



Chandrababu Naidu hails India-US trade deal as 'historic milestone'

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday hailed the India-US trade deal as a "historic milestone" for global economic stability. He congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on concluding this "landmark" trade agreement with the US. "Reducing tariffs to 18% is a visionary move that strengthens the bond between the world's two greatest democracies and ensures continued global growth," said the Chief Minister. "Under the PM's leadership, India is cementing its role as a global economic powerhouse. This deal will significantly boost India's export competitiveness, creating immense opportunities for our youth and farmers, including those in Andhra Pradesh," added Chandrababu Naidu, whose Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is a key partner in the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan also congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on India reaching an agreement with the United States. In a social media post, Pawan Kalyan extended his 'heartfelt



congratulations to PM Modi for "energising India's economy by concluding two world-class trade agreements within a span of a week." The Jana Sena leader stated that following last week's landmark "mother of all deals" with the European Union, the agreement with the President of the United States, Donald Trump, is set to further strengthen our economic prospects. "In particular, the reduction of tariff charges to 18% will significantly benefit our farmers by improving market access and export competitiveness. I sincerely thank the Prime Minister for consistently taking timely and decisive steps that align with the aspirations of the people of Bharat,"

wrote Pawan Kalyan. Earlier, Minister for IT and HRD, Nara Lokesh, hailed the trade agreement with the US. He called it a big win for India under the leadership of PM Modi. "The reduction of US tariffs from 25% to 18% is a major boost for India's exports and manufacturing. This will directly benefit Andhra Pradesh's marine seafood exports, MSMEs, agri-exports and emerging manufacturing hubs, while deepening the India-US partnership. Kudos to the negotiating teams, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and the leaderships of both countries for this major breakthrough," posted Lokesh on X.

Mamata Banerjee Likely To Appear Before Supreme Court Over Bengal Voter Roll Revision Plea

West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee is expected to appear before the Supreme Court on Wednesday if her petition challenging the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state is taken up for hearing, sources said. According to sources, Banerjee's plea against the Election Commission of India is likely to be heard along with other petitions questioning the validity of the SIR process in West Bengal. Security clearance has reportedly been granted for her visit, and the Chief Minister is under Z+ security cover.

The matter is expected to be listed on February 4, with the case titled Mamata Banerjee vs Election Commission appearing in the Supreme Court's computerised cause list. The case had earlier been shown for listing on February 6. Banerjee filed her petition on January 28, challenging the legality and execution of the SIR process for revising voter lists in the state. In her plea, she has alleged that the revision exercise is being conducted in a politically biased and arbitrary manner.

In a letter addressed to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, Banerjee claimed that the SIR had caused widespread hardship to citizens and alleged that the



process had resulted in significant distress across the state. She accused the Election Commission of acting in violation of existing legal provisions and disregarding humanitarian considerations. The Chief Minister also raised objections to the deployment of around 8,100 micro observers during the revision exercise, stating that such large-scale deployment was unprecedented and had been carried out without adequate consultation or specialised training. She maintained that the methodology being followed during the SIR went beyond the framework of the Representation of the People Act and the rules framed under it. The Supreme Court's decision to list the plea comes amid increased political attention on electoral processes in West Bengal ahead of upcoming elections. Sources said the Chief Minister is expected to be present in court if the matter is heard.

Minister Narayana Continues London Visit for Amaravati Development

Minister Narayana and his team's visit to London is ongoing, focusing on studying modern development models for key projects related to the construction of Amaravati's new capital city.



On Tuesday, the team is scheduled to visit several locations across London, including sites related to the 2012 Olympic Games. The coalition government is planning to build an international sports city in Amaravati capable of hosting the Olympics. In the afternoon, the minister will tour the King's Cross Redevelopment Project to examine its development approach. Earlier, on Monday, the team explored various tourism initiatives along the River Thames. Minister Narayana praised the iconic buildings, boating facilities, and riverfront development that have made the Thames a major tourist attraction. He expressed that similar riverfront tourism projects could be implemented along the Krishna River in Amaravati. He also met Gwyn Richards, Director of Planning and Development at the City of London Corporation, to discuss the master plan, transportation infrastructure, and development strategies. Minister Narayana arrived in London on 2nd February, and the visit will continue in both London and Doha until 5th February. He is accompanied by Principal Secretary S. Suresh Kumar and Srinivas, Managing Director of Amaravati Growth and Infrastructure Corporation (AGIC).

NEET UG 2026 Registration Date Expected Soon

The National Testing Agency (NTA) is expected to release the official notification for NEET UG 2026 in the coming days, raising anticipation among lakhs of medical aspirants across the country. While the NTA has not yet confirmed an exact date, trends from previous years suggest that the NEET UG 2026 registration process may begin in early February. The National Testing Agency (NTA) is expected to release the official notification for NEET UG 2026 in the coming days, raising anticipation among lakhs of medical aspirants across the country. While the NTA has not yet confirmed an exact date, trends from previous years suggest that the NEET UG 2026 registration process may begin in early February. Once released, the notification will include crucial details such as the application schedule, eligibility criteria, exam pattern, syllabus, fee structure, and important instructions. Education



experts indicate that the online application form is likely to be activated on the official website — neet.nta.nic.in — soon after the notification is published. As per past timelines, the registration window is expected to remain open until March 2026, providing candidates sufficient time to complete the application process. Applicants will need to upload scanned copies of photographs, signatures, identity proof, and relevant category certificates, if applicable. The NTA may also provide a

correction window later to allow candidates to rectify errors in their forms. Regarding the examination schedule, NEET UG 2026 is tentatively expected to be conducted in early May 2026, most likely in the first week of the month. The exam will continue to be held in offline (pen-and-paper) mode across multiple centres in India and abroad. Admit cards are expected to be released in late April, followed by the declaration of results in June 2026. Candidates are advised to regularly monitor the official NEET website for real-time updates and avoid relying on unverified information. With the registration announcement approaching, aspirants are encouraged to keep all required documents ready and stay focused on their preparation. The official notification from NTA will bring clarity on all dates and procedures related to NEET UG 2026, making the coming days crucial for medical entrance hopefuls.

