match or not, tonight's game could be a defining moment in the history of one of ipl's greatest icons.

BookMyShow Drops Kunal Kamra Content

Online ticketing platform BookMyShow has reportedly removed all content related to stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra from its website. The move follows a complaint letter from Yuva Shiv Sena leader Rahool N Kanal, who raised objections to Kamra's controversial content, particularly a recent joke that was labeled as "anti-national" by critics. According to reports by India Today, Kamra's profile has been removed, and no upcoming shows featuring the comedian are currently listed on the platform. This action comes in the wake of a letter dated April 2, in which Rahool Kanal urged BookMyShow to refrain from promoting or selling tickets for Kamra's performances. Kanal described Kamra as someone with a "documented history of habitual offensive behavior," alleging that his content consistently crosses the line of decency and decorum. In his letter, Kanal wrote, "I am addressing this letter in my individual capacity as a concerned citizen to bring to your attention a matter of significant public interest concerning the operations of BookMyShow." He went on to say that Kamra has used his platform to engage in a "vil-



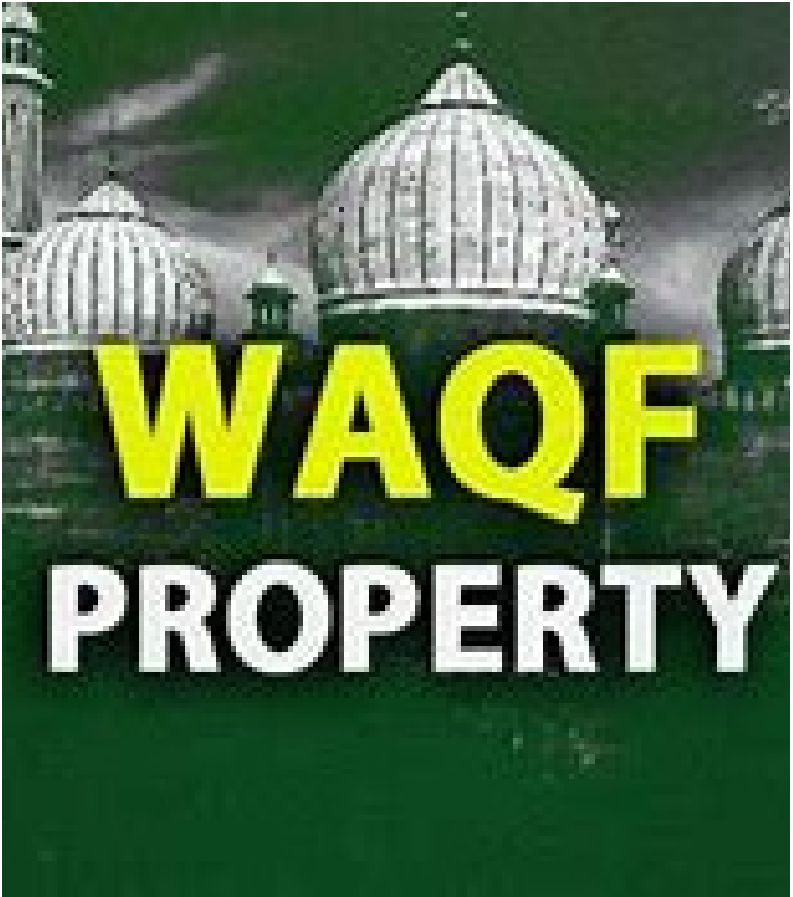
ification campaign" targeting prominent public figures, including the Prime Minister, deputy chief ministers, and other leaders. The controversy reportedly stems from a recent stand-up routine where Kamra cracked a joke that some interpreted as mocking national sentiment and leadership. Social media users and certain political outfits criticized the content, labeling it "traitorous," sparking calls for a boycott and further amplifying demands for action against the comedian. While Kunal Kamra has not officially responded to BookMyShow's action or the political letter, he has been known to defend his right to free speech in the past, often pointing out the role of satire in a healthy democracy. The incident has once again sparked a debate around censorship, freedom of expression, and political influence in entertainment spaces. BookMyShow has yet to issue a public statement on the matter.

Violence Erupts at Bokaro Plant Protest

Tensions flared in Bokaro on Thursday as a protest demanding employment at the Bokaro Steel Plant (BSP) turned violent, resulting in the tragic death of a 23-year-old youth and injuries to at least 15 others, including one person currently in the ICU. The deceased, Prem Mahto, was part of a demonstration organized by the Visthapit Apprentice Sangh (VAS)—a union representing youth displaced during the establishment of the steel plant. Mahto allegedly succumbed to injuries after being struck on the head during a CISF lathi charge as protesters tried to breach barricades near the plant's main gate. The protest triggered a city-wide shutdown from Thursday night and brought plant operations to a standstill, with thousands of workers stranded inside. Authorities responded quickly to the escalating situation. Bokaro Deputy Commissioner Vijaya Jadhav confirmed that a three-member inquiry committee has been formed to investigate the incident. An order has also been issued for the arrest of the BSP's Chief General Manager. The district administration has announced a compensation of ₹20 lakh for

Mahto's family. The roots of the unrest lie in long-standing grievances of displaced families. According to protester Sahdev Sao, the plant was set up in 1967-68 on 34,000 acres of acquired land with promises of over 20,000 jobs for displaced locals. However, many of these promises remain unfulfilled. "We've been demanding jobs since 2016. Back then, we even breached the canal in protest, which led to the arrest of 52 protesters for seven months," said Sao. Another youth, speaking anonymously, stated that in 2016, the government identified 4,328 displaced persons eligible for employment. However, only 1,500 were offered apprenticeships between 2016 and 2022, with the number of recruitments decreasing in each phase. Despite an official meeting held in February, no progress followed. Frustrated by delays, youth and their families launched a fresh sit-in protest on April 3, which ultimately culminated in Thursday's violent confrontation. The incident has raised serious concerns over the state's handling of displacement and job promises tied to industrial development.

