



CM Naidu Launches ₹80,112 Cr Jalaharati Corporation to Solve AP's Water Crisis

- Polavaram-Banakacharla Link Project to supply water to 80 lakh people
- Irrigation for 12.14 lakh hectares and 20 TMC allocation for industries
- Corporation to function as a 100% SPV; CM Chandrababu to lead as Chairman

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

In a significant move to address water scarcity and boost irrigation, the Andhra Pradesh government has announced the formation of the Jalaharati Corporation to implement the massive Polavaram-Banakacharla Link Project. The project aims to divert floodwaters from the Godavari River to drought-prone regions, ensuring sustainable water supply for drinking, agriculture, and industries. As per government orders issued by Special Chief Secretary of the Water Resources Department, Sai Prasad, the Jalaharati Corporation will function as a 100% special operating company under the Companies Act. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has been appointed Chairman of the corporation, while Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu will serve as Vice-Chairman. The Special Chief Secretary will act as CEO, with senior officers as board members. The link project is designed to supply drinking water to 80 lakh people,

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Former CM YS Jagan Warns Police of Stripping Uniforms After YCP Regains Power



TPN Correspondent | Raptadu

YSRCP chief and Former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy made sensational remarks against the police during his visit to Raptadu constituency in Sri Sathya Sai district on Tuesday. After consoling the family of Lingamayya, a YSRCP worker recently murdered, Jagan held an impromptu media interaction where he strongly criticized the police and the TDP-led government. Jagan accused the police of acting under the influence of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and warned

that after YSRCP returns to power, those responsible would be stripped of their uniforms and removed from service. "We will strip the police and beat them. Their jobs will be taken away," Jagan said, alleging that YSRCP cadres were being harassed and falsely implicated in fabricated cases. He claimed that law and order in the state had collapsed under the TDP government, and referred to the administration as being run like a dictatorship. Jagan said that despite the ruling party's misuse of power, YSRCP secured 39 out of 50 seats in recent local body polls, proving their

grassroots strength. Jagan also spoke in support of senior leaders of his party, saying that false cases were being filed against Pinnelli Ramakrishna Reddy and Posani Krishna Murali. He accused the government of jailing MP Nandigam Suresh for 145 days on baseless charges. In a separate development, Jagan's visit faced an unexpected disruption when his helicopter was slightly damaged at the Raptadu helipad.

Hundreds of enthusiastic YCP workers stormed the helipad to greet their leader, inadvertently causing damage to the aircraft. Following safety advice from the pilot, Jagan cancelled his return flight and proceeded to Bangalore by road. Jagan assured Lingamayya's family of all support and vowed to take care of them, while reiterating his commitment to protect YSRCP workers across the state from political persecution.

- Jagan lashes out at police during visit to Raptadu constituency
- Alleges police working under TDP pressure, promises strict action
- Chopper damaged by crowd rush, Jagan travels to Bangalore by road

Citizens Asked to Save 95523 00009, for WhatsApp Governance Services 'Mana Mitra'



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In a move to make governance more accessible and citizen-friendly, the state government has introduced 'Mana Mitra', a WhatsApp-based digital platform that enables people to access a wide range of government services from their mobile phones. Citizens are encouraged to save the

number 95523 00009 on their phones and simply send a message to start using the service. The initiative aims to reduce the need for physical visits to government offices and make service delivery faster and more efficient. From April 15, the government will launch a large-scale awareness campaign titled "Mana Mitra at

Every Home". Village and Ward Secretariat staff will go door to door, helping households save the Mana Mitra number and explaining how to use it. District Collectors will monitor the campaign's rollout and ensure its success. To support this outreach,

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Dy CM Pawan Kalyan inaugurates eco-tourism bridge in Araku

Rushes to Singapore after son's accident

- Deputy CM launches wooden canopy bridge, inspects eco-tourism and plantation initiatives
- Announces Rs. 5 lakh for Kuridi village development, vows support for tribal livelihoods
- Son Mark Shankar injured in Singapore school fire, Pawan to travel after concluding official tour

TPN Correspondent | Araku

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Forest and Environment Pawan Kalyan inaugurated a wooden canopy bridge at Sunkarametta Coffee Estates in Araku mandal as part of the eco-tourism development initiative. Built at a cost of Rs. 19 lakhs, the bridge was made accessible to tourists amid picturesque coffee plantations. Pawan Kalyan, accompanied by Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation Chairman R.V. Sujaya Krishna Ranga Rao, also planted saplings before beginning the canopy walk. The Deputy CM inquired about the cultivation of coffee and pepper grown alongside silver oak trees and examined the treedex, bird

nest structures, and a plant species exhibition. He reviewed photographs of ongoing development works and appreciated the forest department's efforts, suggesting further initiatives to boost eco-tourism. Promotional materials for Sunkarametta and the Araku Delight Coffee brand were also launched. Pawan Kalyan visited Kuridi village following a promise made to tribal residents. He participated in the Abhishekam at the local Shiva temple and offered prayers. Addressing locals at the Rachabanda program, he announced Rs. 5 lakh from his personal funds for the village's development. He assured that employment opportunities would be created through eco-tourism and natural farming in coordination with the Panchayat Raj and Tourism



departments. However, the tour took an emotional turn as news broke of a fire accident

at a school in Singapore where Pawan Kalyan's younger son, Mark Shankar, was injured. The fire, which erupted

at River Valley Shophouse around 9:45 AM, left 19 injured, including Mark who suffered burns to his hands and legs along with smoke inhalation. Despite the incident, Pawan Kalyan chose to fulfill his scheduled commitments before departing to Singapore. He will travel to Visakhapatnam and proceed abroad thereafter. The incident drew widespread concern and prayers from Prime Minister Modi, CM N. Chandrababu Naidu, Minister Nara Lokesh, Minister Nadendla Manohar, YS Jagan, KTR, Minister Kandula Durgesh and other leaders across party lines. Pawan Kalyan expressed deep concern over his son's condition and thanked everyone for their prayers and support during this difficult time.



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irrigate 9.14 lakh hectares of existing farmland, and bring an additional 3 lakh hectares under cultivation. Additionally, the project will allocate 20 TMC of water to support industrial needs. The estimated cost of the project stands at ₹80,112 crore. The government plans to make it a self-financing model by raising funds from the open market through the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) route. The project involves transporting about 150 TMC of surplus floodwater from the Bollapalli Balancing Reservoir in Palnadu district to the Banakacherla Regulator via a network of canals, lift irrigation schemes, underground pipelines, and tunnels. Officials believe the project will play a transformative role in addressing chronic water shortages, especially in the Rayalaseema region, which has long suffered from erratic rainfall and drought. With this bold initiative, the Chandrababu government aims to ensure equitable water distribution, stimulate agricultural growth, and attract industrial investment across the state.

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The IT and RTG departments have developed brochures and video guides which will be distributed during visits and also shared widely through WhatsApp and social media at the local level. Mana Mitra already provides access to over 250 government services, with plans to scale up to 500 by June 12 and more than 1,000 services in the near future. Through this platform, users can download certificates such as birth and death, pay electricity, water, and property tax bills, book bus tickets, reserve services at temples like Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD), and even submit grievances. All services are available instantly through WhatsApp, making governance just a message away. The government has assured citizens that Mana Mitra is highly secure, and personal data will not be shared with WhatsApp or any third party. Certificates and documents issued through the platform are legally valid. Officials stressed that this digital initiative is designed to empower every citizen and promote easy access to essential services.

How to use Mana Mitra on WhatsApp:

Save the number 95523 00009 as Mana Mitra on your mobile.
Send a message saying “Hi” to that number.
A list of available services will appear. Choose the one you need.
Enter your details when asked.
You can also use voice commands to request services.
The chatbot will confirm your request and send you updates.
You will receive digital copies or receipts for your transactions.

Govt fast-tracks P4 Mission, aims to uplift 5 Lakh families by August 15th

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

In a bid to intensify poverty eradication efforts, the state government is scaling up its flagship ‘Zero Poverty – P4’ (People–Private–Public Partnership for Poverty-free) program by establishing a dedicated State-Level Society. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will head the society as Chairperson, with Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan serving as Vice Chairperson. The structure will also include a CEO, Director, call center, technology team, program team, and wing teams to ensure smooth operations.

To decentralize implementation, the government is also setting up chapters at district, constituency, and village/ward levels. District Ministers will lead district chapters, MLAs will oversee constituency



chapters, and Panchayat and Ward Administrative Secretaries will head the Secretariat chapters. Reviewing the initiative at the Secretariat on

Tuesday, the Chief Minister directed all District Collectors, Ministers, and MLAs to identify Margdarsis (mentors or donors) and encourage

them to adopt Bangaru Kutumbalu (Golden Families). Emphasizing transparency, Naidu instructed that details such as donor names, contributions, and family needs be made publicly accessible through the P4 website.

Officials informed the Chief Minister that the registration of Margdarsis and Bangaru Families is already underway. The government aims to ensure the adoption of 5 lakh families by August 15. Platforms like Milaap, DonateKart, and Rang De are partnering with the initiative to enable direct contributions to families, mandals, or villages via the P4 portal. The CM directed that the full rollout of the program and registrations be completed by August and that an annual progress report be released by the next Ugadi festival.

Minister Nadendla Manohar Holds Key Meetings in Delhi on Procurement and Export Plans



TPN Correspndent | New Delhi

Minister Nadendla Manohar was busy on Tuesday in New Delhi, holding a series of high-level meetings to strengthen Andhra Pradesh's procurement and food distribution systems. He first met Ashutosh Agnihotri, Chairman

and Managing Director of the Food Corporation of India (FCI), and expressed gratitude for the support extended during the Kharif paddy procurement. The minister also discussed new initiatives being planned for farmers and rice millers in the upcoming Rabi season. Later in the day, Minister Manohar met

Anice Joseph Chandra, Managing Director of the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF). The discussion focused on procurement of millets and pulses, construction of godowns by Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), and distribution of essential commodities through Rythu Bazaars and Fair Price Shops.

He stressed the importance of collaboration with NCCF to ensure price stability for key commodities and to explore export opportunities, especially rice exports through Andhra Pradesh's ports. The meetings are part of the state government's broader push to enhance food security, farmer welfare, and agri-based exports.



No Link Between JEE Delay and Pawan Kalyan's Convoy: Visakha CP Clarifies

TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam Police Commissioner Sankhabrata Bagchi has clarified that there is no connection between Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's convoy and the delay faced by some students appearing for the JEE (Main) examination in Pendurthi. Addressing the media in Visakhapatnam, the CP stated that the allegations being circulated are baseless and not supported by facts. A controversy erupted on Monday when several students were reportedly late to the JEE exam center in Pendurthi. It was alleged that traffic restrictions due to Pawan Kalyan's convoy had caused the delay. In response, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan promptly ordered an inquiry and sought a detailed report from the police, including convoy timings, traffic conditions, and measures taken to ensure smooth flow. CP Bagchi said the police examined CCTV footage from the route and tracked the mobile phone locations of the students who claimed to have been affected. “Our findings reveal that the students reached late on their own. There were no police-imposed restrictions on traffic during the Deputy CM's movement,” he said.

Minister Nara Lokesh Sets Global Vision for Andhra University Centenary Celebrations

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Andhra Pradesh Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh has directed officials to organize the centenary celebrations of Andhra University (AU) in a grand and historic manner. Holding a review meeting at his Undavalli residence with AU Vice Chancellor GP Rajasekhara and key education officials, Lokesh emphasized that the university should be restored to its former glory and positioned as one of the top 100 universities globally. Established in 1926, Andhra University will complete 100 years this year. The centenary celebrations are scheduled to commence on April 26, 2024, and continue until April 26, 2026. During the meeting, Vice Chancellor GP Rajasekhara presented the vision document for AU's future development.



Minister Lokesh stated that the Andhra University centenary celebrations should reflect its rich academic and cultural heritage. He reiterated the government's

commitment to extending full support, including filling faculty vacancies and providing the necessary resources to strengthen academic and research excellence. As part of the broader vision, Lokesh set an ambitious goal for AU—to secure a spot in the QS World University Rankings top 100. He instructed university officials to align all developmental initiatives toward achieving this target. The meeting was also attended by School Education Secretary Kona Shashidhar, APSCE Chairman Prof. K. Madhumurthy, and Collegiate Education Director Dr. Narayana Bharat Gupta, among others.