Pawan Kalyan Praises India's Recent Global Economic Achievements

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has described this week as pivotal in India's emergence as a leading global economic power. He praised the two major agreements signed under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, stating they will revolutionise the country's export sector. Kalyan extended his heartfelt congratulations to the Prime Minister on these developments. He highlighted that the recent agreement with European markets will



enhance the prominence of Indian goods abroad, strengthening both trade relations and strategic partner-

ships. Regarding the historic deal with the United States, Kalyan said it will be highly beneficial for Indian businesses, especially farmers. He explained that the reduction of tariffs to 18 per cent will lower prices for Indian products in the US, boosting their competitiveness. Kalyan also noted that increased agricultural exports will lead to higher incomes for farmers. He concluded by expressing his sincere gratitude to Prime Minister Modi for these achievements.

2ND DRUCC MEETING 2025-26 HELD IN VISAKHAPATNAM: FOCUS ON PASSENGER AMENITIES AND SERVICES



The 2nd Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee (DRUCC) meeting of 2025-26 was held today, February 3, 2026, at the Divisional Railway Manager's (DRM) Conference Hall in Visakhapatnam. Chaired by Shri Lalit Bohara, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Waltair Division, the meeting was attended by Hon'ble Members of the Committee, ADRM (Infra) Shri E. Santhram, and Divisional Branch Officers.

Nine DRUCC members participated, including Shri Ch. Vamsi Krishna Srinivas, Hon'ble MLA

of Visakhapatnam South, along with representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, industries, cultural associations, recognized passenger associations, special interest groups, and nominees of Hon'ble Members of Parliament.

Shri K. Pavan Kumar, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager (Sr. DCM) and DRUCC Secretary, welcomed the members and presented a brief overview of the Division's developmental activities, performance, and achievements. DRM Shri Lalit Bohara extended a

warm welcome and encouraged members to share valuable suggestions, advice, and feedback to enhance Indian Railways' services.<

DRUCC Members Present:

- Shri Ch. Vamsi Krishna Srinivas, Hon'ble MLA (Visakhapatnam South)
- Shri A.V.S. Prasad (Special Interest)
- Dr. B. Rajesh (Nominated by Chamber of Commerce, Visakhapatnam)
- Shri Ch. Avataram Naidu (Visakhapatnam Port Trust)

- Shri Ch. Gandhi (Nominated by Hon'ble MP, Lok Sabha, Visakhapatnam)
- Representative of Shri Satyaprakash Panda (Andhra Odisha Railway Users' Association, GNPR)
- Shri U. Dilip Patro (The Ability People, Visakhapatnam)
- Shri V. Satyanarayana Rao (Parvatipuram Town Passengers Association)
- Dr. Y. Raghuram Reddy (Special Interest)

Members raised concerns and suggestions on passenger amenities, including enhanced

facilities for Divyangjan, introduction of special and regular trains, increased train frequency, train naming, and service improvements.

DRM assured the committee that appropriate actions would be taken within available provisions and other issues will be conveyed to the appropriate authorities for necessary action. He appreciated the proactive role of DRUCC members in resolving concerns to the best possible extent. The vote of thanks was proposed by Sr. DCM Shri K. Pavan Kumar.

MAJOR MILESTONE ACHIEVED BY AI-POWERED RAIL ROBOCOP "ASC ARJUN" AT VISAKHAPATNAM STATION



Visakhapatnam Railway Station has achieved a significant milestone in strengthening passenger security with the successful real-time identification and apprehension of habitual offenders through the AI-powered Facial Recognition System (FRS) of Rail Robocop "ASC Arjun."

On the night of 02.02.2026 at about 20:10 hrs, Rail Robocop "ASC Arjun," deployed for surveillance and patrolling, detected a suspect by matching his facial image with the pre-loaded database of known criminals. The system immediately alerted the RPF CCTV Control Room, Visakhapatnam.

Upon receipt of the alert,

the on-duty CCTV staff Head Constable B.S. Narayana analysed the live CCTV feed and promptly informed the on-duty officer Sub Inspector V. Keerthi Reddy along with the Crime Prevention Detention Squad (CPDS) team of Waltair Division, who were present at the station. Acting swiftly on the alert, the team conducted a coordinated check and successfully apprehended a habitual offender, Hadapa Shiva (39 years) and his associate G. Bhangaru.

Both individuals failed to produce any valid journey tickets and were brought to the RPF Post, Visakhapatnam for further action. Verification of their antecedents revealed that



both persons are hardcore habitual offenders with extensive criminal histories registered at Rayagada Police Station, involving multiple serious offences such as theft, robbery, dacoity, assault, and arms-related cases over several years.

The apprehension was immediately informed to GRP Visakhapatnam, and further joint interrogation was conducted by RPF,

GRP and their teams. After detailed enquiry, it was concluded that the suspects had entered the station area without valid authority and were detected at the entry stage itself by the AI-enabled Facial Recognition System of Rail Robocop "ASC Arjun."

As both offenders were found travelling without tickets, they were dealt with under the provisions of the Indian Railways Act, 1989 (Amended 2003). The matter was also intimated to Rayagada Police for further necessary action.

Speaking on the occasion Divisional Railway Manager Shri Lalit Bohra said that this incident marks the successful real-time identification and apprehension of habitual offenders in a crowded public area by Rail Robocop "ASC Arjun" at Visakhapatnam Station. The achievement clearly demonstrates the effectiveness of AI-powered surveillance and facial recognition technology in enhancing railway security and proactively preventing crime, thereby ensuring a safer travel for passengers, he added.

Kodada 21st ward is unanimous.. Election of Jyoti Srinivas who was going to be a councilor...



Kodada February 03 Metro morning.....

The 21st ward of Kodada Municipal Corporation was unanimously elected in the municipal elections. Officials revealed that Katteboina Jyoti Srinivas, who contested as a councilor candidate from this ward, was elected unanimously. A total of four candidates filed their nominations in the ward, but three candidates withdrew their nominations by the deadline for withdrawal of nominations. Jyoti Srinivas was the only one left in the ring and her election was finalized. Speaking on this occasion, she said that she would work for the development of the ward by maintaining the trust of the people. On this occasion, the leaders honored them with garlands. He thanked Pagadala Ramachandra Reddy, Sundari Venkateswarlu, Ishwar Rao, Katte Boina Veeraswamy, Beeravelli Prathapareddy, Devaram Srinivasa Reddy and all the people of the ward who helped him in every way.

AP Chief Minister Congratulates India-US Trade Deal

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has warmly welcomed the historic trade agreement between India and the United States. On social media platform X, he described

the deal as a significant milestone for global economic stability. Naidu extended his heartfelt congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, praising his leadership in finalising the

agreement. In his tweet, the Chief Minister highlighted that reducing tariffs to 18 per cent will further strengthen the bond between the world's two largest democra-

cies. He described the decision as visionary and reflective of India's ongoing pursuit of global growth. Naidu also commended Prime Minister Modi's leadership, stat-

ing that India is cementing its position as a major global economic force. He added that the agreement will enhance the competitiveness of Indian exports and create substantial opportunities for the youth and farmers of the country, including those in Andhra Pradesh.