Waqf Bill Passed, 8.8 Lakh Properties Listed



The waqf (amendment) bill 2025 has been passed by parliament with ease in both houses, ushering in new rules that may affect over 73,000 disputed waqf properties across the country. the bill, which underwent more than 12 hours of debate, marks a major update in how waqf assets—properties endowed by muslims for religious or charitable purposes—are recorded and managed. according to data from the ministry of minority affairs, there are a total of 8.8 lakh waqf properties listed across 30 states and union territories, based on entries in the waqf assets management system of india (wamsi), the government's official database. out of the total, more than 6.2 lakh properties—roughly two-thirds—are classified as graveyards, agricultural land, mosques, shops, or houses. graveyards make up 17.3%, while agricultural land and mosques account for 16% and 14%, respectively.

n interestingly, while up has the most waqf properties, punjab has the highest proportion of disputed properties, suggesting sharp regional contrasts in land contention. these disputes now fall under the new framework of the amended legislation. a waqf is a unique form of property in islamic tradition, where the ownership is believed to rest with god, while the property is managed for a religious, charitable, or community purpose. the amended bill is expected to bring greater transparency, digitization, and dispute resolution mechanisms. the move has stirred public debate and political activity, particularly in regions with ongoing land disputes involving waqf properties. in some areas, the passage of the bill has even triggered shifts in local political affiliations, including christian groups joining the bjp amid related disputes.

Waqf properties by type

Top 5 types of waqf properties

Graveyard	152,523
Agricultural Land	140,778
Mosque	121,653
Shop	115,964
House	92,868

Source: WAMSI • Created with Datawrapper

JP Morgan Predicts U.S. Recession Due to New Tariffs; India's Exports May Be Impacted

- **U.S. GDP expected to shrink and unemployment may rise to 5.3%.**
- **Fed Chair Powell warns tariffs could worsen inflation and slow growth.**
- **India faces a 26% tariff on exports starting April 9.**

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

JP Morgan has forecasted that the United States is likely to enter a recession this year, primarily driven by the economic effects of newly imposed tariffs, as announced by President Donald Trump. In a note to investors released on Friday, Michael

Feroli, the firm's chief U.S. economist, predicted that the country's gross domestic product (GDP) will contract due to the weight of these tariffs.

Feroli further stated that this economic downturn could push the U.S. unemployment rate to 5.3%, as a result of reduced economic activity. This prediction comes after Presi-

dent Trump revealed on April 2 that his administration would be imposing reciprocal tariffs on various countries as part of a broader strategy to rebalance trade relations with major U.S. trading partners.

The Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell also voiced concerns over the potential impact of the new tariffs. During a business journalism conference on Friday, Powell warned that these tariffs could cause more significant economic damage than previously anticipated.

He explained that the tariff hikes would likely lead to higher inflation and slower economic growth, complicating the Federal Reserve's ongoing

efforts to control inflation.

According to Trump's tariff plan, a 10% tariff will be applied to imports from all countries beginning on April 5. Additionally, countries with the largest trade deficits with the U.S. will face individualized, higher tariffs starting April 9. India, in particular, will be affected by a 26% tariff on its exports.

Despite this negative outlook, global brokerage firm Jefferies has taken a more optimistic view regarding the impact on India.

The firm noted that key sectors of Indian exports, such as information technology (IT) services, pharmaceuticals, and automobiles, will not be directly affected by the new tariffs.



However, Jefferies warned that a potential slowdown in the U.S. economy could still negatively impact Indian exports, particularly in IT services, due to weakened de-

mand. While the 26% tariff on Indian goods may seem "reasonable" compared to other countries' tariffs, the broader economic challenges in the U.S. could pose greater risks.

Death Toll from Myanmar Earthquake Surpasses 3,300, UN Urges Global Aid

TPN Correspondent | Yangon, Myanmar

The death toll from the devastating earthquake in Myanmar has risen to over 3,300, according to state media reports on Saturday. The earthquake, which struck on March 28, caused widespread destruction across the country, leaving 3,354 people dead and over 4,500 injured. Additionally, 220 people are still missing, with many survivors left without shelter.

Over a week after the disaster, survivors are still struggling to find adequate housing. Many are sleeping outdoors as their homes were either destroyed or are too unsafe to occupy due to the risk of further collapses. According to a United Nations estimate, more than three million people have been affected by the 7.7-magnitude quake, exacerbating the country's already dire situation, which has been complicated by four years of ongoing civil war.

The UN's top aid official, Tom Fletcher, visited the city of Mandalay, which is located near the earthquake's epicenter and has sustained signif-



icant damage. He described the destruction as "staggering" and called for the international community to urgently support Myanmar's recovery efforts.

The new death toll was announced following the return of Myanmar's military junta leader, Min Aung Hlaing, from a regional summit in Bangkok. His attendance at the summit was met with controversy, as protesters accused him of being a "murderer," and anti-junta groups condemned his presence.

The military junta has been in power since a 2021 coup that ousted the civilian government of Aung San Suu Kyi, sparking a

violent conflict that continues to this day.