AP Govt to Celebrate Telugu Theatre Day on April 16th

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The state government will host Telugu Theatre Day on April 16 at Tummalapalli Vari Kshetrayya Kalakshetram in Vijayawada, marking the 177th birth anniversary of reformer and playwright Kandukuri Veeresalingam Pantulu. Announcing the plans, Minister Kandula Durgesh said the government has constituted an 11-member selection panel, chaired by playwright and Parishad organiser Dr Burra Sai Madhav, to identify awardees for the newly instituted Kandukuri Theatre Awards. The panel includes figures from various cultural organisations and will be supported by Andhra Pradesh State Film, TV and Theatre Development Corporation MD Himanshu Shukla, who will serve as the member convener. Three theatre professionals will be honoured at the state level with the Kandukuri Ranga Sthal Puraskar, each receiving Rs 1 lakh. Additionally,



five individuals from each of the 26 districts will be presented with the Kandukuri Vishishta Puraskar, which carries a Rs 10,000 cash prize. Minister Durgesh said the initiative reflects the government's commitment to promoting drama and theatre in the state. Applications must be submitted to the FDC office by April 7, and awards will be presented during the state-level celebration.

Dr. Prabhavathi Fails to Cooperate in RRR Custodial Torture Case Probe

TPN Correspondent | Prakasam Dist

In a significant development in the custodial torture case of Deputy Speaker Raghurama Krishnam Raju, Prakasam District SP Damodar interrogated accused Dr. Prabhavathi for two consecutive days at the Ongole police district office. However, the interrogation yielded little progress, with the doctor reportedly failing to provide any crucial information. According to sources, Dr. Prabhavathi gave the same responses on both days and allegedly evaded direct questions from the investigating officer. SP Damodar is said to have questioned her about the controversial medical report submitted to the court, in which she claimed no injuries were present on Raghurama Krishnam Raju's private parts despite visible evidence of third-degree assault.



Dr. Prabhavathi reportedly maintained that she did not recall details of the case, citing the four-year gap since the incident. She told officials that she would only be able to comment after reviewing the case records. Despite nearly 10 hours of questioning spread across two days, the police could not extract any key information from her. The interrogation was aimed at uncovering whether others were involved in allegedly tampering with the medical report, but officials received no cooperation. The police are now considering issuing fresh notices to Dr. Prabhavathi for a third round of questioning. Meanwhile, CID retired ASP Vijayapal and Kamepalli Tulasibabu have already been arrested in connection with the same case. It is known that Dr. Prabhavathi is currently protected from arrest by a relief granted by the Supreme Court.

Kollu Ravindra’s Explosive Allegations: Perni Nani Behind Liquor Scam and Rice Theft

- CID and SIT probe under-way into YSRCP’s liquor corruption
- Minister questions file burning, anticipatory bail of former minister
- New excise policy earns ₹1800 crore; liquor sales now fully transparent

TPN Correspondent | Amara-vati

Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra launched a scathing attack on former minister Perni Nani, accusing him of being the mastermind behind large-scale corruption during the YSRCP regime. Speaking to the media on Tuesday, he revealed that a CID inquiry is in progress and a Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been constituted to investigate the liquor scam. He questioned why key files were burned in Tadepalli on the very evening the SIT was formed and why Perni Nani sought anticipatory bail if there was no wrongdoing. Calling Perni Nani a “rice thief,” Kollu said he has no moral right to level baseless allegations against coalition MLAs. He defended the new excise policy introduced by the current government, under which tenders were



floated for 3,400 liquor shops, receiving 90,000 applications and generating ₹1800 crore in revenue. He stated that 340 outlets were specifically reserved for Geetha workers as part of the coalition’s commitment to social justice. Kollu asserted that liquor sales in the state are now fully transparent and of high quality, with 12 mandatory quality checks being conducted—a sharp contrast to the YSRCP era when only alcohol percentage was tested and spurious liquor was widely sold. He blamed the previous government for forcing multinational companies to exit the state, all of whom have now returned under the coalition.

He alleged that the YSRCP turned Andhra into a “marijuana hub,” enabling criminal acts even near the former CM’s residence. Kollu questioned whether it was not the YSRCP leaders who orchestrated attacks on TDP leaders and protected criminals. Referring to the illegal transportation of 8,400 rice bags from Kakina-da port, Kollu directly named Perni Nani and said paying a fine won’t absolve him. He concluded by affirming that CM Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan are running a transparent government and assured strict action once the SIT submits its report.

If I Wanted a Minister Post, I’d Have Taken It in 2014,” Says Somu Veerraju

TPN Correspondent | Rajahmundry
Former Andhra Pradesh BJP President and newly elected MLC Somu Veerraju made it clear that he is not seeking any ministerial berth. Addressing the media during his visit to Rajahmundry—his first after taking oath as MLC under the MLA quota, Veerraju stated, “If I wanted to become a minister, I would have done it back in 2014.” He added that working with dedication for the BJP is his true satisfaction, and that’s enough for his lifetime. Veerraju released a book at the event praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the “bravest man in the country,” and emphasized that BJP’s entry into the alliance in Andhra Pradesh was part of a well-thought-

out political strategy. Turning attention to Tamil Nadu, Veerraju expressed strong confidence that the BJP will come to power in the state in the next Assembly elections. He also took the opportunity to urge the Andhra Pradesh government to resolve the growing issues faced by aqua farmers, highlighting it as a matter of economic concern for the state’s coastal belt. A massive rally marked Veerraju’s arrival in Rajahmundry, starting from Kotipalli Bus Stand and passing through Stadium Road, Bypass Road, Jail Road before culminating at Manjeera Hotel. Party workers welcomed him with gajamala offerings, firecrackers, and Teenmar dance performances.



The event was attended by Union Minister Srinivasa Varma, Anaparthi MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy, BJP East Godavari District President Pikki Nagendra, and several other party leaders. A grand felicitation meeting followed, with State Minister Kandula Durgesh as the chief guest.

BJP passed Waqf Bill Brutally, Hurting Minority Sentiments, Says YS Sharmila

TPN Correspondent | Ahmed-abad

Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) President YS Sharmila Reddy launched a scathing attack on the BJP during her visit to Ahmedabad, asserting that the Congress party is essential for the future of the country. She said the party that fought for India’s independence is now needed again to save the country’s democracy, institutions, and social harmony. Sharmila alleged that the BJP passed the Waqf Bill in a brutal and insensitive manner, deeply hurting the sentiments of minorities. She accused the BJP of indulging in religious politics, stating, “They only know how to divide – in the name of religion, caste, and region. They set fire in the name of religion and then hide be-



hind that fire.” She claimed that the BJP has turned every institution – from the Enforcement Directorate to the Election Commission – into a tool for its own political gains. “Even the Election

Commission seems to be run at their command,” she said. Speaking on economic issues, she alleged that the Modi-led government is looting the country’s wealth to benefit corporate giants like Adani and Ambani. “BJP misuses the fruits of trees planted by Congress and claims credit. But Congress alone can stop the loot and serve the people with sincerity,” she said. Reaffirming her commitment to rebuilding the Congress in Andhra Pradesh, Sharmila announced that top leaders like Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi will be invited to the state soon. She revealed plans to hold major party programs every month to strengthen the organisation. “Congress will rise again, not just in Andhra Pradesh, but across the nation,” she asserted.

Police Misusing Power in Kakani Case - MLC Chandrasekhar Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Nellore

YSR Congress Party MLC Parvatareddy Chandrasekhar Reddy on Tuesday condemned what he described as the misuse of police power in filing illegal cases against former minister and YSRCP district president Kakani Govardhan Reddy. Addressing a press conference at the Nellore district YSRCP office, the MLC said the police were acting immorally and arbitrarily by

registering fabricated cases against Kakani. He alleged that TDP leaders were spreading false propaganda, claiming Kakani had absconded or fled abroad, instead of respecting the legal process. “If they were serious, they could have pursued an inquiry. But instead, they’re choosing to malign him publicly. It’s shameful,” he said. Chandrasekhar Reddy clarified that Kakani had applied for anticipatory bail to seek legal pro-

tection in connection with the alleged illegal mining case. Due to delays in the bail process, he said Kakani is temporarily unavailable as he is consulting legal experts. “There’s no need for drama. He’s not someone who runs away from accountability,” the MLC stated. He reminded that Kakani served as Zilla Parishad Chairman, MLA, and minister, earning respect through his public service. The MLC accused the police of registering a case based sole-

ly on a complaint that Kakani’s followers conducted unauthorized mining at Rustom Mines. “This is political factionalism. TDP has brought back the culture of vengeance and false cases,” he said, warning that such actions undermine the police’s credibility and the democratic framework. He urged the TDP and authorities to act responsibly and stop targeting opposition leaders with fabricated allegations. Several YSRCP leaders attended the press meet.

Jagan is Talking Like a Psycho - Minister Satya Prasad

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Minister Satya Prasad came down heavily on YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy’s provocative remarks during his visit to Raptadu constituency, calling them “psycho-like” and “irresponsible.” Reacting to Jagan’s threat that police uniforms and jobs will be taken away once YSRCP returns to power, Satya Prasad reminded him that it was not the police but the people who stripped him of power nine months ago. “Jagan is not in a position to speak about stripping anyone — the people of Andhra Pradesh have already stripped him politically,” Satya Prasad said, mocking the former Chief Minister’s public outrage. He added that such statements reflect Jagan’s mental state and desperation ahead of the elections. The Minister further asserted that the people of the state had refused to even grant Jagan the status of Leader of Opposition, leaving him politically irrelevant. “Now the same people are going to take away the remaining 11 MP seats that YSRCP holds,” he said,



exuding confidence in the NDA alliance’s strength. Calling for more responsibility in public discourse, Satya Prasad urged Jagan to change his tone and vocabulary, stating that threatening institutions like the police only exposes his inability to function in a democratic setup. He emphasized that law and order have significantly improved under the leadership of CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu and that provocative rhetoric will not help YSRCP regain lost ground. The Minister concluded by reaffirming the alliance government’s commitment to transparency, peace, and progress, stating that the people are watching and will not forgive threats against democratic institutions.

You Couldn’t Help Your Sister, How Will You Help Lingamayya’s Family? – MLA Sunitha

TPN Correspondent | Raptadu

Raptadu MLA Paritala Sunitha lashed out at former Chief Minister and YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy following his visit to Papireddypalli in Sri Sathya Sai district on Tuesday. She alleged that Jagan’s visit was a deliberate provocation aimed at her family and accused him of spreading lies. Sunitha remarked emotionally, stating that Jagan visited Raptadu not for condolence but for political targeting. She said, “Jagan came to attack me and my son, just like how Paritala Ravi was blocked in Pulivendula years ago.” She ridiculed Jagan’s speech, saying it was written by Prakash Reddy and read like a student copying in an exam. Reacting to his claims of arson and violence in Papireddypalli, she said the incident was unexpected but was being exaggerated as a pre-planned attack. She also made serious allegations, hinting at Jagan’s past in Pulivendula, where she claimed deadly weapons were used even in bathrooms. Taking a personal dig, Sunitha questioned Jagan’s ability to deliver jus-



tice. “He couldn’t deliver justice to his own sister, Sunitha, or his mother—how can he deliver justice to the Lingamayya family?” she asked. The MLA demanded an immediate response from the district SP and police department over Jagan’s inflammatory remarks. “He said he’ll strip the police of uniforms—do the police have no dignity? Swear on the Bible if the SI called you. We’ll swear on the Gita,” she challenged. She concluded by stating that the police and TDP never stopped Jagan’s visit but condemned his political drama. “Jagan followed a man who lost even the MPP election. That’s who he listens to now,” she added, mocking his political counsel.