ICC, PCB open 'back-channel talks' after Pakistan boycott India match in T20 WC: Report



Pakistan's decision to boycott their T20 World Cup group match against India has reportedly prompted "back-channel talks" between the International Cricket Council (ICC) and the Pakistan Cricket Board amid concerns over potential financial fallout.

On Sunday, Pakistan government announced that its national cricket team would not play the T20 World Cup group-stage match against India at Colombo's R.Premadasa Stadium on February 15. The decision could reportedly cost world cricket more than 250 million dollars.

As per The Dawn report, a few other cricket boards have also extended support to the ICC in its attempt to reach an understanding with PCB.

It is currently unclear whether Pakistan will be sanctioned for the move, with the ICC urging the PCB to consider the significant and long-term implications if the boycott were to go ahead.

In response to Pakistan's announcement, the ICC issued a strong statement on Sunday, urging the PCB to seek a mutually acceptable resolution and warning that selective participation undermines the principles of global competition. "While the ICC awaits official communication from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), this position of selective participation is difficult to reconcile with the fundamental premise of a global sporting event where all qualified teams are expected to compete on equal terms per the event schedule," the ICC said. "The ICC hopes that the PCB will consider the significant and long-term implications for cricket in its own country, as this is likely to impact the global cricket ecosystem, which it is itself a member and beneficiary of," it added. Pakistan is in Group A alongside India, Namibia, the Netherlands and the United States of America (USA). All of Pakistan's matches are scheduled for Sri Lanka, which is co-hosting the tournament with India.

Complaint filed against Vijay, singer Velmurugan over 'mockery' of Murugan song at TVK's event

A police complaint has been filed against actor-politician Vijay and folk singer Velmurugan, alleging that a devotional song dedicated to Lord Murugan was mocked and distorted during the third anniversary celebrations of the Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK) on February 2. Advocate Kuttrala Nathan lodged the complaint with the Nellore Municipal Police, seeking legal action against Velmurugan for allegedly altering the lyrics of the popular Murugan devotional song Maruthamalai Mamaniye during his performance at the TVK anniversary programme held at the party's Panaiyur office in Chennai. The complaint also names Vijay, TVK general secretary N. Anand, and party functionary Aadhav Arjuna, accusing them of being responsible for or complicit in the controversial performance. According to the complainant, Velmurugan replaced the traditional lyric 'Varuvai Kuganey' with



politically loaded words praising Vijay and TVK. The altered rendition, the advocate claimed, deeply hurt the religious sentiments of Murugan devotees and amounted to insulting and trivialising a sacred hymn. The complaint further alleged that the song was rendered with political

intent, thereby mixing religion with partisan propaganda. The petition states that such acts could lead to communal disharmony, offend religious believers, and create law and order issues. It also accuses the organisers of allowing a devotional song to be used in a

manner that allegedly mocked faith and provoked religious feelings.

"As Murugan devotees, we are deeply pained by the distortion of a revered hymn for political glorification," the advocate said in his complaint. Vijay launched TVK on February 2, 2024. Since

FRIENDSHIP DAY (A SPECIAL DAY)

A day to recollect,
A day to remember,
A day exclusively to
a friend,
friendship day a
special day!

Days may pass on,
Years too roll on,
Seasons may come
and go,
It remain in mind ever,
Grow day by day,
That is friendship!

It is not a blood relation,
Neither it a monetary,
Not at all self interest,
Beyond all these that
is friendship!

May be there huge crowd,
It may be a grand function,
Eyes search for only one,
That is for close friend,
That is value of friendship!

He himself within the heart,
Wishing your welfare and
safety,
What necessary to remember
specially,
When there no question of
forgetting!

That is the sweetness of
friendship,
Fragrance of friendship flower
last longer till last breath!



Composed by:
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(Ba. Sa. Raa)
Vijayawada.

जो कोई पुण्य करने वाला इस जीवन में भी आनन्दित होता है और वह मरने के बाद भी आनन्दित होता है। पुण्य करने वाला दोनों लोकों में आनन्दित होता है... (शकील उवाच -६०६)

जो भी व्यक्ती कर्म सिद्धांत को समझना चाहता हो उसे धम्मपद के प्रथम अध्याय 'मनुस्सवग्ग' (मनुष्य वर्ग) में जो श्लोक आये हैं उन श्लोकों को भी समझ लेना चाहिए। जिसमें महात्मा बुद्ध जी कहते हैं कि "चेतनाहं कम्मं वदामि, भिक्खवे! याने ऐ भिक्षुओं! मैं कर्म को चेतना (मन) कहता हूँ। इन श्लोकों में यह भी बताया गया है कि मन ही कर्म का मूल होता है। मन के चेतना की शुद्धता और अशुद्धता कर्म के शुभ या अशुभ होने को निर्धारित करती है। यदि मन अशुद्ध है तो कर्म अशुद्ध होकर दुःख, और यदि मन शुद्ध है तो कर्म शुद्ध होकर सुख आते हैं। यह सुख और दुःख हमारी छाया की तरह हमारा पीछ नहीं छोड़ते।



बौद्ध धर्म का एक महत्वपूर्ण ग्रंथ का नाम धम्मपद है, यह पाली भाषा में लिखा गया महात्मा बुद्ध जी के नैतिक उपदेशों और शिक्षाओं का संग्रह है। "धम्म" का अर्थ है "धर्म", "सत्य", या "सिद्धांत", और "पद" का अर्थ है "पैर", "छंद", या "मार्ग" इसलिए धम्मपद का अर्थ 'धर्म का मार्ग' या 'सत्य के छंद' होता है। यह धम्मपद २६ वर्गों (वर्गों) में विभाजित है, जिसमें कुल ४२३ वर्गीकृत ४२३ पालि गाथाएं हैं। यह जीवनमूल्य, नैतिकमूल्यों के व्यापारिक निर्वान प्राप्त करने के विधान पर मार्गदर्शन करता है।

चेतनाहं कम्मं वदामि, भिक्खवे! ऐ भिक्षुओं! मैं कर्म को चेतना (मन) कहता हूँ। कहते हुए महात्मा बुद्ध जी कहते हैं के,