Despite the ongoing internal conflict, international aid is slowly reaching Myanmar. Neighboring countries like China, Russia, and India were among the first to provide rescue teams to help locate survivors. In addition to earlier contributions, the United States has pledged an additional \$7 million in aid to support relief efforts.

The prolonged fighting in Myanmar has left the country's infrastructure and economy in tatters, significantly hindering global aid efforts in the aftermath of the earthquake.

Nationwide Protests Planned Against Trump and Musk's Administration

TPN Correspondent | US

Opponents of President Donald Trump and billionaire Elon Musk are gearing up for widespread protests across the United States on Saturday, aiming to voice their opposition to the administration's policies on government downsizing, the economy, human rights, and various other issues.

The protests, which are being organized under the banner "Hands Off!", will see over 1,200 demonstrations take place nationwide. These rallies have been planned by more than 150 groups, including civil rights organizations, labor unions, LGBTQ+ advocates, veterans, and fair elections activists. The events are set to take place in major cities, including the National Mall in Washington, D.C., state capitols, and various other locations throughout all 50 states.

The demonstrations come in response to what protesters see as harmful government policies and corporate practices that disproportionately impact marginalized communities and working-class Americans. Protesters are expected to highlight a range of issues, includ-

ing government budget cuts, the erosion of civil liberties, climate change denial, and corporate influence on politics. Many of the activists involved have expressed concerns about Musk's business practices and his growing influence, particularly his role in the tech industry and its intersections with politics.

The "Hands Off!" protests aim to create a unified voice against policies that critics say threaten social justice, the economy, and the environment. With rallies organized across the country, participants are hoping to send a strong message to the administration, demanding accountability and advocating for changes that prioritize the welfare of everyday Americans.

The demonstrations are expected to draw a diverse group of participants, each bringing their own grievances and concerns to the forefront. Organizers hope that these rallies will galvanize public sentiment and



encourage political action leading into upcoming elections. The protests also serve as a reflection of the ongoing national debate over government power, corporate influence, and the future direction of the United States.

Yoon's removal has also sparked concerns about the future stability of the government. South Korea's constitution requires the holding of a new presidential election within two months, and political parties are already gearing up for a highly charged electoral battle.

In the meantime, South Korea's prime minister will serve as the acting head of state until the election can be held, ensuring that the government continues to function despite the political upheaval.

North Korea leader Kim Jong Un visits military training base

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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un visited a military training base of the Korean People's Army's special operations units on April 4, 2025, as reported by state media on April 5. During the visit, Kim observed a general tactical training session and a small-arms shooting contest, which involved combatants from various special operation units under the ongoing training program.

Kim Jong Un emphasized the importance of strengthening North Korea's special operations forces as a key aspect of the nation's current military strategy. The state news agency KCNA quoted him as saying that enhancing these forces is central to his vision of building a more formidable military. However, KCNA did not reveal specific details regarding the tasks Kim outlined to improve the operational capabilities of these units.

As part of his visit, Kim also oversaw the test-fire of a newly developed sniper rifle, designed for use by the special operations units. Kim expressed



satisfaction with the rifle's performance, highlighting the success of the weapon, which was developed using North Korean technology.

The visit comes amid increasing concerns about North Korea's military activities, including its deployment of special operations forces to Russia to participate in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. According to South Korea, North Korean troops have been stationed in Russia to support Russian forces. This deployment was initially downplayed by both Moscow and Pyongyang, but in October 2024, Russian President Vladimir Putin did not deny the presence of North Korean troops on the battlefield, while a North Korean official con-

firmed that such a deployment would be in accordance with international law.

Analysts suggest that North Korea may be gaining valuable experience by contributing troops and weapons to the conflict in Ukraine, potentially using these insights to strengthen its own military forces. However, Ukrainian officials have reported heavy casualties among the North Korean troops involved.

Kim Jong Un's inspection of the special operations units and his focus on enhancing their capabilities further underline his commitment to developing North Korea's military strength amidst ongoing regional and international tensions.

Trump Imposes 25% Tariff on Imported Vehicles to the U.S.

President Donald Trump has unveiled a new 25% tariff on cars and car parts that are imported into the United States, marking a significant change from the current 2.5% import tax. This decision is part of the administration's broader economic strategy aimed at boosting domestic production and protecting American industries from foreign competition.

The tariff will apply to vehicles and car components from countries outside the U.S., further intensifying trade tensions with global partners. While the policy is intended to encourage more car manufacturing within the U.S., it raises concerns about the potential for higher consumer prices and strained relations with trading partners. The new tariff policy follows a series of similar trade measures introduced by Trump since taking office. The administration has implemented tariffs on various goods, including steel and aluminum, in an effort to protect U.S. manufacturers from what it sees as unfair competition. However, critics argue that these tariffs could



harm American consumers by raising the cost of imported goods, leading to higher prices for cars and car parts in the domestic market.

In his announcement, President Trump expressed confidence that the new tariff would lead to "tremendous growth" in the U.S. car industry. The administration believes that by making foreign-made cars more expensive, American manufacturers will have a competitive advantage, potentially leading to job creation and increased production within the country.

The impact of the tariff will extend beyond the U.S.,

with countries like the United Kingdom and other car-exporting nations potentially facing higher costs for their vehicles and parts sold to the U.S. market. These countries may seek to negotiate exemptions or retaliate with tariffs of their own, which could lead to further trade disruptions.