Rowdy Sheet Misused as Crime License Across Andhra Pradesh

Rowdy Sheeters Thriving in White-Collar Crime, Allegations Surface
Only 30% of rowdy sheeters attend weekly police counseling
White-collar criminals among rowdies evade public identification
Land grabbing, fraud, drug crimes linked to absconding rowdies
Allegations of police shielding rowdies demand Home Dept. response

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Rowdy sheeters in Andhra Pradesh are reportedly evolving into sophisticated white-collar criminals, raising serious questions about the effectiveness of the state's law enforcement and policing strategies. Once feared as street-level offenders, many now operate under the guise of respectable businessmen and politicians, engaging in money laundering, land grabbing, drug trafficking, and organized fraud. Authorities classify rowdy sheeters under two categories—suspect sheets and history sheets. A suspect sheet typically includes individuals involved in petty quarrels or thefts, whereas



a history or rowdy sheet is opened against those with multiple criminal cases. Further classifications include

DC crimes (inter-district thefts and robberies) and decapitation crimes (large gang-led offenses). In Andhra Pradesh, there are reportedly around 50,000 to 60,000 rowdy sheeters, with the NTR District Police Commissionerate alone accounting for about 3,500 to 4,000. These include not only the uneducated and habitual criminals but also well-educated individuals, women, and political figures. Every Sunday, AP Police conduct counseling sessions for these rowdy sheeters to dissuade them from re-offending. However, only 60-70% attend—mostly low-level criminals. The more dangerous, white-collar ones often skip these sessions, continuing to defraud the public through schemes



involving fake job promises, narcotics distribution, and high-stakes land scams. Many of these individuals are under city deportation orders but routinely re-enter Commissionerate limits, conduct illegal activities, and leave unnoticed—sometimes even under police watch. This raises suspicion of informants within law enforcement and questions the seriousness of crime control in the region. In earlier times, police displayed photographs of petty criminals at public

places. But Present, rowdy sheeters involved in grave crimes remain visually unidentified. Citizens are demanding transparency from the police and want rowdy sheeter photographs displayed in stations and transit points for public awareness. The silence from the Home Department and police has triggered public outrage, with many questioning whether administrative pressure, bribes, or promotion politics are protecting the culprits. The public now awaits a clear explanation.

Papaya Farmers in Ramachandrapuram Suffer ₹90 Lakh Loss Due to Sudden Storm



TPN Correspondent | Ramachandrapuram
Tenant farmers from Ramachandrapuram village in E Konduru mandal of NTR district are reeling under massive losses after an unexpected storm razed their papaya crop to the ground. The farmers reported that strong winds and dust storms hit while they were in the midst of harvesting, wiping out nearly 60 acres of fully grown papaya. Farmers Tata Venkata Nageswara Rao, Thimmina Srikanth, and Alavala Venkata Narsareddy, who had cultivated papaya on leased land, said they collectively invested around ₹1.5 lakh per acre. The sudden natural calamity has resulted in an estimated total loss of ₹90 lakh. Visibly distressed, the farmers showed heaps of fallen papaya fruits that were strewn across their fields, now rendered unsellable. The storm, which struck without warning, left no time for preventive measures or salvage operations. Speaking to media, the affected tenant farmers said, “We invested heavily and were depending on this crop for our survival. Now everything is gone. We beg the government to respond and provide support.” The farmers emphasized that as tenants, they face added financial burden without the backing of land ownership, making them even more vulnerable to such disasters. With no crop insurance and mounting debts, they are urging the state government to conduct immediate damage assessment and provide compensation and input subsidies. Local agricultural officers are expected to visit the affected area for inspection. The distressed tenant farmers await a swift response and relief package from the authorities to recover from this devastating blow.

Modernized Passport Seva Kendra and Regional Passport Office inaugurated in Vijayawada

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As part of the Viksit Bharat 2047 initiative, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Shivanath (Chinni) announced that a regional office of the Union Ministry of External Affairs will soon be established in Amaravati. This development aims to bring international services closer to the people of Andhra Pradesh, marking a significant step forward in administrative modernization and citizen convenience. Union Minister of State for External Affairs, Environment, Forest, and Meteorology Kirti Vardhan Singh inaugurated the newly modernized Passport Seva Kendra and Regional Passport Office in Vijayawada on Tuesday. The minister was felicitated by MP Kesineni Shivanath, who presented him with a bouquet, shawl, and a traditional Kondapalli statue. The inaugural ceremony took place at Stalin Central Mall, where the Regional Passport



Office is now located on the fourth floor. MP Kesineni Shivanath, along with MLAs Bonda Umamaheswar Rao, Gadde Rammohan Rao, Y. Sujana Chowdhury, and senior officials including Joint Secretary Dr. K.J. Srinivas and Regional Passport Officer K. Sivaharsha, participated in the event. MP Shivanath praised the efforts of Regional

Passport Officer K. Sivaharsha in transforming the Vijayawada passport office into a corporate-level service center, free of delays and hassle for applicants. He stated that the presence of both Vijayawada and Vizag passport centers would ensure that passports are issued within a week to ten days, significantly improving service delivery. Currently, between 600 to 2,000 applications are processed daily, with the center issuing around 3 lakh passports annually. The upcoming Ministry of External Affairs regional office in Amaravati is expected to further decentralize services and boost regional access to consular affairs. MP Shivanath thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, and Union Minister Kirti Vardhan Singh for their support in bringing these services to Andhra Pradesh.

Gudivada Homeopathy Research Center Ranked First in Nation: Assistant Director Kishan Banoth



TPN Correspondent | Gudivada
Gudivada's Rural Research Institute (RRI) for Homeopathy has earned the top position among 46 homeopathy centers across India, according to Assistant Director Kishan Banoth. Speaking

at a homeopathy doctors' meeting held at the center on Eluru Road, he highlighted that despite being situated in a rural location, the center has surpassed even those in metropolitan cities in terms of growth and services. Five specialist scientist doctors are currently offering treatment at the center, which boasts modern medical equipment. Patients from neighboring states like Odisha, Karnataka, and Telangana travel to Gudivada to avail themselves of these services. On average, the center treats 300 to 400 patients daily. Kishan Banoth expressed concern over misinformation being spread regarding the tender process for contract employees. He explained that the existing contract for 46 staff members had expired and, based on the in-

structions of MP Vallabhaneni Balasouri, MLA Venigandla Ramu, and higher officials, the previous contractor was allowed to continue services temporarily for three months. He assured that the online tender process will be carried out under the strict supervision of the Delhi Central Office, and any new contractor will be finalized as per their directions. Banoth clarified that rumors about the research center's operations are baseless and urged the public not to be misled. Only nine regular employees currently serve at the institute, alongside 46 contract staff. All medical services are being delivered with full commitment, and the regular operations of the center will continue uninterrupted. RRI scientist doctors Dr. Sivaprasad Goli, Dr. Heerin Kumar, Dr. Brinda, along with outsourcing doctors and staff, were present during the meeting.

MANIPULATIONS IN RECRUITMENTS @ VMC

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VMC is taking up new practices against the rules. Sometimes HODs and sometimes employees are allegedly manipulating the rules in their favour. APCOS was installed under the regime of YSRC, but it is still in place. All the outsourcing employees are under APCOS only. There is a discussion on whether to continue it or not in government circles. But as far as the government is concerned, no official statement has been issued until now.

However, more than 250 outsourcing jobs are being filled through the old system of allocating work to the DWACRA group members. The lists of candidates are ready, but no notification has been issued for this purpose. Earlier, before the elections, a notification was issued and interviews were also conducted, but the recruitment was stalled due to the election code. After the commencement of the new government, all those interviews were thrown into the dustbin. Now, recruitment is allegedly going

on through the MLAs and MPs of the ruling party. It seems all the leaders have given their reference lists to the Commissioner. Based on those lists, the recruitment may happen. Until now, there is no clarification. All the candidates who appeared for interviews earlier are in shock, and nobody is caring about them. Some others have allegedly paid amounts to the Mayor at that time. No inquiry or action has been taken in the regime of the new government, despite the allegations against the YSRC Mayor.

Example of VMC Officials' Manipulations

Mr. Raj Kumar is working as a Sanitary Inspector in the Excel compound. He retired in December 2024. He was again appointed as a Sanitary Inspector through APCOS in January 2025. He is still receiving a pension of Rs. 40,000 and also drawing a salary as an outsourcing employee. As per the rules, no retired employee who is receiving a pension can be appointed as an outsourcing employee. Now, VMC has to clarify who made this appointment and who is responsible for it.



Volunteers Were Misled with False Promises of Govt Jobs - Dy CM Pawan Kalyan



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan made strong remarks on Tuesday regarding the controversial volunteer system introduced by the previous government, stating that it functioned without any formal accountability or documentation. He emphasized that while the current government had assured continuity of services, it was revealed that the volunteers were never officially part of the government structure. Speaking to reporters, Pawan Kalyan said, “We said we would continue the volunteers, but upon review, we found that they worked completely independent of government systems. There is no paperwork, no official recognition or records of their appointments.” He further alleged that the previous administration deceived thousands of youth by giving them the impression that their work was equivalent to a government job. The Deputy CM expressed concern over the lack of transparency and structure in the

volunteer framework, calling it a politically motivated move that exploited the aspirations of young people, especially in rural areas. He said the absence of proper selection procedures, training, and tracking mechanisms exposed the weaknesses in the system. Pawan Kalyan made it clear that the current government is committed to transparent governance and would not continue a setup that lacks legal or administrative clarity. He assured that those who genuinely served the people would not be ignored, but the government cannot endorse an unofficial, undocumented arrangement. The statements have stirred a political debate, with opposition leaders defending the volunteer system and accusing the current leadership of attempting to dismantle welfare delivery mechanisms. Meanwhile, the government is expected to announce a re-structured approach to public service delivery that ensures merit, accountability, and transparency.

MLC Trimurthulu Slams NDA Govt Over Gas & Fuel Prices Hike

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MLC Thota Trimurthulu strongly criticized the coalition government’s recent decision to increase prices of gas cylinders, petrol, and diesel, stating that it would place a severe burden on the poor and middle class. Addressing the media in Mandapeta, he called the hikes “unnecessary and unfair,” particularly when the public is already grappling with high inflation. He condemned the government’s move to raise gas cylinder prices by ₹50 and fuel prices by ₹2 per litre, explaining the impact with detailed calculations. “The average cost of a gas cylinder has now reached ₹900–₹950. For a family using one cylinder a month, that’s ₹600 more per year. Add to that the increase in petrol prices—₹2 per litre means an extra ₹100 per month or ₹1,200 per year if someone uses 50 litres monthly,” he said. “Together, that’s ₹1,800 per year added to the household expenses of a family earning just ₹15,000 a month—over 1%



of their total income. This rise directly affects their standard of living,” Trimurthulu pointed out, questioning the logic of wealth creation through taxing the poor. He urged the coalition government to reconsider and withdraw the price hike immediately. “Policies should focus on easing the lives of the common people, not adding to their burdens,” he stated. The MLC emphasized that public welfare must be at the center of all government decisions and demanded that steps be taken urgently to provide relief to struggling families.

Minister Nara Lokesh Launches Awareness Drive on WhatsApp Governance from April 15th

- Village and ward secretariat staff to conduct door-to-door campaigns
- Citizens to save 955230009 as ‘Mana Mitra’ for availing over 250 services
- District Collectors assigned monitoring responsibility for the program

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

In a major step toward digital citizen service delivery, Andhra Pradesh IT, Electronics, and Education Minister Nara Lokesh has announced a state-wide awareness campaign on WhatsApp Governance, beginning April 15. The program aims to familiarize people with the ‘Mana Mitra’ WhatsApp number (955230009), through which over 250 government services are currently available. As part of this initiative, village and ward secretariat staff will visit households across the state and assist citizens in saving the official WhatsApp number on their mobile phones. They will also educate residents on how to access and ben-

efit from the services offered through the WhatsApp Governance platform. District Collectors have been entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring and ensuring the effective implementation of the campaign. This initiative, introduced under the leadership of Nara Lokesh, marks a significant leap in bringing government services closer to citizens using familiar, user-friendly technology. Currently, WhatsApp Governance is facilitating more than 250 types of services, ranging from certificates, grievance redressal, to various departmental requests. The government has set an ambitious goal of expanding these to 500 services by June and scaling up to 1,000 services subsequently.



The ‘Mana Mitra’ system, designed to make governance truly accessible, is a reflection of the state’s commitment to smart governance and digital empowerment. Lokesh emphasized that the outreach campaign will help ensure that every household knows how to interact with the government through WhatsApp, removing dependency on traditional bureaucratic channels. By integrating WhatsApp into governance, Andhra Pradesh is not only modernizing public service delivery but also fostering trust and responsiveness between the government and the people.

Union Minister Rammohan Naidu Reviews Bhogapuram Airport Works



TPN Correspondent | Vizianagaram

Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu visited the Bhogapuram International Airport construction site on Tuesday, accompanied by GMR officials and fellow dignitaries. Reviewing the progress, he expressed satisfaction with the pace of development and reiterated the NDA government’s commitment to completing the project by June 2026 under the

leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu. He revealed that 71% of the construction has been completed, a significant leap from just 23% nine months ago. Detailing the status, he said earthworks are 100% done, the runway is 97% complete, the taxiway 92%, the ATC tower 72%, and the terminal building 60%. Other structures stand at 43% completion, while access roads are 37% complete. He described this as a symbol of rapid governance and efficiency under the NDA coalition. Rammohan noted that a 3.8 km long runway is being laid, and the Taj Group will soon establish a luxury hotel near the airport. The Bhogapuram Airport, named after Alluri Seetharama Raju, is being constructed over 2,203 acres with an additional 500 acres sanctioned by the government following GMR’s request. Built

at a cost of ₹4,650 crore, it is one of three greenfield airports nearing completion across the country. Rammohan emphasized that the airport will be a game changer for the Utarandhra region, ushering in employment and economic growth. He criticized the previous government’s policies for causing initial delays but asserted that the current administration has expedited the project efficiently. He also clarified that aircraft recently spotted over Tirumala temple were defense planes, and he would coordinate with the concerned departments to prevent recurrence. State Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, MP Kalisheti Appalanaidu, Markfed Chairman Bangarraju, Vizianagaram district officials, and GMR representatives were present at the review.