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और महात्मा बुद्ध जी कहते हैं के, "मनोपुल्लङ्गमा धम्मा, मनोसेहा मनोमया मनसा च पसन्नेन भासति वा करोति वा। ततो नं सुखमन्वेति छाया व अनपायिनी।।" (इस जीवन में सभी कुशल के लिये मन ही मूल होता है। अगर प्रसन्न मन और वाणी से कुछ बोलेगा या शरीर से कुछ कर्म करेगा तो सुख उसके पीछे पीछे वैसे ही आता है जैसे अपना पीछ कभी ना छोड़ने वाली छाया।)

और महात्मा बुद्ध जी कहते हैं के, "इध सोचति पेच्च सोचति, पापकारी अमयत्थ सोचति।" (पाप करने वाला इस जीवन में भी शोक करता है वह मरने के बाद भी शोक करता है। वह दोनों लोकों में शोक करता है।) "इध मोदति पेच्च मोदति, क त पुरजो अमयत्थ मोदति।" (पुण्य करने वाला इस जीवन में भी खुश होता है वह मरने के बाद भी खुश होता है। वह दोनों लोकों में भी खुश होता है।)

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उपरोक्त सभी बातों का निवेद यही है के, यहाँ पाप करने वाला व्यक्ती इस जीवन में भी दुःख पाता है, मरने के बाद भी दुःख पाता है। पाप करने वाला दोनों लोकों में दुःख ही पाता है और यहाँ पुण्य करने वाला इस जीवन में भी सुख पाता और मरने के बाद भी सुख पाता है। दोनों लोकों में हमें मिलने वाले सुख और दुःख दोनों का संबंध इसी जगत में हमारे द्वारा किये जाने वाले कर्म निर्धारित करते हैं। इसलिये सभी धर्म और पंथ कहते हैं के कर्म फल से कोई भी जीव बच नहीं सकता।

-डॉ. मोहम्मदशकील ताजमोहम्मद जाफरी (शकील मंवर), मंवर, पुणे (महाराष्ट्र) भारत

then, the actor has taken an active role in Tamil Nadu politics and began his first Assembly election campaign from Tiruchirappalli.

Following an earlier controversy at a TVK public meeting in Karur, Vijay had briefly paused his campaign before resuming political activities.

The third anniversary event featured a musical concert by Velmurugan, during which Vijay was seen enthusiastically dancing, visuals of which circulated widely on social media.

The performance has now triggered criticism and legal action from sections of Murugan devotees.

Police officials have not yet confirmed whether a case has been formally registered. No official response has so far been issued by Vijay, Velmurugan, or the TVK leadership regarding the complaint.

World Environment Organization Awareness Rally with 22-Language Cloth Banner

Medaram:February:3,
MetroUdayam

Under the leadership of World Environment Organization (WEO) National Secretary Ch. Sagar and Mulugu District President Nagendra, a massive environmental protection awareness program was held at the Sammakka-Saralamma Gaddelu premises during the Medaram Jatara. Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Minister Dhanasari Anasuya (Seethakka), and WEO Founder President Dr. Bhadra attended as chief guests to inaugurate the distribution of jute and cloth bags aimed at eliminating plastic usage.

Key Highlights:

The Banner: A unique cloth banner inscribed with the message "Let's Save Medaram" in 22 languages recognized by the Indian Constitution was displayed.

Distribution: Jute and cloth bags were distributed to devotees while explaining the harmful effects of plastic.

Key Speeches:



Minister Seethakka: Praised WEO members and volunteers for their relentless efforts over the last 14 years to make Medaram pollution-free. She stated that the 22-language banner highlights Medaram's national significance. She emphasized that protecting nature and these forest deities could lead to Medaram being recognized as a "World Heritage Cultural Festival" in the future.

Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar: Distributed the eco-friendly bags and congratulated the organization for this noble mission (Yajna). He urged all devotees to cooperate in making the Jatara plastic-free. Dr. Bhadra (Founder President): Stated that Sammakka and Saralamma are not just

deities but forces that protect the forest and nature. He remarked, "It is not our culture to dump plastic waste in the lap of Mother Forest." He added that the 22-language banner symbolizes 'Unity in Diversity' and reminds everyone that environmental protection is a collective responsibility. He called upon devotees to gift clean air and water to future generations as a true offering to the goddesses.

Voices of the Organization: Ch. Sagar (National Secretary): Mentioned that teams are campaigning at RTC bus stands and the main premises to educate people against using plastic plates, glasses, and covers during celebrations. Nikhil Sai Koneti (General Secretary): Reminded everyone that while the

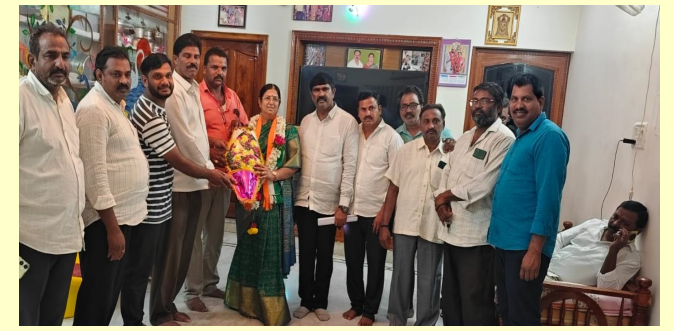
Jatara lasts four days, the responsibility to protect the beautiful forest lasts all year round.

Nagendra (District President): Expressed concern that despite Medaram's international fame, plastic waste is harming soil fertility and causing the death of innocent animals (wildlife). Ramakrishna (Assistant Secretary): Called for a "war on plastic" with Sammakka-Saralamma as witnesses.

Participants: Jangaon District President Yuvaraj, National Youth Secretary Sumer, Social Media Coordinators Bharat, Akhil, Rahul Reddy, and others participated, chanting slogans of "Save Medaram - Clean Medaram."

Kodada 11th ward

unanimously.. Devarapalli Malleshwari as councillor....



Kodada February
03 Metro morning.....

The 11th ward of the Kodada Municipal Corporation was unanimously elected in the municipal elections. The officials officially announced that Devarapalli Malleshwari, who contested as a Congress party candidate from this ward, was unanimously elected. Malleshwari's election was facilitated as all other candidates who had filed nominations in the ward withdrew their nominations. On this occasion, party leaders reached her residence and honored her. On this occasion, she assured that she will not lose the trust of the people of the ward and will stand at the forefront of development works.