As the situation develops, the full impact of these tariffs on global trade and consumer prices remains to be seen. The move highlights the Trump administration's focus on protecting U.S. industries, but it also underscores the complexities of global trade in a highly interconnected economy.

Tata Capital files for confidential IPO with Sebi, eyes ₹15,000 cr listing

Tata Capital, the financial services arm of the Tata Group, has submitted a confidential pre-filing for its initial public offering (IPO) to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi). This step marks the beginning of the group's plan to list its financial subsidiary while ensuring the protection of sensitive business information, according to reports from Moneycontrol.

Tata Capital, a non-banking financial services (NBFC) company and a subsidiary of Tata Sons, has hired 10 investment banks to advise on the IPO. These include prominent institutions such as Kotak Mahindra Capital, Citi, JP Morgan, Axis Capital, ICICI Securities, HSBC

Securities, IIFL Capital, BNP Paribas, SBI Capital, and HDFC Bank.

The IPO will likely include a mixture of primary and secondary share offerings. Tata Sons and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) plan to reduce their stakes in the company. However, Tata Sons is expected to retain a significant role in the stake sale, ensuring its continued influence in the business. On February 25, the board of Tata Capital approved the IPO, which will feature a fresh issue of up to 230 million shares alongside the offer for sale by existing shareholders. The success of the IPO will depend on market conditions and regulatory approvals.

As of March 31, 2024, Tata Sons held 92.83% of Tata Capital, with the remaining shares owned by other Tata Group entities and IFC. A recent Fitch Ratings report suggests that the public listing will not reduce Tata Sons' stake below 75% in the foreseeable future.

Tata Capital's IPO represents a significant move for the Tata Group, which continues to expand its footprint in various sectors. The listing will provide an opportunity for public investors to participate in the company's growth while also enhancing the financial services business's market presence.



India remains attractive destination for global capital: Experts



India continues to stand as an appealing destination for global capital, buoyed by a strong economic outlook, progressive policy reforms, and a resilient market, experts said on Saturday.

Despite the recent reciprocal tariffs imposed by the US on Indian goods, experts noted that these measures remain relatively modest compared to other Asian countries. This situation preserves India's competitive edge and provides a strong proposition for viable export opportunities.

Manoj Purohit, Partner and Leader, FS Tax, Tax and Regulatory Services at BDO India, highlighted India's position as one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. He noted that India benefits from a large consumer market, a skilled workforce, and a government that is committed to implementing business-friendly reforms. The government's emphasis on infrastructure, digital growth, and ease of doing business has further bolstered investor confidence.

One of the recent steps in reinforcing India's investment climate was the RBI's decision to maintain the existing corporate bond and G-sec limits for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs). This move signals the government's

intent to keep India's market accessible to offshore investors, ensuring continued foreign inflows.

Trade diversification and strategic partnerships have also created new avenues for investment, making India an attractive market for long-term investment despite potential short-term challenges such as tariffs. Purohit pointed out that India's robust economic fundamentals make it resilient to temporary disruptions like rising inflation, tight earnings, and high valuations.

Market participants are closely monitoring the potential long-term effects of proposed tariffs, along with upcoming announcements from the RBI regarding its monetary policy stance. There is anticipation of a possible rate cut, which could influence investment strategies in the next cycle.

The upcoming week is critical, with key domestic and global events on the horizon. Investors are likely to track developments related to tariff tensions, and domestic economic indicators, including the IIP and CPI data, will be closely watched. Additionally, the Q4 earnings season kicks off with IT giant TCS scheduled to announce its results on April 10.

Market Outlook for FY26

Cautious Start Amid US Tariff Hikes and Geopolitical Concerns

The new financial year (FY26) has begun on a cautious note, largely driven by the unexpected imposition of higher tariffs by the US, market experts noted on Saturday. While the initial market sentiment remains subdued, any positive developments from the ongoing India-US bilateral trade talks could provide a potential catalyst to support the market's recovery. Sectors like IT and metals have significantly underperformed compared to the broader market, reflecting growing concerns about the US economy's outlook and the possibility of retaliatory trade actions from other countries. Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Investments Limited, highlighted that investors will be closely watching for any countermeasures taken by global trade partners, which could escalate geopolitical and economic uncertainty. This cautious sentiment is reflected in the rally of gold and bond prices, as investors flock to safe-haven assets in response to the growing risk of a trade war. On Friday, benchmark indices ex-



tended their losses, with the Nifty falling 345.65 points, or 1.49%, to 22,904.45. The fear of a trade war, fueled by US President Donald Trump's reciprocal tariffs, has led to widespread concern that aggressive trade policies could result in retaliatory measures, disrupt global supply chains, and hinder global economic growth.

The broader markets experienced a sharp decline, with the Nifty Midcap 100 and Nifty Smallcap 100 indices dropping 2.91% and 3.56%, respectively. All sectoral indices faced signifi-

cant losses, particularly IT, Auto, Pharma, PSU Bank, Realty, Oil and Gas, and Metals, which saw declines between 3% and 6%.

Market analysts suggest that the key support level for the Nifty lies around 22,700-22,800. Holding above this level will be crucial for a potential recovery towards the previous week's high of 23,565. However, failure to maintain support could lead to a further decline, potentially reaching 22,300.

In the coming week, investors will also focus on the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy meeting and the resumption of the Q4 FY25 earnings season. A positive outcome from the MPC meeting could benefit rate-sensitive sectors, while key economic indicators, such as inflation figures and US jobless claims, will offer critical insights into the health of the global economy.