Joint Excise Raids Strike Illicit Liquor Hubs on AP–Odisha Border

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In a coordinated crackdown across the dense forest regions along the Andhra Pradesh–Odisha border, the Excise Departments of both states launched a high-impact raid to eliminate illegal liquor brewing units. Spearheaded by Enforcement Director Rahul Dev Sharma and Excise Commissioner Nishanth Kumar, the joint operation focused on notorious illicit brewing pockets in Sulava Pedima, Kerada, Valava, and Vanaja. The excise teams destroyed a staggering 11,200 litres of fermented jaggery wash—a key raw material in illicit distillation—before it could be processed. In addition, 200 litres of illegally distilled (ID) liquor ready for distribution were seized. A total of six cases were registered against those involved, with several suspects detained for further investigation into the broader bootlegging network. Enforcement officers dismantled extensive brewing infrastructure during the raids, including furnaces, plastic drums, firewood stacks, jaggery stocks, and other containers typically concealed in remote forested zones. These setups, some operating at industrial scale, had been sup-

plying the black market across border districts. The success of the raids was due to a well-organized task force comprising 54 officers from Andhra Pradesh, including specialized teams from the Intelligence and Enforcement wings, and 15 officers from the Odisha Excise Department. Their synchronized efforts effectively crippled brewing operations in the targeted areas. Officials reaffirmed their commitment to intensifying surveillance and enforcement in vulnerable regions. The operation signals a clear warning to those involved in illicit liquor production, highlighting the growing inter-state cooperation to tackle the public health and law-and-order issues arising from the illegal alcohol trade.



Minister Angani Satya Prasad Assures Development in Satyavedu

Promises Action on Sand and Road Issues



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On Tuesday, a delegation of TDP leaders from the Satyavedu constituency, led by Mandal President Kuppani Praveen Kumar Reddy and Constituency Coordinator Sripathi Babu, met Andhra Pradesh Minister and Tirupati District In-charge Angani Satya Prasad at the Collector’s Office in Tirupati. The leaders submitted several appeals concerning developmental and civic issues plaguing the region. Highlighting Satyavedu’s proximity to the Tamil Nadu border and its backward status, the leaders urged the government to treat the constituency with special focus and extend maximum support. Praveen Kumar Reddy specifically raised issues relating to illegal sand transport, poor road conditions on the Uthukottai-Chennai stretch, and stalled building permissions in Nagalapuram.

He stressed that the sand issue has caused distress among the public, while damaged roads are severely affecting daily travel and transport. The leaders requested the minister to take swift measures and initiate corrective action at the earliest. Minister Satya Prasad assured the delegation that the coalition government is committed to balanced regional development and will prioritize backward constituencies like Satyavedu. He said the issues would be taken up with the party high command and relevant departments for quick redressal. He also informed the leaders that several development programs are in the pipeline for Satyavedu and they will be implemented soon after necessary approvals. Other senior TDP leaders from the constituency were also present during the meeting.

India-China Ties: Hope and Caution

Recent developments suggest a renewed enthusiasm in both New Delhi and Beijing to strengthen bilateral relations, with a notable uptick in diplomatic gestures, trade dialogue, and people-to-people engagement. This coincides with the 75th anniversary of diplomatic ties between the two nations, offering a symbolic opportunity for recalibration. Chinese Premier Li Qiang's government work report, presented at the annual meeting of the National People's Congress (NPC) in March, provides useful insight into China's global outlook and internal priorities. The report, a comprehensive policy document outlining budget allocations, economic targets, and external strategies, highlights how deeply interconnected China perceives itself with the rest of the world. It frames China as a dominant force in the global economy, boasting a continued contribution of roughly 30% to global growth and "record high" foreign trade figures, along with foreign exchange reserves surpassing \$3.2 trillion. Acknowledging that external engagement is key to addressing internal economic challenges, China is pushing for increased international cooperation, trade liberalisation, and improved global connectivity. This motivation is evident in President Xi Jinping's March 28 meeting with over 40 foreign business leaders, one of the largest such gatherings he has ever hosted. It is also reflected in Beijing's calls for restoring



direct flights and easing Indian restrictions on Chinese companies — restrictions put in place after the deadly Galwan clash in 2020. However, while China's overtures appear conciliatory, caution is warranted. Despite its rhetoric about openness, Beijing has often shielded its domestic markets through non-tariff barriers and selective access to foreign firms, ensuring that only those who contribute to its strategic goals — such as technology transfer and industrial growth — are allowed in. This protectionist stance has undermined previous trade agreements, including those with the United States, casting doubt on China's commitment to fair economic engagement.

India, too, has experienced this imbalance. The ballooning trade deficit with China is not only a result of India's competitiveness gap but also a reflection of systematic Chinese barriers that keep Indian products and services out of its markets. Therefore, even as talk of a "dragon-elephant tango" grows louder in Chinese diplomatic circles and media narratives, India must remain realistic. While mutual economic gains are possible, unresolved border issues, especially the ongoing tensions stemming from Chinese incursions in 2020, remain a core concern. The fact that China has not honoured previous commitments in international trade deals adds another

layer of scepticism. Improved relations are desirable, but not at the cost of strategic vulnerability. India should welcome dialogue and economic cooperation, but not at the expense of ignoring past betrayals or compromising on national security. The current optimism must be tempered with a hard-nosed assessment of China's track record. Engagement should be driven by principles of reciprocity, transparency, and strategic foresight. As the geopolitical landscape evolves and global uncertainties rise, India's policy must strike a careful balance between outreach and self-preservation — dancing with the dragon, perhaps, but always with eyes wide open.

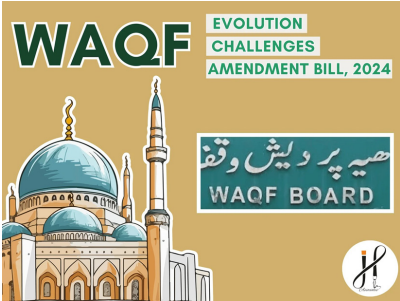


Modi's 'Act East' Strategic Leap

India's shift from the "Look East" to "Act East" policy represents a crucial evolution in its foreign policy approach, particularly under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. First introduced in 1992, the Look East policy was born out of India's desire to integrate more deeply with Southeast Asia, a region experiencing rapid economic growth driven by the Asian Tigers and their successors. Initially focused on trade and cultural diplomacy, the policy led to early successes with countries like Singapore and Japan. However, progress remained cautious and somewhat limited in scope. That changed significantly in 2014 when PM Modi rebranded it as the "Act East" policy—signalling not just a change in name but a strategic recalibration with far-reaching implications. The Act East policy introduced urgency and ambition, pushing India to become an assertive player in the Indo-Pacific region, not just economically but also in matters of defence and regional security. It emphasized deeper engagement with ASEAN and reinforced India's commitment to the principle of ASEAN centrality. India started championing a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific—a stance that resonated strongly with regional and global partners amid growing concerns over Chinese assertiveness. Over the past decade, India has steadily expanded its naval and military cooperation with ASEAN nations, participated more actively in regional forums like the East Asia Summit and the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus), and strengthened bilateral ties with key players such as Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines. It also pursued strategic infrastructure initiatives, maritime domain awareness partnerships, and cross-border connectivity projects to improve people-to-people linkages and economic corridors. Modi's Act East strategy has thus transformed India from a passive participant to a proactive regional power. This transformation is particularly significant in the current geopolitical climate, where the Indo-Pacific is increasingly seen as the new global centre of gravity. India's alignment with like-minded partners in the region—such as Japan, Australia, and the United States—has positioned it as a vital counterbalance to China's growing influence. By evolving its eastern outlook into assertive action, India has not only broadened its strategic footprint but also reinforced its role as a responsible regional stakeholder in the Indo-Pacific.

Waqf Amendments: Reform or Repression

The recent amendments to the Waqf Act, 2025, are not, as claimed, about ushering in transparency or reform—they are about power, control, and marginalisation. Far from being a neutral legal upgrade, these changes represent a calculated move to weaken and subsume centuries-old Islamic charitable and spiritual institutions under state control. Framed as a step toward better governance, the amendments allow the government sweeping powers over Waqf land, bypassing Waqf Boards, and transforming places of worship, community service, and cultural legacy into administrative assets. This is not about curbing corruption—it's about consolidating authority. It is telling that similar scrutiny has not been extended to Hindu religious trusts, Sikh Gurdwara Boards, or Christian institutions. If the goal were true reform, accountability would be applied equally. Instead, the selective targeting reveals a dangerous pattern—using legal instruments to further majoritarian narratives. The Waqf institutions, which have historically played a vital role in community welfare, including funding schools, hospitals, and religious sites, are now being reduced to state-administered entities with no cultural or religious autonomy. This echoes earlier precedents—particularly in Jammu & Kashmir—where institutions like Auqaf-e-Islamia, once self-governed and socially impactful, were absorbed into the bureaucratic machinery, stripping them of independence and purpose. The present move appears to be a national expansion of that same approach. It is not reform; it is quiet erasure, and now it is being done loudly, on a national stage. What is more alarming is that this is being normalized as policy, masked in the language of modernization. But to those who have experienced communal erasure firsthand—like the author, a Hindu Kashmiri Pandit—it is clear that such measures do not promote justice. Rather, they perpetuate the same cycles of exclusion and domination. The amendments to the Waqf Act are not about improving governance; they are about re-engineering power structures. They signal a shift from a pluralistic democratic ethos to a homogenised, state-monitored vision of religion and public life.



A New Frontier for Indians

Germany's bold new transformation plan, backed by a record €500 billion stimulus, is creating an unexpected yet exciting opportunity for young Indians. In a historic post-war shift, the German parliament recently approved massive investments aimed at modernising the country's military, upgrading its ageing infrastructure, and accelerating climate protection measures. This sweeping vision, however, cannot succeed on money alone—it requires speed, innovation, and above all, people. Specifically, skilled professionals who can fuel the execution of these grand plans. With Germany facing a significant talent shortage, especially in sectors like engineering, IT, healthcare, and green energy, India's

vast and youthful talent pool is emerging as a natural fit. For Indian students, professionals, and entrepreneurs looking beyond traditional destinations like the US, UK, or Canada, Germany is now a serious contender. Its well-regarded universities, expanding job market, relatively affordable education, and evolving immigration policies make it increasingly accessible and attractive. Beyond career prospects, there's a bigger story here. This isn't just about migrating for a better paycheck—it's about being part of a defining moment in the transformation of Europe's largest economy. For young Indians, it offers the chance to contribute to, and benefit from, a national project that blends technology, sustainabili-

ty, and innovation. It's a rare window to grow personally and professionally while being at the heart of shaping something big. Of course, to make the most of this, a shift in mindset is essential—seeing Germany not just as a place to work or study, but as a land of long-term opportunity, innovation, and collaboration. Learning the language, adapting to the cultural nuances, and exploring pathways to integration will be key. As the world grapples with economic uncertainty and geopolitical tensions, Germany's clear vision, deep pockets, and need for talent present a quiet but powerful opening. For India's ambitious youth, Germany may well be the next big thing—waiting not just to be explored, but to be built together.



SC Warns Governors Against Delays

In a landmark verdict on April 8, 2025, the Supreme Court of India strongly criticized Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi for his prolonged inaction on key legislative matters, labeling his conduct as arbitrary and unconstitutional. The ruling sends a clear signal to all Governors across the country that they cannot act as political agents or stall democratic processes by indefinitely delaying assent to bills passed by elected state legislatures. The apex court, through a Bench comprising Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan, noted that Governor Ravi had withheld action on as many as 10 crucial bills for years. These bills, initially passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, were left in limbo without any communication or decision. However, once the Assembly re-passed the bills and the matter reached the Supreme Court, the Governor swiftly referred them to the President—an action the court viewed as a deliberate attempt to evade scrutiny. The judges emphasized that a Governor's role under Article 200 of the Constitution is not that of a political gatekeeper but a constitutional authority bound to act within a reasonable timeframe. The court asserted that the Governor must act “as a constitutional authority, not as a political functionary,” and that the delays demonstrated a clear failure in upholding constitutional responsibilities. The judgment underscored that the post of a Governor is meant to be non-partisan and independent, serving as a constitutional bridge between the Centre and the states—not as a hurdle to the will of democratically elected governments. The court criticized Governor Ravi for not acting like a “friend, guide, or philosopher” to the state, but rather as a “roadblock” that hindered governance and undermined federal principles.