Chaudam Hanumantha Rao congratulates the unanimous candidates....



Kodada February 03 Metro morning.....

Senior Congress leader Chaudam Hanumantha Rao politely congratulated 31st Ward Councillor Erneni Kusuma Venkataratnam (Babu) and 11th Ward Councillor Devarapalli Malleshwari, who were unanimously elected in the municipal elections and gave new life to Kodada Congress. On this occasion, they were honored with shawls. He advised them to work with dedication in solving public problems and make the wards exemplary...

KCR's rule is Sri Ramaraksha for Telangana....

28th Ward BRS Candidate Pidthala Sharada Srinu...

Kodada February 03 Metro morning.....

In the 28th ward of the town, the election campaign is going on in full swing under the leadership of BRS candidate Pidathala Sharada Srinu. On Tuesday, along with rows of roses, they are going around the streets of the ward to explain the welfare schemes to the people. On this occasion, she said that the schemes introduced by KCR, the charioteer of Telangana welfare, have reached every home and called for BRS to win again if development is to continue. During the campaign, women saluted Sharada with harathis. Seeing the support of the people, she expressed confidence that the pink flag will be hoisted in the 28th ward.....



Consumer Awareness Bharat Yatra Celebration at BIS Hyderabad Branch Office

Hyderabad, February:2,
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Consumer Confederation Of India CCI, started Consumer consumer awareness Bharat Yatra Delhi se Delhi Tak, inaugurated by Manani Minister for Consumer Affairs Food and Civil supplies Shri Pralhad Joshi ji, Shri BL Verma ji minister of state for consumer affairs food and civil supplies, Honourable Smt Nidhi Khare Mam IAS, Shri Bharat Khara sir Additional Secretary and Shri Anupam Mishra sir Joint Secretary along with our National Chairman CCI on December 24 th to March 15 th till world consumer rights day, as a part of the awareness program the yatra team arrived at Hyderabad for January 30 th and 31st with various programs through out Hyderabad - On 31st afternoon a gracious awareness program was organised by the leadership of Dr Haripriya reddy, National GC member CCI with a warm welcome by the Head and Director of BIS Hyderabad Branch Shri PV Srikanth sir to our Dynamic National Chairman Dr Ananth Sharma Ji, known as consumer Man of India, our National president Smt Priti Pandya Ji welcomed by Shri Rakesh sir, Director BIS Hyderabad and our National working



president Shri M. Selvaraj sir welcomed by Shri Kevin sir, BIS director Hyderabad office with a traditional vandemataram song by Dr Meenakshi Padmanabhan and classical welcome program performed by Miss Akshara a special kid with Down's syndrome and a beautiful song by Santhom Roy welcoming all the honoured guests and an awareness

program was conducted at the conference hall exhibiting the inaugural video from the hands of mananiy central consumer minister, and also displaying the valuable message from DG Shri Sanjay Garg ji, along with the 9 visionary objectives of Bharat Yatra with an objective speech from Dr Ananth Ji, the guests were honoured with Momentoes symbolis-

ing the Bharat Yatra and concluded with a gala lunch. CCI national leaders - Thirunavukarasu National senior secretary, S. Chakrapani National senior secretary, Damodar National secretary, Daniel National GC member, Mamidibheemreddy state president, D. Shilpa reddy state working president, Nerella Malyadri retired judge, Gopal Narayana Railwayboard member and vice president catco, Praveena state secretary, Ravindra reddy, state joint secretary, Nagajyothi, Roopa, Venkateshwar Rao, Anand, Krishna Puttaparthi, Shri Raman, Ajay Saxena, Ravi and others participated. Today's National level consumer awareness Bharat Yatra program was a Gem of celebration.

BJP raises MISA question: Why has CM Stalin forgotten that Cong tortured him?

Chennai: A.N.S. Prasad, spokesperson of the Tamil Nadu BJP, has raised a sharp political and moral question that continues to trouble the state even after 50 years: Why has Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, who was jailed during the Congress-imposed Emergency, chosen today to align with the very same party?

In 1975 then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi declared the Emergency, suspending civil liberties and crushing democratic dissent. On January 31, 1976, the elected DMK government led by Kalaingar M. Karunanidhi was dismissed, and President's Rule was imposed on Tamil Nadu citing corruption and breakdown of law and order.

That very night, police forces arrived at the Gopalapuram residence — not to arrest Kalaingar, but his son, Stalin. Detained



under the draconian Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA), Stalin was subjected to severe custodial torture.

Across the State, more than 500 DMK leaders and cadres were arrested, beaten, and impris-

oned and among those jailed was former Chennai Mayor Chittibabu, who courageously shielded Stalin from police brutality and later died as a result.

His sacrifice remains a poignant

reminder of the excesses committed during the Emergency. For decades thereafter, DMK leaders and "MISA martyrs" publicly condemned the Congress every January 31, recalling the betrayals and authoritarianism inflicted on Tamil Nadu.

Prasad argues that this history is now being selectively forgotten. During election seasons, he says, the same DMK leadership that once denounced Congress tyranny abandons its self-respect ideology, travels to Delhi, and seeks electoral alliances with the Congress.

The contradiction becomes even starker when viewed through Tamil cultural history. The iconic 1952 film 'Parasakthi', produced by Stalin's grandfather, boldly exposed Congress politics and anti-Tamil oppression.

Prasad contends that Tamil Nadu today deserves a new cinematic reckoning — MISA Prisoner Stalin — to document the brutal tortures of the Emergency, the dismissal of the DMK government, Congress betrayals of Tamil interests, and its role in the Sri Lankan Tamil tragedy.

Such a narrative, he says, must also question how Stalin, despite acknowledging these atrocities, now publicly embraces Rahul Gandhi as a political ally and "brother."

Fifty years after MISA imprisonment, Prasad insists, the issue is no longer merely historical.

It is about political integrity, collective memory, and the price paid when power outweighs principle in Tamil Nadu's politics.

Hyderabad Experiences Mixed Weather as Summer Approaches

Hyderabad's weather is shifting rapidly as winter recedes and signs of summer emerge. The Meteorological Department forecasts 'mixed weather' on Tuesday, February 3, with temperatures rising over the next 24 hours.

The maximum temperature is expected to reach 28°C to 29°C, with the sun blazing strongest between 11 am and 4 pm. After 6 pm, temperatures will drop suddenly, with the minimum falling to around 17°C. Such abrupt weather changes could pose health risks, with doctors warning of increased chances of seasonal illnesses like colds and coughs. Precautions are advised.