India Ranks 10th in Private AI Investment, Improves Position in Tech Readiness:UN

India has emerged as a significant player in the global AI landscape, ranking 10th in private investments in AI in 2023, according to the United Nations' 2025 Technology and Innovation Report. The report, published by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), highlights that India is one of only two developing countries with substantial private AI investments, alongside China.

The report reveals that the US leads global AI investment, contributing USD 67 billion, which accounts for 70% of worldwide private investment. China follows in second place with USD 7.8 billion, while India ranks tenth with USD 1.4 billion. This marks a notable achievement for India in the evolving field of AI, with the technology expect-

ed to reach a market value of USD 4.8 trillion by 2033, transforming industries worldwide.

India has also shown improvement in the UNCTAD's Readiness for Frontier Technologies Index, rising from 48th place in 2022 to 36th in 2024. This index measures a country's ability to adopt and deploy cutting-edge technologies, combining factors like ICT deployment, research and development (R&D), skills, industrial capacity, and access to finance. India performed particularly well in R&D, ranking 3rd globally, but still faces challenges in ICT infrastructure (99th) and skills development (113th).

Despite these challenges, the report notes that India, along with other de-

veloping countries like China and Brazil, is outperforming its income level in technology readiness. The report emphasizes that AI and other frontier technologies, while offering productivity gains, could also exacerbate inequality if not managed properly. To mitigate this risk, the report stresses the importance of investing in workforce reskilling and adaptation.

AI is expected to reshape global economies, and while access to AI infrastructure remains concentrated in a few developed countries, nations like India are beginning to carve out their place in the AI revolution. The future, according to the report, will require global collaboration to ensure that AI benefits not just capital but workers as well, creating new industries and jobs.

Companies defend India's startup proposition after Piyush Goyal's jibe stirs debate

Several prominent Indian entrepreneurs rallied in defense of the startup ecosystem after Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal questioned the value and innovation of Indian startups. His remarks, made at a recent Startup Mahakumbh event, sparked a debate, especially from figures like Zepto CEO Aadit Palicha and Zoho founder Sridhar Vembu, who defended the contributions of startups in India.

Goyal had suggested that Indian startups should shift focus from consumer-based businesses like food delivery and ice cream production to high-tech sectors such as robotics, AI, and semi-

conductors. He criticized food delivery startups for creating jobs that, in his view, only turned youth into "cheap labor" for wealthy consumers. He further pointed to China's advancements in electric mobility and AI as a model for India to aspire to, urging Indian startups to be bolder in their approach.

Palicha, who co-founded Zepto, hit back, emphasizing that consumer internet companies like his have made significant contributions to job creation, foreign direct investment (FDI), and innovation in India's supply chain. He noted that Zepto alone



had created over 1.5 lakh jobs and contributed more than ₹1,000 crore in taxes annually. "We need to build great local champions in the internet sector," he argued, suggesting that consumer internet companies were integral to scaling technologies like cloud computing and AI, as seen with global giants like Amazon and Facebook.

Zoho's Sridhar Vembu supported Palicha, viewing Goyal's challenge as a call for engineers to solve India's technological hurdles. Vembu emphasized that smart engineers could overcome these challenges and bring India clos-

er to technological excellence.

Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma also chimed in, highlighting the maturity differences between India's startup ecosystem and those of more developed markets like the U.S. and China. He noted that India's ecosystem is still evolving, and its startups are playing to their strengths as they gradually mature.

While Goyal's remarks stirred controversy, the entrepreneurs underscored that India's startup ecosystem, though still developing, holds vast potential for future innovation and growth.

Why This Man Hates Mumbai Living

Mumbai, often hailed as the city of dreams, doesn't always live up to that reputation—at least not for everyone. A recent post on Reddit has gone viral after a man shared his deep regret about relocating from Delhi to Mumbai for work. Just a month into his new life, he's already contemplating a transfer to Gurgaon. In his post, the user vents about the harsh realities of adjusting to Mumbai life, with sky-high rents, perpetual construction, and an overwhelming population being top of the list. The man explained that renting a flat in Mumbai is a far more complicated ordeal compared to Delhi. While in Delhi, one can simply pay and move in, in Mumbai, the process includes meeting multiple people and often dealing with rigid housing societies that impose strict regulations—especially on bachelors. He pointed fingers at “society uncles” who he claimed interfere excessively in the personal lives of tenants. Rules like “no female guests overnight” or “no male friends staying too long” are imposed even after paying steep rents. The user's frustrations extended to the overall vibe of the city as well. He noted that despite assuming Mumbai and Delhi wouldn't be too different culturally, he finds Mumbaikars to be far more conservative than he expected. The constant noise, dust, and the city being in a state of construction all the time have left him yearning for the comparatively freer lifestyle of Delhi or the comfort of Gurgaon. His post resonated with several others who have either faced similar issues or feel the struggle of adapting to Mumbai's intense housing and social environment. While Mumbai offers opportunities and energy, for some, like this user, the cost—both financial and emotional—may outweigh the dream



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West Bengal Man Builds ‘Bed Car’

The internet has once again been left amazed by the brilliance of Indian “jugaad” after a man from West Bengal turned an ordinary bed into a fully functional car. In a now-viral video from Murshidabad, Nawab Sheikh can be seen cruising down the road—not in a traditional vehicle, but in what appears to be a bed on wheels. The sight has not only amused passing motorists but also sparked widespread curiosity and admiration online. The video, widely shared on Instagram, shows Mr. Sheikh confidently behind the wheel of his unconventional ride. What was once a standard bed has been ingeniously transformed into a mobile vehicle, complete with four wheels, a motor, and a functional steering system. The setup even includes



brakes, ensuring it's not just a quirky prop but a fully operational mode of transportation.