Bihar Hikes Pay for State Ministers

In a key decision taken during a state cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday, the Bihar government approved a 30% hike in the salary and allowances for individuals holding positions equivalent to Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers. According to Additional Chief Secretary (Cabinet Secretariat) S. Siddharth, the revision will benefit several categories of public office holders, including whips of political parties in both the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council, as well as chairpersons and members of various state boards and commissions. These officials are granted perks and privileges equal to those of a Minister of State under the state's protocol. The new decision raises the monthly salary for Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers from ₹50,000 to ₹65,000 — a ₹15,000 increase. In addition to the salary bump, local allowances have gone up from ₹55,000 to ₹70,000, reflecting the government's intent to offset rising living and administrative costs. Daily allowances for these officials have also seen a modest hike — up from ₹3,000 to ₹3,500 per day. The hospitality allowance has been increased from ₹24,000 to ₹29,500, further enhancing the support provided to state functionaries to fulfill their official duties. Notably, the decision also extends to Deputy Chairpersons and Deputy Chief Whips, whose posts are considered on par with Deputy Ministers.

Dubai Crown Prince Boosts India Ties

Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's visit to India marked a significant step toward strengthening bilateral ties between the two nations, according to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Crown Prince, who arrived in New Delhi on a two-day visit, held high-level meetings with key Indian leaders, including PM Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, underscoring the deepening strategic, economic, and cultural relations between India and the United Arab Emirates. In a statement following his meeting with the Crown Prince, Prime Minister Modi described the visit as “special” and instrumental in paving the way for broader collaboration across various sectors. “India and the UAE share a deep bond of friendship and mutual respect. This visit by Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed reinforces the strength of our relationship and opens up new avenues for cooperation,” the Prime Minister said. The two leaders are believed to have discussed enhancing trade, investment, technology, and people-to-people exchanges. India and the UAE already enjoy strong economic relations, with the UAE being one of India's top trading partners and home to millions



of Indian expatriates. The Crown Prince's visit is expected to further accelerate partnerships under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which came into force in 2022. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also met with the visiting dignitary separately and highlighted India's keen interest in expanding defence ties with the Gulf nation. “We had a meaningful discussion on defence collaboration, including co-production and

co-development. India is looking forward to working closely with the UAE in these domains,” Singh said in a social media post after the meeting. Sheikh Hamdan's itinerary includes a visit to Mumbai, where he is scheduled to engage with top business leaders and explore investment opportunities in sectors such as infrastructure, fintech, energy, and tourism. His visit reflects the increasing high-level engagement between India and

the UAE, particularly in the backdrop of a rapidly evolving global economic order and the shared interest in ensuring regional stability and prosperity. The visit is being viewed as part of a broader strategy by both nations to diversify their partnerships beyond traditional energy and trade ties and move toward a more robust, multifaceted relationship. The symbolism and substance of this trip signal a promising new chapter in India-UAE relations.



Priyanka Skips Key AICC Meet

The Indian National Congress kicked off its highly anticipated two-day All India Congress Committee (AICC) conference in Ahmedabad on Tuesday, with discussions focused on structural reforms and strategies to revamp its grassroots machinery. The event, however, began without the presence of senior leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who is currently abroad and will not be attending the sessions. The conference is being held at a specially erected venue within the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Museum. This extended working committee meeting is considered crucial as the Congress aims to reinvent itself amid changing political landscapes and the run-up to key state and national elections. Over 1,700 party delegates from across India are expected to participate in the event, which brings together AICC members, state unit leaders, and senior office bearers. With Priyanka Gandhi absent, attention is expected to shift toward the roles played by Congress Pres-

ident Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, and Rahul Gandhi, who are scheduled to address delegates on the second day. At the core of the conference are two key resolutions that will be tabled for discussion and approval: Organizational Restructuring – This resolution focuses on redefining the internal functioning of the Congress party, aiming for a more streamlined leadership structure, improved accountability, and increased transparency at all levels. Empowerment of District Congress Committees (DCCs) – The second resolution underscores the need to strengthen the DCCs, which are seen as the party's local pillars. Proposed reforms include giving them more autonomy, performance-based evaluations, and integrating technology to better address local issues. Though Priyanka Gandhi's absence was noted, party leaders maintained that her work in Wayanad and broader national engagements continue to be vital to the Congress's vision moving forward.

Drunk Congress Leader Kills 3 in Jaipur



A tragic road accident in Jaipur on Monday night turned politically explosive after an allegedly drunk Congress leader, Usman Khan, ran over multiple pedestrians in his SUV, leaving three dead and six others critically injured. The incident occurred along the MI Road-Nahargarh stretch, a densely populated area with narrow lanes. The driver, Usman Khan, aged 62, is a factory owner and served as the Congress' Jaipur district vice president. According to police, Khan was heavily intoxicated when he lost control of his vehicle, first hitting a scooter near the Santosh Mata Temple before plowing through people and vehicles over a 500-metre stretch. His SUV eventually collided with parked vehicles outside the Nahargarh Police Station, where locals and police were able to detain him after the vehicle got stuck in a narrow lane. The deceased were identified as Mamta Kanwar (50), Awadhesh Pareek (37), and Virendra

Singh (48), who succumbed to his injuries the following morning. The injured victims include a minor girl and several middle-aged individuals, all of whom were rushed to Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Hospital, where they remain in critical condition under trauma care. The horrifying accident sparked massive public outrage, with locals staging a protest outside the Nahargarh Police Station. Demands included financial compensation, government jobs for the victims' families, and strict legal action against Khan. Police from four different stations were deployed to maintain law and order in the tense locality. Meanwhile, the BJP seized the opportunity to attack the Congress, alleging that the party harbors individuals with criminal tendencies. BJP IT cell head Amit Malviya highlighted Khan's position within the Congress and accused the party of sheltering criminals while invoking “secularism” as a defense when such incidents occur.

Punjab Blast Accused Arrested; Link to Lawrence Bishnoi Gang and ISI Revealed

Zeeshan Akhtar, a close associate of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, has been arrested in connection with the grenade attack on BJP leader Manoranjan Kalia's home in Jalandhar, Punjab. Police sources revealed that Akhtar masterminded the attack and is also a key suspect in the murder of NCP leader Baba Siddiqui. Investigations suggest that Pakistan's ISI played a role in orchestrating the attack as part of a larger conspiracy aimed at disrupting religious harmony in Punjab. The blast, which occurred early on Tuesday, caused significant damage to Kalia's residence, including shattered glass windows and a damaged aluminum partition. However, there were no casualties, as Kalia was at home at the time. The explosion also affected several vehicles parked outside his house. Following the attack, the main suspect who



threw the grenade was apprehended, and an e-rickshaw used in the operation was seized by the police. Interestingly, Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorist Happy Passia claimed responsibility for the attack, hinting at a possible collaboration between the Lawrence Bishnoi gang and Khalistan terrorist outfits, including BKI, with support from the ISI. Security agen-

cies have long suspected such connections, and this claim further strengthens the link between these groups. This explosion marks the latest in a series of bombings in Punjab, with 12 blasts occurring within the past year. Happy Passia's name has surfaced in multiple investigations related to these attacks, with gangster Jeevan Fauji also suspected to be involved, particularly in the attacks targeting police establishments in Amritsar. The rising number of attacks has raised concerns, with opposition parties in Punjab pointing fingers at the Bhagwant Singh Mann government, accusing it of failing to curb the growing security threats. Punjab minister Mohinder Bhagat responded, stating that the attackers are those unable to tolerate the state's progress and development.

"Non-Aligned Nations Like India...": JPMorgan CEO's Advice To Donald Trump

- Urges stronger US trade ties with India, Brazil.
- Criticizes Trump’s protectionist policies and global impact.
- Market volatility, high deficits add to economic risks.

TPN Correspondent | US

JPMorgan Chase & Co. CEO Jamie Dimon has expressed concerns that the recent tariff measures imposed by US President Donald Trump could lead to inflation and potentially push the world’s largest economy into a recession. In his annual letter to shareholders, Dimon cautioned that the tariffs could result in a slowdown of economic growth, even if they do not directly trigger a recession.

Dimon warned that the tariffs are likely to cause inflation, not just on imported goods, but also on domestic products, as rising input costs and increased demand for local goods push prices up. He highlighted that market valuations are still relatively high,

adding to concerns of economic turbulence. “The economy is facing considerable turbulence, including geopolitics, ongoing sticky inflation, high fiscal deficits, and high asset prices and volatility,” Dimon noted.

In his letter, Dimon emphasized that the US should focus on strengthening trade relationships with non-aligned nations like India and Brazil, rather than pressuring them to align with the US. He suggested that deepening trade ties with key partners is beneficial both economically and geopolitically. “We don’t need to ask many nonaligned nations to align with us, but we can bring them closer by simply extending a friendly hand with trade and investment,” he said.



Dimon’s remarks come amid growing criticism of Trump’s protectionist policies, which have exacerbated market volatility worldwide. The tariffs, which include a 26% duty on Indian imports and 10% tariffs on Brazilian products, have sparked concerns about long-term economic repercussions. Billionaire investor Bill Ackman also warned that the US risks undermining its reputation as a reliable trading partner and

investment destination.

Additionally, Senator Ted Cruz voiced concerns that a severe recession could result in political fallout for the Republican Party in the upcoming elections. Meanwhile, President Trump remained defiant, defending the tariffs as necessary “medicine” to fix the economy, despite the escalating trade war, particularly with China.



Sheikh Hasina Vows to Return to Bangladesh, Seeks Justice for Her Party Members

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Sheikh Hasina, the ousted Prime Minister of Bangladesh, has vowed to return to her home country and seek justice for her party, the Awami League, in a social media interaction with her supporters. Hasina, who is currently in India after her government fell due to widespread student protests last year, assured her followers that those responsible for targeting Awami League members will be held accountable.

In her message, the Awami League president expressed gratitude for her survival, saying, “Allah kept me alive for a reason, and the day will come when justice will be brought.” She recalled the profound loss of her family members, including her father, mother, and brother, and described the painful experience of being denied return to her homeland. Despite these hardships, Hasina remains determined, vowing that those who have committed crimes will face punishment. “This is my pledge,” she declared.

Hasina also took aim at Bangladesh’s interim head, Muhammad Yunus, criticizing his actions as detrimental to the people. “He loaned out small amounts at high interest rates and used the money to live lavishly abroad,” Hasina said, accusing Yunus of exploiting the situation for personal gain. She further claimed that Yunus, driven by a thirst for power, has played a key role in stoking unrest in Bangladesh.

In her remarks, Hasina painted a bleak picture of the current state of the country, calling it a “terrorist country” where violence against Awami League members is rampant. She alleged that members of her party, as well as police officers, journalists, lawyers, and artists, have been targeted. The former prime minister also criticized the government for clamping down on the media, claiming that crimes such as rapes, murders, and robberies are being suppressed, and media outlets reporting such incidents face severe retaliation.

Hasina’s comments highlight the ongoing political and social turmoil in Bangladesh and her unwavering commitment to securing justice for those affected.

Amid Trump Tariffs, S Jaishankar, US Counterpart Push For "Early Trade Deal"

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In response to US President Donald Trump’s reciprocal tariffs, which sent shockwaves through global trade, India has chosen a unique path. While other nations, such as China and Canada, retaliated swiftly with their own tariffs, India decided not to mirror the US’ 26% tariff announcement. Instead, New Delhi opted to absorb the impact and recalibrate its trading dynamics, minimizing the effect on Indian exporters.

India’s strategy involves continuing its negotiations with the US for a mutually beneficial trade agreement, hoping to secure a “win-win” deal. Prior to the tariff imposition, India had already positioned itself strategically by being one of the first countries to initiate a significant trade pact with the US.

In recent talks, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio discussed the importance of an expedited conclusion to the bi-



lateral trade deal. Both leaders agreed that finalizing the agreement quickly would be beneficial for both nations. Jaishankar also highlighted the ongoing discussions about regional security issues, such as the Indo-Pacific and

the Indian subcontinent.