Municipal elections: BJP issues clear guidelines to candidates

Clear guidelines have been issued to candidates contesting the Nizamabad Municipal Corporation elections on behalf of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), said Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana. He asserted that a decisive victory in Nizamabad is certain if party leaders, workers and candidates work in coordination. Addressing party leaders and candidates, the MLA said that during the past two years of representing Nizamabad in the Assembly, he has secured nearly Rs 130 crore in funds for the city's development. He added that recently, foundation stones were laid for development works worth Rs 1 crore in each division through TUFIDC. Suryanarayana said comprehensive development works would be undertaken with Rs 1 crore allocated per division, focusing on infrastructure such as roads, drainage, drinking water supply, electricity and sanitation. In addition, Rs 23 crore has been sanctioned through Municipal Corporation funds for various civic works. Expressing confidence ahead of the upcoming municipal elections, he said the post of Mayor would go to the BJP this time. He claimed that surveys conducted in the city were completely in favour of the BJP and reflected public support for development-oriented and transparent governance. He further stated that the slogan "Mana Indore, Our Mayor" was resonating strongly among the people, describing it as a true reflection of public sentiment. The Urban MLA said he would actively participate in the election campaign from Tuesday, taking part in rallies and door-to-door campaigning.



'My effort to win matches for my country will always continue': Rohit on being honoured with Padma Shri



New Delhi: Former Indian captain Rohit Sharma has expressed his gratitude after being conferred with the Padma Shri, one of the country's highest civilian honours, calling it a special moment for him and his family and stating that he will continue to win matches for India.

Calling the award a very special moment, Rohit thanked the government of India and everyone who supported him throughout his journey in cricket.

"Receiving the Padma Shri is a very special moment for me and my family. I thank the Government of India for this honour. I am also grateful to all those people who have played an important role in my career. My effort to win matches and trophies for my country will always continue. Thank you. Jai Hind." Rohit said in a video shared by Doordarshan Sports on X.

Rohit, who made his international debut in 2007, has been one of India's most consistent performers across formats over the last 19 years. He has left a significant mark on Indian cricket, both as a batter and as a captain.

Under Rohit's leadership, India achieved major success on the global stage. The men in blue clinched the T20 World Cup in 2024 after defeating South Africa in the final, ending a long wait for an ICC title in the shortest format. A year later, India also lifted the Champions Trophy in 2025, further strengthening Rohit's credentials as a successful leader.

Apart from his achievements as captain, Rohit has built an impressive batting record in international cricket. In Tests, he has scored over 4,300 runs in 67 matches, including 12 centuries. In One-Day Internationals, Rohit has amassed more than 11,500 runs in 282 matches, with 33 hundreds to his name. In T20 Internationals, he has scored over 4,231 runs, including five centuries, making him one of the most successful batters in the format.

Rohit has taken retirement from Test and T20I, but he is still playing ODIs and scoring runs for the team as he aims to play the World Cup in 2027.

Telangana: Congress infighting over ticket distribution in Jagtial district intensifies

Infighting within the Congress in Telangana's Jagtial district over allotment of party tickets for municipal elections intensified with senior leader T. Jeevan Reddy openly expressing his anger over the party giving more tickets to the group of his rival M. Sanjay Kumar in Jagtial.

The former minister is angry as his group has been given 20 tickets while Sanjay Kumar's followers managed to secure 30 tickets for the February 11 municipal elections.

A large number of Congress cadres gathered at Jeevan Reddy's residence on Tuesday. He is holding a meeting with his supporters to decide the future course of action. Jeevan Reddy is locked in a bitter fight with Sanjay Kumar, who is one



of the 10 MLAs of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) who switched loyalties to the Congress party in 2024.

Jeevan Reddy, who was defeated by Sanjay Kumar in the Jagtial constituency in the 2023 elections, has openly defied the party leadership for inducting him into

the party. On January 21, Jeevan Reddy walked out of a meeting at the party's state headquarters, Gandhi Bhavan, objecting to Sanjay Kumar's presence. Reddy asked how the party allowed an outsider to join an internal meeting. "Why is a member of

an Opposition party attending this meeting?" he asked.

Both groups have been at loggerheads over one-upmanship in the district. The efforts of the leadership to pacify Reddy have not yielded results, as he is worried over the MLA's growing clout in the district.

The infighting also marred the allotment of party tickets for municipal elections in the district. Jeevan Reddy's group is unhappy over the party giving more tickets to the rival group for elections to Jagtial and Raikal municipalities.

Several aspirants from both groups filed nominations. However, the party has issued B-forms to the majority of the aspirants from Sanjay Kumar's group, deepening the rift.

Every house in Edulapuram to get tap water, vows Ponguleti



Edulapuram (Khammam): Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy promised that the embankment work in the municipality would be completed by June and that every house would be provided with tap water. He said development works worth about Rs 308 crore were currently underway across all wards in the municipality.

Addressing roadshows in Wards 2, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 as part of the Edulapuram municipal election campaign on Monday, he called upon voters to support the Congress. Ponguleti said Edulapuram would be developed as a role model for the state and urged people to vote for Congress candidates in the upcoming municipal elections.

Highlighting the Congress government's initiatives, Ponguleti said ration cards had been issued to all eligible poor families after coming to power, describing it as a hallmark of Congress governance. He reiterated his commitment to resolving flooding issues in Edulapuram, assuring that the retaining wall project, being taken up at a cost of Rs 690 crore, would act as a protective shield for the municipality. Taking a dig at the former ruling party's leadership, the Minister said leaders who "remained confined to farmhouses and moved around in air-conditioned vehicles" were unaware of the hardships faced by residents in low-lying colonies, particularly during floods and drainage overflows. He alleged that issues faced by Rajiv Gruha Kalpa housing residents were ignored earlier and were now being politicised for electoral gain.

He accused the BRS party of neglecting the poor during its decade-long rule and resurfacing only at election time to seek votes. Ponguleti accused the party of spreading misinformation out of frustration after witnessing the development initiatives undertaken by the present Congress government.

ICAI Karimnagar initiates construction of new branch building

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Karimnagar Branch will hold the groundbreaking ceremony for its new branch building on Wednesday, according to Branch Chairman Ramidi Santhosh.

Addressing a press conference in Karimnagar on Monday, Santhosh said Chartered Accountants play a vital role in ensuring transparency, discipline and legality in the country's financial system. He noted that CAs contribute significantly to national development through their work in taxation, auditing, corporate governance, banking, industry and the public sector.