Adding to the charm of the invention are the details: a proper mattress, a colorful bedsheet, fluffy pillows, and hilariously, side mirrors mounted on the footboard—blending comfort with functionality in the most unexpected way. At one point during the video, Mr. Sheikh stands up on his creation to strike Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's iconic arms-wide-open pose before smoothly returning to his seat and continuing his drive.

The clip has become a viral sensation, drawing reactions that range from laughter to amazement. Many social media users have praised the creativity and engineering behind the “bed car,” calling it the ultimate symbol of Indian innovation. Others joked that Mr. Sheikh has achieved the dream of literally driving from bed.

While the invention may not be road-legal, it serves as a perfect example of how ingenuity, humor, and technical know-how can come together in the most entertaining and unexpected ways—proving once again that when it comes to desi jugaad, there are no limits.

Man Pets Cobra, Internet Stunned



In a scene that looks straight out of a surreal nature documentary, a man was captured on camera calmly interacting with a giant cobra, leaving viewers across the internet completely stunned. The viral video, posted on Instagram, showcases an encounter that defies logic and fear—one where mutual calm seems to replace instinctive panic. The clip begins with the man, dressed casually in a yellow T-shirt and blue jeans, crouching calmly in front of the massive snake. The cobra, hood raised and mouth agape, appears ready to defend itself—but the man shows no signs of fear or hesitation. Instead, he focuses intently and reach-

es out to gently touch the snake's head. The cobra reacts, but not in a hostile manner. The moment is tense, yet strangely peaceful.

As the cobra stands tall and circumspect, the man maintains his calm demeanor. He doesn't flinch or back away. Instead, in what has left many viewers breathless, he slowly leans in and touches his forehead to the cobra's head—a gesture that feels spiritual, almost like a silent exchange of trust or energy. The two remain still for a heartbeat before the man gently pulls back, unharmed and composed.

The internet was quick to react, with a mix of admiration, disbelief, and concern. While some praised

the man's courage and composure, others questioned the wisdom of engaging so closely with a venomous creature. Wildlife experts caution against such interactions, warning that even the calmest cobra is still dangerous and unpredictable.

Nevertheless, the video has sparked conversations about human-animal connections, fear, and respect for the wild. Whether seen as a daring stunt or a rare moment of harmony between species, the encounter is undeniably captivating. For now, the identity of the man remains unknown—but his fearless bond with one of nature's most feared creatures has made him an internet sensation

Viral Picnic Table Spans Three Nations

Imagine having lunch with one hand in Austria, your feet in Slovakia, and your back resting in Hungary. Sounds like a geography puzzle—but it's entirely possible thanks to a unique and now-viral picnic table placed at the precise spot where these three countries meet. Nestled in a quiet corner of Central Europe, this picnic site has captured the attention of travel enthusiasts and social media users alike. The table sits in a public park designed to celebrate the geographical junction of Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary, offering a rare and whimsical chance to be in three countries at once.

What makes this destination even more captivating is its artistic setting. The park is adorned with sculptures crafted by international artists, all centered around the theme of a triangle—a simple shape with profound symbolism in this context. Representing the unity and convergence of the three nations, the triangle becomes more

than just geometry; it's a symbol of connection, cooperation, and curiosity.

The concept isn't entirely new—places like the Four Corners in the United States, where Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah touch, have long attracted tourists for similar reasons. But the picnic table at this European tri-point brings a more relaxed, scenic charm to the concept. Visitors don't just pass by for a quick selfie—they stay for lunch, soak in the landscape, and marvel at the novelty of casually existing in multiple countries all at once.

Social media has played a key role in the picnic table's rising fame. Many who stumbled upon it online now dream of planning a trip there, lured by the idea of literally crossing borders with each bite of lunch. Whether you're a geography geek, an art lover, or just someone looking for a travel story worth telling, this table offers a passport-free way to connect across cultures—one meal at a time.



Sobbing Man Nabbed for Chicken Theft

In one of the most bizarre yet oddly emotional incidents to surface online, a video from Washington state has gone viral, showing a sobbing man being arrested in the woods after stealing his ex-girlfriend's pet chicken, Polly. The footage, released by the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, has left the internet both amused and bewildered.

According to the sheriff's report, the drama unfolded when a woman called 911 last week, alleging that her former partner had broken into her house and fled—clutching her beloved chicken. Witnesses say the man shouted, “I've got Polly!” sev-

eral times before making his escape. What followed was a short manhunt through a forested area near a main road.

The bodycam footage shows officers sweeping the area until they found the man hiding in the woods, visibly emotional and still holding Polly. “Don't hurt my chicken,” he cried, hugging the bird tightly. Remaining calm, one officer replied, “That's fine. Just hold your chicken. I'm not gonna hurt your chicken,” while instructing the man to show his hands and surrender. Despite the surreal nature of the situation, the arrest was handled with care. The

man eventually complied, walking out of his hiding place still in tears. Officers allowed him to gently place Polly in the back of the patrol vehicle before taking him into custody.

The police confirmed that Polly the chicken was safely returned to her rightful owner and was unharmed during the ordeal. While the motive behind the theft remains unclear, social media users have reacted with a mix of laughter and sympathy. Some joked about the “feathered custody battle,” while others praised the officers for their calm and compassionate response.