India’s government has looked into a specific clause in Trump’s tariff order, which offers potential relief to countries making significant efforts to address

non-reciprocal trade issues. While countries like China and Vietnam face higher tariffs, India is in a more advantageous position and plans to finalize a trade deal by autumn 2025.

India has also taken several steps to ease tensions, such as reducing tariffs on high-end motorcycles and bourbon whiskey, as well as removing a digital services tax that impacted major US tech firms like Google and Amazon.

The Indian Commerce Ministry is closely monitoring the impact of US tariffs, particularly on sectors vulnerable to these changes, such as diamond merchants. At the same time, the ministry is evaluating new opportunities that may arise from this trade shift.

The India-US relationship remains strong, with both countries working towards doubling bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030, reflecting their growing economic and strategic partnership.

Shruti Chaturvedi, Indian Entrepreneur, Faces Detention Ordeal at US Airport

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Entrepreneur Shruti Chaturvedi has shared a disturbing experience at a US airport, claiming she was detained for eight hours by police and the FBI, which caused her to miss her flight. In a post on social media platform X, Chaturvedi, who runs the Chaipani public relations firm, recounted her ordeal, including allegations of inappropriate physical checks by a male officer under camera surveillance.

The cause of the detention, according to Chaturvedi, was a power bank in her handbag that airport security at Anchorage airport in Alaska deemed “suspicious.” She further described being stripped of her warm clothing and held in a chilled room without being allowed to use the restroom, make phone calls, or contact anyone during the long hours of questioning.

In her post, Chaturvedi described the experience: “Imagine being detained by Police and FBI for 8 hours, being questioned the most ridiculous things, physically checked by a male officer on camera, stripped off warm wear, mobile phone, wallet, kept in a chilled room, not allowed to use a restroom, or make a single phone call, made to miss your flight – all because the airport security found your powerbank in handbag ‘suspicious.’” She tagged India’s Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar and the Ministry of External Affairs in her post.



Chaturvedi, who had been sharing pictures from her Alaska trip on social media, had earlier posted about the stunning northern lights she witnessed during her journey. She expressed frustration over the treatment she received, highlighting the lack of due process in her detention.

Trump rejects offers to tear down tariffs, threatens more on China

The Trump administration’s approach to tariffs and “reciprocity” continues to spark controversy and confusion. White House trade advisor Peter Navarro recently highlighted Vietnam’s “nontariff cheating,” such as Chinese goods being rerouted through Vietnam, to justify tariffs on the country. However, the administration’s stance on tariffs goes beyond trade imbalances, aiming to reshape global trade practices entirely.

Despite offers from Vietnam and the European Union to remove tariffs on U.S. imports in exchange for reciprocal action, the Trump administration rejected these proposals. Navarro dismissed Vietnam’s tariff offer, asserting that their “nontariff cheating” mattered more. The U.S. government’s refusal to engage in reciprocal trade agreements has led to growing discontent among business leaders, some of whom are major Republican donors. Their concerns reflect the potential long-term economic harm caused by Trump’s unpredictable tariff policies.

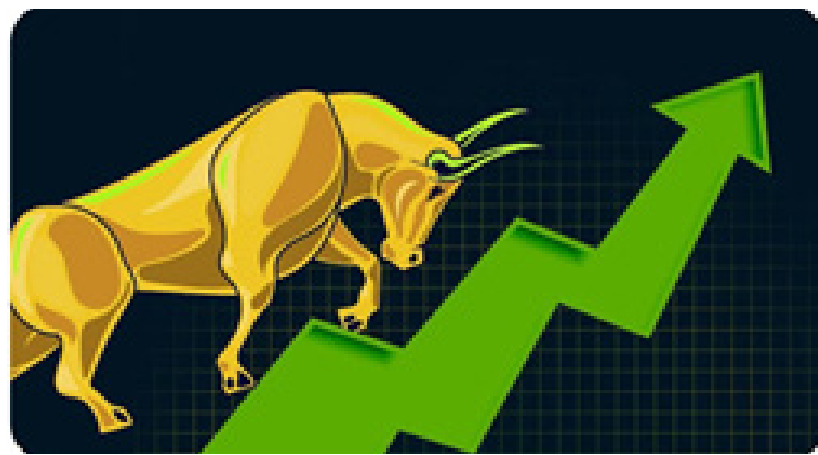
Meanwhile, the U.S. stock market continues to struggle, with the S&P 500 briefly entering bear market territory and the Dow Jones Industrial Average experiencing its largest intraday point swing in history. Although some tech stocks showed slight gains, including Nvidia and Amazon, the broader market re-



mains in turmoil. European markets have also taken a hit, with the pan-European Stoxx 600 index slumping by 4.5%, marking its worst week in five years.

The situation escalated as trade tensions with China deepened. In retaliation to U.S. tariffs, China imposed a 34% tariff on all U.S. goods, and Trump threatened an additional 50% tariff on Chinese imports. The White House’s rejection of offers from both Vietnam and the EU to reduce tariffs only adds to fears of a prolonged trade war. Business leaders are becoming increasingly vocal about the economic repercussions of Trump’s tariff policies. BlackRock CEO Larry Fink stated that many CEOs are already feeling the effects, with some suggesting the U.S. may already be in a recession. JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon also warned that tariffs could lead to inflation and slow economic growth, further fueling concerns of an economic downturn.

Markets Rebound Sharply as Tariff Fears Ease; Sensex Soars 1089 Points, Nifty Reclaims 22,500



Domestic stock markets gained heavily on Tuesday. They covered half of Monday's losses. The fear of Trump's tariffs has reduced, the world is exploring alternative ways, positive signals from global markets, and India is naturally a consumption-oriented country, which has instilled confidence in investors. Buying has been done as oversold conditions have already been reached and valuable shares are available at attractive prices. All indices including media, PSU bank, consumption, and realty have gained. Mid and small cap indices have also increased. Overall, Nifty has increased by 374 points and Sensex by 1089 points. It is better to be alert for now.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 73,137 in the previous session, opened at 74,013 on Tuesday. It touched an intraday low of 73,424. It reached an intraday high of 74,859. It finally closed at 74,227 with a gain of 1089 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 22,446, touched a low of 22,270 and a high of 22,697. It rose by 374 points in total and closed at 22,535. The Nifty Bank rose by 650 points and settled at 50,511.

In the Nifty50, 49 companies gained and 1 lost. Jio Finance, Shriram Finance, BAEL, Adani Enterprises, Cipla were the top gainers. Only Power Grid lost slightly. India Vicks fell 10.31% today to 20.44. Media, PSU Bank, Consumption, Realty, Oil, FMCG, Pharma, Infra, PSE,

IT, CPSE, Commodities, Healthcare, Financial indices rose.

Market breadth turned in favor of buyers on NSE today. Out of a total of 2957 shares traded, 2391 gained and 499 lost. 17 shares touched 52-week highs and 22 shares touched 52-week lows. 124 stocks reached the upper circuit and 45 stocks reached the lower circuit.



Rupee weakened by 40 paise to settle at 86.24 against the dollar. Texmaco Rail signs binding term sheet with Juwari Industries. Goldman Sachs has given a buy rating to Axis Bank with a target price of Rs 1228 and SBI with a target price of Rs 823.

NBCC Company has received an order worth Rs 120 crore. Goldman Sachs has upgraded the buy rating to PNB Housing with a target price of Rs 1182. Transformer and Rectifiers Q4 profit increased from Rs 40 crore to Rs 94.2 crore. HSBC has maintained a buy rating on BPCL, HPCL, IOCL. 10 lakh shares changed hands in Sonata Software. Mazagaon Dock turnover increased by 14% in FY25. This has led to the declaration of an interim dividend of Rs 3 per share for the second time. Sebi has given a green signal to Anthem Biosciences and AYE Finance IPO. Jio Finance enters digital loans against securities. Bharat Electronics signs Rs 2210 crore deal with Defence Ministry. Citi says government hopes to cushion oil marketing companies' losses from falling oil prices.



Pidilite Industries Ltd.

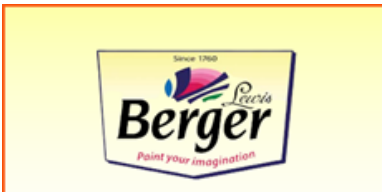
Pidilite, a market leader in adhesives and sealants, continues to show steady performance despite market volatility. With strong consumer demand in the retail segment, products like Fevicol, M-Seal, and Dr. Fixit are witnessing consistent volume growth. The company's rural expansion strategy and focus on innovative construction chemicals are contributing to margin resilience. However, raw material cost fluctuations remain a watch point. Analysts maintain a positive outlook due to strong brand equity and distribution strength.

Tata Consumer Products Ltd.
Tata Consumer shares have



been active following recent upgrades by global brokerage firms. The company has shown robust growth in both the food and beverages segment. Its focus on premiumisation, increased distribution reach, and expansion into health-focused products is paying off. Integration with Tata Salt, Tetley, and Tata Sampann brands is streamlining operations. The recent stock rally was supported by strong Q4 performance and institutional buying. Analysts have upgraded the stock to 'Buy' with long-term potential.

Berger Paints India Ltd.



Berger Paints continues to remain under watch as the paint industry faces margin pressure due to rising input costs, espe-

cially crude derivatives. However, Berger's consistent focus on premium segments, growth in the decorative paint market, and strong rural penetration help offset inflation challenges. The company's new product launches and automation in manufacturing give it an operational edge. Analysts are cautiously optimistic, awaiting better cost-efficiency improvements.

PNB Housing Finance Ltd.



PNB Housing has been in the spotlight due to a sharp rally backed by strong institutional interest. Its affordable housing loan portfolio has now crossed ₹5,000 crore, marking a significant milestone. With improved asset quality, stable NIMs, and renewed focus on retail disbursements, the company is regaining investor confidence. A recent target upgrade by Goldman Sachs (₹1182) adds bullish sentiment. However, tight competition in the housing finance space remains a challenge.

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL)



HPCL shares have seen sharp intraday movement, gaining up to 6% from daily lows recently. This is due to the sharp fall in Brent crude oil prices, which benefits downstream oil companies. Additionally, government measures to offset under-recoveries have also aided sentiment. HPCL is working towards improving refining capacity and expanding retail fuel outlets. Analysts at HSBC maintain a 'Buy' rating, citing near-term margin tailwinds and long-term capex-driven growth.



Tata Motors Reports 3% YoY Decline in Global Wholesales for Q4 FY25

Tata Motors Group reported a 3% year-on-year (YoY) decline in its global wholesales for the fourth quarter (Q4) of fiscal year 2025 (FY25), with total wholesales reaching 3,66,177 units. The company's Q4 performance, which includes figures from its luxury vehicle arm Jaguar Land Rover, was slightly lower compared to the same period in FY24.

The global wholesales of Tata Motors' commercial vehicles, including the Tata Daewoo range, stood at 1,07,765 units in Q4 FY25. This represented a 3% decline over the same quarter in the previous year, reflecting the ongoing challenges in the commercial vehicle segment.

On the passenger vehicle front, including electric vehicles, Tata Motors registered global wholesales of 1,46,999 units in Q4 FY25. This marked a 6% decrease compared to Q4 FY24, primarily impacted by subdued demand and market conditions.

In contrast, the luxury vehicle segment, represented by Jaguar Land Rover, saw a positive performance. The global wholesales of Jaguar Land Rover in Q4 FY25 stood at 1,11,413 vehicles, reflecting a 1% increase compared to Q4 FY24. Within this, Jaguar wholesales for the quarter totaled 7,070 vehicles, while Land Rover contributed 1,04,343 vehicles to the overall total.

Despite the overall decline in Tata Motors' global wholesales, the increase in Jaguar Land Rover's performance offers a bright spot for the group, especially in the luxury segment. The company continues to focus on improving its product portfolio, especially in the electric vehicle (EV) space, to cater to changing consumer preferences.

Tata Motors' leadership in the EV segment and its efforts in expanding its global presence remain central to its strategy, even as it navigates challenges in the commercial vehicle and traditional passenger vehicle sectors.

Coal production in India crosses 1 billion tonne milestone in FY25



India has marked a historic achievement by surpassing one billion tonnes of coal production in the 2024-25 fiscal year, reaching a provisional total of 1.04 billion tonnes (BT). This represents a 4.99% growth compared to the previous year's production of 997.83 million tonnes (MT). The milestone underscores India's critical role in the global coal sector, as it remains the second-largest consumer of coal worldwide, with the fifth-largest coal reserves.