He further explained that ICAI, which regulates the profession and supplies skilled professionals to



the nation, has recognised the growing need for continuous training and modern infrastructure, particularly in the rapidly evolving digital economy. Keeping this in view, the ICAI Head Office in New Delhi has approved the construction of a new building for the Karimnagar branch.

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held on

February 4, 2026, from 6 am onwards at Power House Colony, Housing Board, Karimnagar. The proposed building will house seminar halls, training and conference rooms, a dedicated library for CA students, digital learning facilities, staff offices and spaces for professional training programmes.

Once completed, the new facility is expected to benefit CA students and professionals from Karimnagar and neighbouring districts such as Mancherla, Asifabad and Siddipet and serve as an important centre for regional economic development.

The event was attended by ICAI Karimnagar Branch Secretary CA Bekkanti Ajay Kumar, ICAI HO representatives CA Charanjoth Singh Nanda and CA D. Prasanna Kumar, CCM and Infrastructure Committee Chairman CA Muppala Sridhar, CCM CA Dayaniwas Sharma, ICAI SIRC 5 CA Revathi S. Raghunathan, Ex-officio and RCM CA Y. Thirupathaiah, among others.

Akhilesh Yadav accuses Centre of betraying farmers over India-US trade deal

Lucknow: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday criticised the Centre over the India-US trade deal, alleging that opening India's agricultural market to American farm produce and food grains amounts to a betrayal of farmers.

Yadav claimed that nearly 70 per cent of the country's population depends on agriculture and questioned whether the BJP-led government was deliberately weakening India's self-reliant farming system under foreign pressure.

In a post on X, the SP chief said the BJP had once again attacked farmers and demanded to know what pressure had compelled the government to open the Indian market to American agricultural products.

He alleged that the move would undermine the livelihoods of mil-



lions of farmers and accused the BJP and its allies of acting as agents of foreign interests. Targeting the BJP's claims of promoting self-reliance and Swadeshi, Yadav said the party should explain to the public how much "commission" it had earned by compromising the

country's economy.

He further warned that the move would not only hurt farmers but also impact the lower middle class and middle class by creating a new class of profiteers and middlemen in food grains and agricultural commodities. This

will lead to a rise in prices of essential food items, he said.

He alleged that political funding from corporate players would further push up prices.

Yadav also cautioned that farmers' incomes would gradually decline, forcing them to sell their land to wealthy individuals and corporations. "Land acquisition is the ultimate objective of the BJP and its associates," he alleged.

Referring to the Seed Bill, the SP leader described it as dangerous for Indian agriculture and blamed the BJP government for introducing policies that, he claimed, favour corporate interests over farmers.

He also accused the government of repeatedly humiliating farmers by forcing them to queue for fertilisers.

Yadav alleged that the BJP benefits at every stage of the agricultural cycle -- from seeds and pesticides to storage, crop insurance, price fixation and procurement -- through commissions and middlemen.

He warned that the use of such seeds would destroy farming under Indian conditions. He called for strong and systematic opposition to this.

He said farmers, already burdened by rising prices and the problem of stray cattle, would no longer bear what he termed the excesses of the BJP government.

"The BJP was, is and will remain anti-farmer. Remove the BJP and save our farms, farming and farmers," he said.

ICC yet to decide on India vs Pakistan clash amid boycott concerns



It was reported that if sanctions are to be considered then it would need to be discussed at an ICC Board meeting, where the 12 Full Member boards are represented alongside three representatives from Associate Members and the ICC chair. The ICC has so far not informed its Board of any emergency meeting being called to discuss the matter though. ESPNcricinfo added that the PCB have told them they were also unlikely to provide a written response to the ICC regarding the boycott or government decision.

A similar report by Cricbuzz added that there are 16 members on the ICC Board and several directors quoted by the website claimed they had no knowledge of any Board meeting being called.

Most importantly, Cricbuzz added that the PCB had not sent any formal letter to the ICC explaining that they would forfeit the game against India. As of now, the only written piece of information coming from Pakistan confirming pakistan boycott threat is an X post by the Government of Pakistan which doesn't qualify as an official document.

Cricbuzz went onto report that there is an increasing feeling that the PCB will eventually fall in line. Quoting last year's Asia Cup as an example, Pakistan had pulled out of the tournament throughout the day, before confirming their participation half an hour before kickoff.

Sonam Kapoor apologises to husband Anand Ahuja for 'always being right'



Mumbai: Bollywood actor and fashion icon Sonam Kapoor took to social media to offer a light-hearted apology to her husband, businessman Anand Ahuja, joking about her tendency to "always be right".

Sharing a humorous reel on her Instagram Stories, Sonam reposted a video featuring an elderly man saying, "There are three women who are always right — women, first-born daughters and first-born granddaughters. If you find someone who is all three, brace yourself." Reacting to the clip, Sonam, who is the eldest daughter of actor Anil Kapoor, captioned it, "Sorry Anand Ahuja, I'm not trying to be right all the time."

Sonam married Anand Ahuja in a grand ceremony in May 2018 after dating for several years. The couple welcomed their first child, a baby boy named Vayu, in August 2022.

On the work front, Sonam was last seen in the 2023 thriller Blind. She began her journey in the film industry as an assistant director on Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 2005 film Black. She made her acting debut with Bhansali's Saawariya in 2007, which also marked the debut of Ranbir Kapoor and featured Salman Khan and Rani Mukerji in special appearances.

Over the years, Sonam has delivered notable performances in films such as I Hate Luv Storys, Raanjhanaa, Bhaag Milkha Bhaag, Prem Ratan Dhan Payo, Neerja, Sanju and Veere Di Wedding. The actor was also slated to headline the film adaptation of Anuja Chauhan's novel Battle for Bittora, to be produced by her sister Rhea Kapoor. However, the project, envisioned as a blend of romance and politics, has remained stalled for several years.

'I just ran out of time,' says Cummins on missing T20 World Cup

New Delhi: Australia's fast-bowling spearhead Pat Cummins has revealed that he came very close to being part of the T20 World Cup 2026 squad, but a minor delay in his recovery ruled him out of the final 15-team squad.

Cummins was replaced by Ben Dwarshuis in Australia's squad for the mega tournament, which begins on February 7, due to an ongoing back issue. The right-arm pacer said he was feeling good physically but simply did not have enough time to complete his recovery.

"It was really unfortunate. I feel pretty good, just a minor setback, and just ran out of time, really. I'll rest up for a few weeks and go from there," Cummins said to AAP, as quoted by the ICC.