Delhi Capitals ended their 15-year winless streak at Chepauk with a commanding 25-run victory over Chennai Super Kings in the IPL 2025 clash held on Saturday. Led by KL Rahul's masterful knock, DC posted 183/6 before restricting CSK to 158/5 in their 20 overs. KL Rahul was the star of the match, delivering a classy yet aggressive innings of 77 runs off 51 balls, featuring six boundaries and three towering sixes. His composed approach anchored the Delhi innings and laid a solid foundation. Tristan Stubbs added a quickfire unbeaten 24 off

12 balls, but DC were denied a bigger total thanks to a tight final over by CSK's Matheesha Pathirana (1/31). In response, CSK's batting faltered under pressure as DC's bowlers kept things tight. Despite a packed MA Chidambaram Stadium cheering them on, the hosts couldn't chase down the target. This marks DC's third consecutive win in the season, while CSK continues to struggle for momentum.

Rajasthan Royals Crush Punjab Kings with 50-Run Victory

Rajasthan Royals handed Punjab Kings a disappointing welcome back to their new home ground in Mullanpur with a commanding 50-run win in their latest IPL 2025 clash. Batting first, Rajasthan Royals posted a competitive total of 189/6, thanks to skipper Sanju Samson's classy half-century and impactful contributions from Jos Buttler and Riyan Parag. Samson anchored the innings with well-timed strokes while maintaining a steady run rate. In reply, Punjab Kings struggled from the outset. RR's disciplined bowling attack, led by Trent Boult and Yuzvendra Chahal, dismantled the PBKS batting line-up, restricting them to just 139. Despite home support, PBKS failed to build any meaningful partnerships. This dominant win boosts RR's position on the



Sift Kaur Samra Clinches India's First Gold at ISSF World Cup 2025

India's 23-year-old shooting prodigy Sift Kaur Samra made headlines by winning the country's first gold medal at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Buenos Aires. Competing in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) final, Samra displayed nerves of steel and outstanding accuracy to clinch the top podium finish. Initially trailing Germany's Anita Mangold, Samra mounted a strong comeback in the latter stages of the 45-shot final, eventually finishing with an impressive score of 458.6. Mangold settled for silver with 455.3, while Kazakhstan's Arina Al-tukhova took bronze with 445.9. Samra, a student of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, and the current world record holder in this event, continues to shine on the global stage. Her win further solidifies her reputation as one of India's top shooting talents. The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) lauded her performance, describing it as "extraordinary" and a testament to her champion mindset. With this victory, Samra adds another feather to her cap following her record-breaking performance at the 2023 Asian Games, and boosts India's morale ahead of future international competitions.



"Didi Supports Me A Lot": Mahima Tete on Training with Sister Salima at Senior Camp

Rising hockey star Mahima Tete is making waves at the Senior National Camp in SAI, Bengaluru, where she trains alongside her elder sister and Indian team captain, Salima Tete. Mahima, who recently helped Hockey Jharkhand win the 15th Senior Women National Championship, is now focused on breaking into the senior national team. "I've always wanted to follow in my sister's footsteps. She supports me a lot during training and helps me improve," Mahima shared. Initially part of a 65-member core group, Ma-

hima impressed selectors and secured a spot in the final 40-member senior camp list. She acknowledges the leap in intensity from domestic play and aims to match the pace and fitness of international players. Despite being ill during the national championship final, Mahima played the full game, pushing herself to help her team win their first-ever gold. Looking ahead, she aims to work hard enough to earn a place in the starting line-up.



Manchester Derby Set for Showdown as United Seek Redemption Against City

Old Trafford will witness high-stakes drama on Sunday as Manchester United take on defending champions Manchester City in a much-anticipated derby clash in the 2024-25 Premier League season. Manchester United come into the contest on the back of a 1-0 defeat to Nottingham Forest and currently sit 13th in the standings with 37 points from 30 games. City, meanwhile, are in fifth place with 51 points from 30 matches, following a 2-0 win over Leicester City. Injury concerns loom large over both sides. United will be without key players including Luke Shaw, Kobbie Mainoo, Lisandro Martinez, Jonny Evans, Amad Diallo, and Ayden Heaven. City too face absences, with Rodri, Nathan Ake, John Stones, Manuel Akanji, and Oscar Bobb ruled out. Erling Haaland remains doubtful but may still feature. The Red Devils will be desperate for a turnaround in front of home fans, while Pep Guardiola's men look to strengthen their top-four hopes. A fiery Manchester derby awaits.



Barcelona, Real Madrid Legends Arrive in Mumbai for 'Legends Face-off' on April 6

Football fever is gripping Mumbai as legendary players from FC Barcelona and Real Madrid have arrived for the much-anticipated 'Legends Face-off', set to be held on April 6, 2025, at DY Patil Stadium. The event marks a major moment in Indian football history, bringing one of the sport's greatest rivalries to Indian soil. Former stars including Javier Saviola and Edmílson from Barcelona Legends, and Fernando Morientes and Pepe from Real Madrid Legends, addressed a pre-match press conference, expressing their excitement and admiration for India's growing passion for football. "I'm thrilled to be here. The energy in India is electric. We hope this match boosts football's popularity here," said Edmílson. Saviola added, "It's emotional to see our careers celebrated by Indian fans. I hope this inspires future footballers." The match promises to be more than nostalgia—it's a celebration of the beautiful game and its unifying power.