The coal sector continues to play a pivotal role in India's energy land-

scape, accounting for 55% of the national energy mix and fueling over 74% of total power generation. This accomplishment has been achieved thanks to the collaborative efforts of Coal Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), private sector players, and the hard work of over 500,000 mine workers spread across more than 350 coal mines. The Ministry of Coal highlighted the dedication and resilience of these miners, who have faced numerous challenges in order to meet the nation's growing demand for energy.

In addition to the significant rise in production, India has also experienced a remarkable increase in coal dispatch. Coal dispatch in 2024-25 reached 1.02 billion tonnes (provisional), a 5.34% rise from 973.01 MT in the previous year. Dispatch from commercial, captive, and other entities surged by 31.39%, reaching 196.83 MT, compared to 149.81 MT in 2023-24. Coal dispatch refers to the process of transporting and distributing coal to consumers, particularly power plants and industries across the country.

The Indian coal sector also achieved a notable reduction in coal imports. Coal imports declined by 8.4% to 183.42 MT between April and December 2024, compared to 200.19 MT during the same period in 2023-24. This reduction resulted in a savings of approximately USD 5.43 billion (Rs 42,315.7 crore) in foreign exchange.

While renewable energy continues to grow, coal remains indispensable to India's energy requirements. Despite future shifts towards greener alternatives, coal-based thermal power is expected to contribute 55% of India's energy mix by 2030 and 27% by 2047.

India net importer of finished steel in 2024/25, data shows



India, the world's second-largest crude steel producer, became a net importer of finished steel for the second consecutive year during the financial year that ended in March 2025, according to provisional government data reviewed by Reuters on Tuesday. The country imported 9.5 million metric tons of finished steel during the April-March period, reflecting a 14.6% increase compared to the previous year.

In contrast, India's finished steel exports fell significantly, standing at 4.9 million metric tons, a decline of 35.1% year-on-year. This sharp drop in exports contributed to India's status as a net importer of finished steel for the second year in a row.

India's growing reliance on steel imports comes despite its strong position as the second-largest producer of crude steel globally. The rise in finished steel imports highlights the challenges faced by the do-

mestic steel industry, including competition from cheaper foreign steel products and shifting market dynamics.

To address the growing import issue, the Indian government has recommended a temporary safeguard duty of 12% on certain steel products for a period of 200 days. This move aims to protect the domestic industry from an influx of cheap steel imports, particularly from countries

where production costs are lower. The safeguard duty is part of a broader strategy to curb steel imports and ensure the growth of the domestic steel manufacturing sector.

India's Ministry of Steel is expected to release detailed country-wise trade numbers later this month, providing further insights into the specific origins of the imports and the impact on the domestic steel market. Despite the challenges posed by increased imports, India remains one of the largest consumers of steel, with the material playing a crucial role in infrastructure development and various industries across the country. As the global steel market remains volatile, India's steel sector is expected to continue navigating these challenges with a focus on strengthening its domestic production capacity and reducing dependency on imports.

Wedding Menu with Calorie Counts Goes Viral

In a refreshing twist to traditional wedding celebrations, a wedding in West Bengal has captured the attention of internet users for its innovative approach—listing the calorie count of each dish on the menu. This thoughtful move was discovered by a Reddit user who attended the event, sparking widespread admiration online. In today's health-conscious era, people are increasingly meticulous about their diet, tracking every calorie and scrutinizing nutrition labels. However, at weddings, where indulgence often takes precedence, this mindful practice is rarely observed. Recognizing this gap, the hosts of this wedding decided to combine the joy of celebration with health consciousness. The menu featured a variety of dishes, clearly marked as vegetarian or non-vegetarian, alongside their corresponding calorie counts, allowing guests to make informed dietary choices without missing out on the festive feast. Adding a quirky charm, the menu welcomed guests with a light-hearted message: “Welcome to

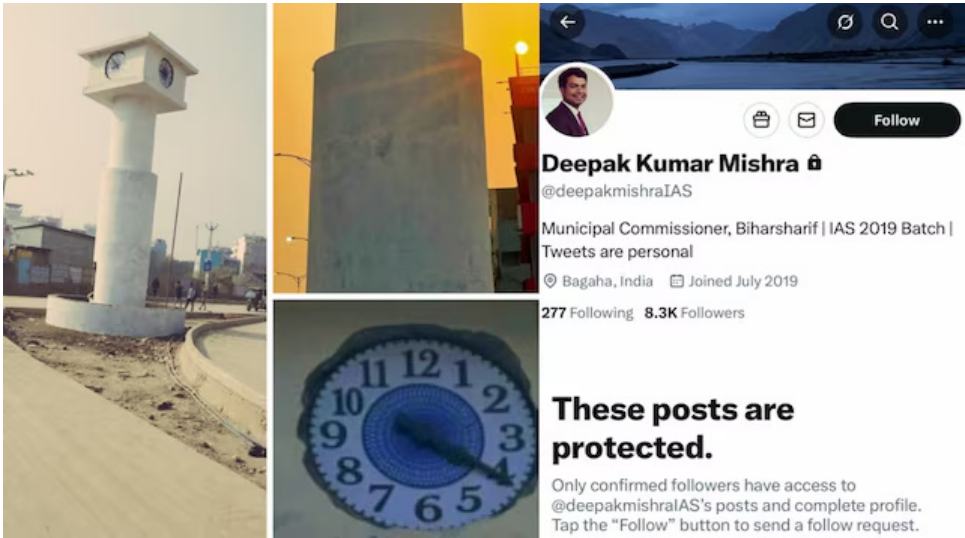


Charity Hall for this celebration evening. Though we are here to celebrate L&T (Love and Togetherness), we are not on any 90-hour work agenda. So please make yourselves comfortable and enjoy the dinner without wasting food, which is soon to be served on behalf of us.” This creative gesture not only showcased the hosts' consideration for their guests' health but also highlighted an emerging trend where even the most lavish events are embracing wellness. The idea resonated with many, as it balanced traditional wedding hospitality with modern health awareness, earning praise from netizens for its originality and thoughtful execution.

Bihar Clock Tower Sparks Outrage

A seemingly innocuous clock tower built in Bihar Sharif has sparked widespread outrage, turning into a hotbed of controversy on social media. Constructed under the supervision of Municipal Commissioner Deepak Kumar Mishra, the clock tower quickly came under public scrutiny after images of the structure began circulating on 'X' (formerly Twitter). What caught people's attention wasn't just its lackluster design but the reported cost — a staggering ₹40 lakh. Many questioned the rationale behind such a steep expenditure for what they perceived as an uninspired and unremarkable public structure. To add fuel to the fire, the clock stopped working just a day after its inauguration, triggering a flood of criticism and memes. The tower, which was hurriedly made operational ahead of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Pragati Yatra, soon became a symbol of poor planning and mismanagement. According to a report in Dainik Bhaskar, the clock's

malfunction was allegedly due to theft — miscreants reportedly broke in and stole copper wires, leaving the mechanism defunct. Ironically, the broken clock ended up displaying the same time — 4:20 — twice a day, a detail that was gleefully picked up by netizens for mockery. As public anger grew, Commissioner Deepak Kumar Mishra faced a barrage of questions and ridicule online. The backlash was so intense that Mishra ended up deleting his account on 'X', signaling a digital retreat amid mounting pressure. What was meant to be a landmark symbol of development during the CM's tour quickly devolved into a public relations disaster. The episode has raised serious concerns over public spending, project quality, and accountability among local officials. It has also reignited debate over how hasty execution of civic projects, often for political optics, can backfire spectacularly in the age of social media, where public opinion can turn viral in a matter of hours.



Rs. 9 Saree Frenzy in Vikarabad

Sarees hold a special place in the hearts of Indian women, and their enthusiasm for a good saree deal knows no bounds. This was clearly evident in Vikarabad, Telangana, where chaos unfolded during the grand opening of the JLM Saree Showroom at Ramayyaguda Road. The store, which was inaugurated in a grand manner by actress Anasuya and Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, had been promoting a mega offer—sarees for just ₹9. This offer created a massive buzz for days leading up to the launch. On the day of the opening, thousands of women thronged the location, eager to grab the once-in-a-lifetime deal. The crowd grew so large and uncontrollable that even the police and store management



failed to handle the situation. The main Ramayyaguda-Vikarabad road was clogged with the sheer number of women pouring in from surrounding areas, leading to a huge traffic jam and public inconvenience. The publicity worked so well that the crowd was far beyond what the organizers had expected. As the

crowd surged, the management was forced to back off, unable to cater to everyone. Speaker Prasad Kumar personally stepped in to appeal to the women to maintain calm and promised that sarees would be distributed to all, but the crowd showed little patience. Eventually, with no other option left, the showroom had to be shut down on its opening day itself. The ₹9 saree offer, meant as a marketing masterstroke, turned into an overwhelming rush that spun out of control. While the buzz certainly made the store the talk of the town, it also served as a reminder of how promotional campaigns can spiral unexpectedly when they touch on something as beloved as sarees, especially when prices drop to single digits.

“Dire Wolves Revived After 12,500 Years”

In an extraordinary scientific breakthrough, researchers from Colossal Biosciences, a Texas-based company specializing in de-extinction efforts, have successfully revived the ancient dire wolf, a species that roamed North America as a dominant predator over 12,000 years ago. This remarkable feat was achieved through advanced genetic engineering techniques, including gene editing and cloning, using ancient DNA samples from a 13,000-year-old tooth and a 72,000-year-old skull fragment. The team utilized the DNA of the modern gray wolf, the dire wolf's closest living relative, and applied precise genetic modifications to recreate traits such as increased size, thicker fur, and stronger jaws. The result? Three healthy pups named Romulus, Remus, and Khaleesi, with Romulus and

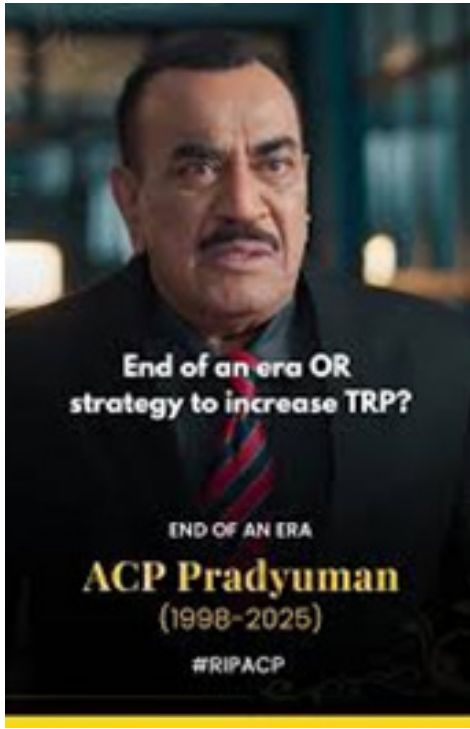


Remus already standing nearly four feet tall and weighing over 36 kg at just six months old. These pups are currently being raised and studied at a secure location in the United States. The dire wolf, famously featured in HBO's "Game of Thrones," was larger and more robust than today's gray wolves, with powerful build and hunting prowess. Colossal Biosciences' success with these gene-edited wolves marks a major milestone in the company's mission to bring back extinct species and explore the possibilities of biodiversity restoration. This project not only showcases the potential of genetic engineering in conservation but also sparks discussions about the ethical implications of reviving extinct species. As the scientific community watches closely, the dire wolves symbolize both the marvels of modern biotechnology and the ongoing quest to reconnect with Earth's lost giants.

How ACP Pradyuman Became a Meme Legend

CID's ACP Pradyuman, played by Shivaji Satam, isn't just a television character—he's a pop culture legend. With his stern face, signature index-finger swivel, and the iconic line “Daya, darwaza tod do!”, he transcended the screen to become a meme, a memory, and a massive part of India's collective nostalgia. Recently, fans were hit with the emotional news of his departure from the long-running crime drama CID, marking the end of a 27-year era that began in 1998. While some speculate this exit might be a strategic move to rejuvenate the show's second season, others feel it's simply the natural curtain call for a character who has done it all. But regardless of the reason, the legacy of ACP Pradyuman is cemented in the hearts of every 90s kid and TV enthusiast who grew up watching the team chase down murderers in their trusty Qualis. CID wasn't just a show—it was a ritual, and Pradyuman was its moral compass. He led

his team with unwavering discipline: Daya, the muscle who smashed doors on command; Abhijeet, the steady, rational officer; Freddy, the comic relief with a nervous twitch; Vivek, the tech-savvy one with near-magical access to criminal databases; and Dr Salunkhe, the ever-sarcastic forensic expert who could diagnose poison by tasting white powder mid-autopsy. Episodes often began with a suspicious corpse and ended with philosophical justice delivered in Pradyuman's classic gravitas. Local police were conveniently skipped—because CID, apparently, had pan-India jurisdiction. With over 1,500 episodes, CID became a cult hit, and memes made sure it stayed alive online, long after some might have stopped watching. From viral reels to nostalgic remixes, Pradyuman's presence still lingers. So even though the character might be gone from the show, the legacy of his “laash ke saath kuch toh gadbad hai” moments lives on, etched forev-



er in India's meme history.