Rashmika Mandanna Birthday Celebrated by Film Teams



National crush Rashmika Mandanna celebrates her birthday today, receiving warm wishes from her upcoming film teams Kubera and The Girlfriend. The Kubera team, led by director Sekhar Kammula, shared a heartwarming BTS video from the sets. Meanwhile, The Girlfriend unit released the teaser of the song Reyi Lolothula, sung by Hesham Abdul Wahab, Chinmayi Sripada, and Vijay Deverakonda, with lyrics by Rakendu Mouli and a poetic touch by director Rahul Ravindran. Rahul shared the teaser on X, wishing Rashmika: “You are precious! May God bless you with love, joy, and health.” Produced by Allu Aravind, The Girlfriend stars Rashmika and Dheekshith Shetty. Kubera, featuring music by Devi Sri Prasad and cinematography by Niketh Bommi, is set to release on June 20, 2025.

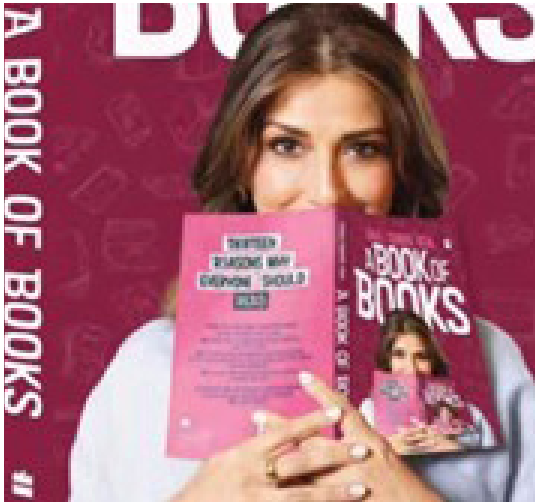


Kaajal Shankhwaarr Gets Candid About KINK 2, Industry Bias, and Beyond

Actress Kaajal Shankhwaarr, known for her role in KINK Season 2: Kiss, Ishq n Konnections, opened up about the show's success and behind-the-scenes reality. While fans have embraced the series, Kaajal revealed, “Some scenes were edited unfairly — like one where I was shown slapping someone, but they cut out the part where I was pushed first.” She expressed concern about misrepresentation and credited co-actor Nisha Yogini, whose efforts, she felt, went unnoticed. Kaajal acknowledged the risks of speaking up in the industry: “Many producers boycott actors for being outspoken, but I’ll always stand up for what’s right.” Off-screen, Kaajal unwinds with her iguana and cats, cooks, paints in her signature Wabi-Sabi style, and supports animal welfare and old-age homes. With dreams of directing and exploring Europe, she balances life with discipline and affection: “I never leave without kissing my pets.”

Sonali Bendre’s ‘Book of Books’ Arrives April 23

Award-winning actress and author Sonali Bendre Behl is set to release her second non-fiction book, A Book of Books, on April 23, announced HarperCollins India. Celebrating her enduring love for reading, the book presents ‘13 reasons why everyone should read’, along with thoughtful recommendations for all age groups and genres. In her statement, Bendre said, “Reading has been my constant companion... this book is a guide, a journal, and a friend in every reader’s journey.” Following her 2015 debut The Modern Gurukul, this new work continues her literary mission through Sonali’s Book Club, a thriving online reading community.



A Book of Books is priced at ₹599 and is now available for pre-order.

Mahesh Babu Finally Gets Passport Back, Heads Abroad!



Superstar Mahesh Babu, fresh off the first schedule of SSMB29 in Odisha, is now on a fun foreign trip with his family. But before taking off, he gave fans a playful moment at the airport—flashing his passport for the cameras! This comes after director SS Rajamouli jokingly “confiscated” Mahesh’s passport, likening it to caging a lion, a video of which went viral earlier. SSMB29, helmed by Rajamouli, promises to be a

massive action-adventure drama. With top stars like Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran on board, and Hollywood technicians involved, expectations are sky-high. The film is being produced by K.L. Narayana under Durga Arts with music by Oscar-winner M.M. Keeravani. As Mahesh heads abroad for a well-deserved break, fans are enjoying every bit of the fun-filled updates!

Aishwarya Raj Bhakuni on Staying Grounded Amid Fame



Actress Aishwarya Raj Bhakuni, currently seen as Parvati in Veer Hanuman, believes fame is never permanent. Known for her roles in Shrimad Ramayan, Tenali Rama, Jhansi Ki Rani, and Vighnaharta Ganeshha, Aishwarya says she easily disconnects from her character once the camera stops rolling. “As soon as I remove my makeup and costume, I become myself again,” she shares, reflecting on her years of experience. The actress credits her family and close friends for keeping her grounded, saying their love and support keep her focused. She also appreciates the role of social media in helping her stay authentic, stating, “It allows me to be myself.” For Aishwarya, staying humble and real is the key, even in an industry where fame can be fleeting.

Global star Ram Charan is all praise for the upcoming film Peddi, directed by Buchi Babu Sana. Taking to social media, Ram Charan revealed that he watched the “glimpse” video ahead of its April 6 release at 11:45 AM and was thrilled by the visuals and music. Sharing a powerful music bit with the catchy line “Peddi Peddi,” Charan lauded music maestro A.R. Rahman, calling

his work “extraordinary” and “electrifying.” He expressed immense excitement and assured fans they would love the sneak peek too. Produced on a massive scale, Peddi marks a major collaboration between Charan, Buchi Babu, and A.R. Rahman, setting high expectations among fans and movie buffs alike. Stay tuned for the Peddi glimpse release tomorrow!