Iraqi Passenger Caught with Gold

Amid soaring gold prices, smuggling activities are on the rise across India. In a recent incident at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi, Customs officials seized a significant quantity of gold from an Iraqi national. Acting on profiling data, the Customs Department's Air Intelligence Unit intercepted a passenger who arrived from Baghdad on IndiGo flight number IA-443. During the X-ray screening of passenger baggage, suspicious images appeared, prompting officials to conduct a detailed inspection. The individual was further checked using a Door Frame Metal Detector (DFMD), which confirmed the presence of metal objects in his luggage. Upon opening the baggage, officials discovered various types of yellow metal ornaments weighing a total of 1.2 kilograms. According to the Customs Department, the gold was concealed in a way intended to evade detection. Authorities stated that such incidents have become increasingly common as smugglers attempt to bypass strict security

measures at international airports and sea-ports. The detained Iraqi passenger is now under investigation, and officials are probing the origin and intended destination of the smuggled gold. With the price of gold touching new highs, smugglers are resorting to innovative and risky methods to transport gold illegally into the country. This seizure underscores the vigilance and efficiency of Indian Customs officials in detecting and preventing illegal activities at airports. The department also reiterated that security screenings will continue to be stringent and thorough to deter such offenses. The seized gold has been taken into custody as evidence, and further legal action will be initiated based on the outcome of the investigation. The Customs Department is expected to take appropriate steps as per the law and may initiate prosecution if required. This incident serves as a reminder of the constant threats to border security posed by smugglers and the crucial role of alert surveillance systems.



Priyansh Arya Smashes Maiden IPL Century as Punjab Kings Beat CSK



Young sensation Priyansh Arya announced his arrival in style by scoring his maiden IPL century as Punjab Kings (PBKS) defeated Chennai Super Kings (CSK) by 18 runs in a thrilling IPL encounter. Opening the innings, Arya blazed his way to 103 off just 42 balls, including

7 fours and 9 sixes. He brought up his century in 39 balls, making it the fifth-fastest century in IPL history. The record still belongs to Chris Gayle, who hit a 30-ball ton in 2013. Thanks to Arya's explosive start, PBKS posted a formidable 219/6. Shashank Singh added a solid 52 off 36 balls*,

while Marco Jansen chipped in with 34 off 19 balls*. For CSK, Khaleel Ahmed (2/45) and Ravichandran Ashwin (2/48) picked up two wickets each. However, it wasn't enough as PBKS held their nerve to secure a crucial victory in the tournament.

ISSF WC: Teen Shooter Suruchi Strikes Gold in Women's 10m Air Pistol

India's Suruchi made a sensational mark at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Argentina, clinching gold in women's 10m air pistol with a stunning score of 244.6 in the final. The 19-year-old national champion overcame a world-class field, including China's Qian Wei, who settled for silver, and Jiang Ranxin, the Olympic great who took bronze. Despite a slow start, Suruchi showed nerves of steel, shooting 10.7 and 10.8 during the

elimination rounds to take the lead after the 13th shot. She held her ground with a string of high 10s to finish strong. Suruchi had topped the qualification with a score of 583, outperforming big names like Zorana Arunovic, Doreen Vennekamp, and Manu Bhaker. This was India's third gold at the event and Suruchi's first ISSF medal, signaling the arrival of a promising new star on the global shooting stage.



ISSF WC: Narmada Finishes 6th, Sonam 8th in Women's Air Rifle Final



India missed out on a podium finish on day five of the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Argentina, with R. Narmada Nithin and Sonam Uttam Maskar placing sixth and eighth, respectively, in the women's 10m air rifle final. China's Wang Zifei, the reigning junior world champion, clinched gold with a near world-record performance, while Korea's Eunji Kwon took silver and Switzerland's Audrey Gogniat, the Paris Olympic bronze medalist, claimed bronze. Both Indians performed strongly in the high-pressure qualification rounds. Narmada shot a consistent 632.8 to place fourth, while Sonam secured her second consecutive ISSF final appearance with a 631.6, edging out American Olympian Mary Tucker on inner 10s. In the final, despite solid starts, the stiff competition proved too tough. Narmada narrowly missed fifth place by just 0.1 points, while leaderboard positions kept fluctuating through the event.

KKR Fall Short by 4 Runs in Thrilling IPL Clash Against LSG



In a high-octane run-fest, Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) fell agonizingly short by 4 runs against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) on Tuesday. Chasing a daunting target of 239, KKR were cruising at 149/2 in 12 overs but suffered a dramatic batting collapse to finish at 234/7 in 20 overs. Ajinkya Rahane led the charge with a fluent 61 off 35 balls, smashing 8 fours and 2 sixes. Venkatesh Iyer added a quick 45, while Rinku Singh kept

hopes alive with an unbeaten 38 off 15, but it wasn't enough to get KKR over the line. Earlier, Nicholas Pooran (87* off 35 balls) and Mitchell Marsh (81 off 46) propelled LSG to a mammoth 238/3. With the ball, Shardul Thakur (2/52) made crucial breakthroughs for LSG, while Harshit Rana took 2/51 for KKR. Despite the valiant chase, KKR ended up on the losing side in a pulsating contest.

India Fall 1-2 to New Zealand in Billie Jean King Cup Opener; Shrivalli Shines in Debut Win



India suffered a 1-2 defeat to New Zealand in their opening tie of the Billie Jean King Cup Asia-Oceania Group 1, held at the Mhalunge Balewadi Tennis Complex, Pune. India started strong as Shrivalli Bhamidipaty delivered a dominant performance in the opening singles match, crushing Aishi Das 6-1, 6-1. Her clinical win, powered by six aces and effective break-point conversions, gave India a 1-0 lead. However, New Zealand hit back as Lulu Sun outplayed Sahaja Yamalapa-

lli 6-3, 6-3 in the second singles, leveling the tie. The experienced Kiwi used her court craft and power to outmaneuver the Indian. In the decisive doubles, Ankita Raina and Prarthana Thombare faced Lulu Sun and Monique Barry. Despite a spirited effort, the Indian duo fell 3-6, 4-6, handing the tie to New Zealand. Earlier, the tournament was inaugurated with a grand ceremony, featuring past and present Indian tennis stars. India next faces Thailand on April 9.

Telangana, MP, Manipur Shine on Day 5 of Senior Hockey Nationals

Day 5 of the 15th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2025 witnessed spirited performances as Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, and Manipur recorded impressive wins in their respective matches. In Division 'B', Telangana Hockey outclassed Goans Hockey 5-1. Goals from Surya Prakash Potluri (18'), Aiyappa PR (21'), Peddinti Neeraj Kumar (23'), Rohit Singh (28'), and Raju Talla (29') sealed the win. Telangana now stand second in Pool A with two wins in three matches. Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Hockey cruised past Hockey Mizoram with a dominant 6-0 win. Six players in-

cluding Captain Arvind Yadav and Deepak Yadav scored to lift the team to third in Pool B. In Division 'A', Hockey Madhya Pradesh edged past Hockey Association of Odisha 3-2, with Ali Ahmad netting twice. Meanwhile, Manipur Hockey pulled off a thrilling 4-3 win over Le Puducherry Hockey, thanks to Cyril Lugun's hat-trick and a late winner from Thokchom Kingson Singh. Later matches on Tuesday feature Hockey Haryana vs Hockey Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh vs Hockey Bengal, promising more action in the national championship.



Maruthi Urges Patience for Raja Saab



Director Maruthi, who visited the temples in Tirupati and Srikalahasti today, took to social media to share pictures and connect with fans awaiting updates on his upcoming film Raja Saab starring Prabhas. While fans eagerly sought news, Maruthi clarified that the official

updates will come from the production house, People Media Factory. In a tweet, he emphasized the complexity of the post-production process, particularly the heavy VFX work involved, and urged fans to be patient. “It’s not a one man word or work... everyone is giving their best,” he wrote, hinting

that once the CG output is verified, a release date will be announced. The film, a horror comedy, also stars Sanjay Dutt in a key role, with Nidhi Agerwal and Malavika Mohanan as the female leads. Originally slated for an April release, the film has now been postponed.

Allu Arjun, Atlee’s VFX Spectacle



The much-awaited collaboration between icon star Allu Arjun and blockbuster director Atlee Kumar has been officially announced, creating a huge buzz across the industry. Backed by Kalanithi Maran under Sun Pictures, the film—tentatively titled AA22xA6—is set to be a high-octane, VFX-heavy, pan-India spectacle. Touted as a gamechanger, this massive project brings together three powerhouses: Allu Arjun’s star appeal, Atlee’s mass

storytelling, and Sun Network’s production strength. Pre-production is already in full swing, with both Arjun and Atlee visiting top VFX studios in Hollywood to ensure world-class quality. While the title and full cast are yet to be revealed, the initial announcement teaser and insider reactions to the script have generated enormous hype, with many claiming it to be unlike anything seen before. The film is expected to go on floors later this year.

RGV Predicts Big Win for Peddi

Director Ram Gopal Varma made an intriguing tweet about Ram Charan’s upcoming film Peddi, directed by Buchi Babu Sana. Sharing the film’s first glimpse, RGV hailed it as a true gamechanger. He praised Ram Charan, saying the actor has reached not

just global but universal appeal. In a bold statement, Varma admitted that even directors like him and Rajamouli couldn’t fully grasp Charan’s power the way Buchi Babu has. Calling it a “guaranteed triple sixer,” RGV predicted massive success for Peddi. The

film, already generating buzz, is being anticipated as a high-impact release. Varma’s strong endorsement, along with the powerful first shot reveal, has only raised expectations further for this exciting collaboration between the global star and the rising director.



Tamannaah’s Odela 2 Promises Thrills

The much-anticipated trailer of Odela 2 has been unveiled, offering a gripping glimpse into a dark, supernatural tale. A sequel to the OTT hit Odela Railway Station, this film ups the stakes with a grand Pan-India production. Tamannaah Bhatia takes center stage as a fierce Naga Sadhu, a divine protector who reassures the terror-struck villagers of Odela as they face an ancient, rising evil. Directed by Ashok Teja, with

script and direction overseen by Sampath Nandi, the film blends myth and mystery with intense drama. Vasishtha N Simha portrays the menacing antagonist, sending chills with every appearance. The ensemble cast also features Hebah Patel, Yuva, and Naga Mahesh. The trailer, launched in Mumbai, promises a high-stakes thriller set against a haunting rural backdrop. Odela 2 hits cinemas on April 17.



Mrunal Slays in Stunning Black

Mrunal Thakur stole the show at Maddock Entertainment’s anniversary bash, turning heads with a stunning all-black look that had paparazzi in a frenzy. Dressed in a sleek black outfit paired with a bold silver necklace, Mrunal exuded both elegance and edge. Her open, flowing hair and natural glow completed the effortlessly glamorous ensemble, sparking instant praise online.

Fans couldn’t stop gushing, calling her “chubby yet killer” and dubbing her look “black dress goals.” As if her red carpet moment wasn’t sizzling enough, Mrunal is all set to bring more heat on screen in the upcoming film Dacoit, where she stars opposite Aivi Sesh. This fresh pairing has already generated buzz, with audiences eagerly waiting to see her in action.



Ajay Devgn on Vaani-Ileana Swap

At the trailer launch of Raid 2 in Mumbai, Ajay Devgn addressed the buzz around Vaani Kapoor replacing Ileana D’Cruz as his on-screen wife. Responding to a journalist’s query, Devgn explained, “That’s true, but the character can change. If you see a lot of Hollywood films, Sean Connery is no longer James Bond. It’s the character you follow.” Vaani joins the sequel as the new

female lead, while Ileana played the role in the first part. Directed by Raj Kumar Gupta, Raid 2 sees Ajay reprise his role as IRS officer Amay Patnaik, gearing up for his 75th raid—this time targeting a powerful and shrewd politician, played by Riteish Deshmukh. The trailer teases a high-stakes showdown, with Amay determined to uncover hidden black money at all costs.