The Australian captain explained that after the Adelaide Test, the medical team felt his back needed between four and eight weeks of rest before he could build up his workload again.

"We knew after the (Adelaide) Test match we were going to need somewhere between four and eight weeks to let the bone settle right down before then building back up. Initially, we thought it might only be four weeks, because I was feeling really good, but just had a follow-up scan," he said.

"They thought it probably needed another couple of weeks, so the timeline just became a bit too tight," he added.

Cummins is now hopeful of returning



to competitive action during the Indian Premier League (IPL) in March, but stressed that his main focus is being fully fit for a busy test calendar later in the year.

Australia has a packed schedule ahead, with home tests against Bangladesh, an away series in South Africa, followed by multiple matches against New Zealand and India before the current World Test Championship cycle ends.

"We thought the first half of the year was a pretty good time to be conservative with the amount of cricket that's coming up. We'll get it right, then hopefully that will mean you won't have to worry about it, and you can just go out and play all those Test matches," he explained.

"Whereas, if you're not careful with it now and it flares up, you're chasing

your tail a bit," Cummins added.

Despite missing the World Cup, Cummins backed Australia to perform strongly in the tournament. He said the recent T20I series loss to Pakistan does not reflect the true quality of the squad.

"It wasn't our greatest few games (in Pakistan), but the guys are coming off a strong Big Bash, and a couple of guys are coming back from injury for the World Cup," Cummins said.

"Morale is good. Chatting to a few of the boys from afar... they know how big it is, they're desperate to get started and get into it," he added.

The 2021 T20 World Cup champions will face Ireland, Zimbabwe, Oman and co-hosts Sri Lanka in their group-stage matches.

J&K Assembly: Two BJP MLAs walk out, NC protests over 'attack' on Kashmiris

The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly witnessed a pandemonium on Tuesday as several legislators from both Treasury and Opposition benches protested over key issues. Two Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs walked out of the Assembly over what they called an 'unsatisfactory response from the Omar Abdullah government' while the ruling National Conference (NC) MLAs sat on a 'dharna' in the Assembly premises to protest against attacks on Kashmiris outside the UT and for the restoration of statehood. BJP MLAs, Rajiv Jasrotia and Pawan Gupta, staged a walkout from the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, expressing their dissatisfaction with the responses provided by the government on issues raised during the proceedings.

Jasrotia walked out after

receiving what he described as "unsatisfactory and evasive answers" from the government side. Following this, another BJP MLA, Pawan Gupta from Udhampur, also joined the protest and walked out of the house in solidarity with his party MLA.

The walkout comes amid protests in and outside the Assembly, with legislators demanding concrete action and clear responses from the government on pressing issues affecting their constituencies.

Meanwhile, ruling NC MLAs sat on a protest outside the House against attacks on Kashmiris outside J&K and for the restoration of statehood.

In another related development, J&K Peoples Conference (PC) president and MLA, Sajad Gani Lone, submitted three key amendments to the Lieutenant Governor's



address, raising concerns over the safety of Kashmiris, regularisation of daily wagers and age relaxation for civil service aspirants.

According to the business circulated by the Assembly Secretariat, Sajad Lone proposed an amendment expressing regret over the omission of any condemnation of attacks on Kashmiri students, traders

and hawkers in various states and union territories.

Lone, who is the only opposition legislator from Kashmir to move amendments to the L-G's address, also sought the regularisation of daily wagers which remains a long-pending demand of contractual employees across Jammu and Kashmir.

CM to visit Yemmiganur on Feb 7

Kurnool: District Collector Dr A Siri said elaborate arrangements are being made for the visit of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu to Kalugotla village in Yemmiganur mandal on February 7. The CM will participate in the distribution of pattadar passbooks and also in other official engagements. Ahead of the visit, the Collector, along with Superintendent of Police Vikranth Patil, Joint Collector Noorul Khameer, Yemmiganur MLA Dr Jaya Nageswara Reddy, Adoni Sub-Collector Ajay Kumar, and officials, inspected the proposed helipad site, public meeting venue, and locations suitable for farmer interaction programmes. The inspection focused on ensuring smooth conduct of all events without any inconvenience to the public. Speaking to the media, Dr Siri said, in addition to pattadar passbooks distribution, the CM will attend a public meeting, interact with farmers, and inspect agricultural fields. She assured that all necessary administrative, security, and logistical arrangements are being put in place.



Sai Pallavi thanks #D55 director Rajkumar Periasamy for his welcome; discloses she is 'nervously excited'

Chennai: A day after the makers of director Rajkumar Periasamy's upcoming film, featuring actor Dhanush in the lead, welcomed her on board the unit of the film, actress Sai Pallavi on Tuesday thanked the film's director Rajkumar Periasamy and disclosed that she was "nervously excited".

Taking to her Instagram stories section to thank Rajkumar Periasamy, the director of Dhanush's upcoming film #D55, for his post in which he had accorded her a warm welcome to the unit, Sai Pallavi wrote, "Thank you so much sir. Nervous excitement!"



It may be recalled that Wunderbar Films, the production house of actor Dhanush which happens to be one of the production houses producing the film, had taken to its X timeline to welcome actress Sai Pallavi on Monday. It wrote, "She's about grace and strength - all at once. Welcoming everybody's favourite @Sai_Pallavi92 on board #D55. The hit combo returns to the big screen."

This will be the second time that Sai Pallavi will be working with Dhanush. She had earlier worked with Dhanush in director Balaji Mohan's 'Maari 2'.

It may be recalled that the makers of the film, being tentatively referred to as #D55, had already welcomed actress Sreeleela onboard the unit of the film on January 30 this year.

The production house had welcomed Sree Leela on board the

unit saying, "You didn't see this coming. Welcoming the dazzling damsel @sreeleela14 on board #D55."

The makers had also welcomed young music sensation Sai Abhyankkar onboard the unit.

Taking to its X timeline to make the announcement, Wunderbar Films had said, "Time's up. The SA-lence breaks. Excited to have the sensational @SaiAbhyankkar as the music composer for #D55. D55 - A #SaiAbhyankkar Musical. A brand new collaboration loading."

Sai Abhyankkar responded to the post of the production house saying, "Super excited and pumped working with @dhanushkraj sir on #D55! My dream collaboration @Rajkumar KP, dear sir thank you so much!! This is gonna be a very special cooking and thank you dear @theSreyas anna. @wunderbarfilms @RTakeStudios GIG"

Director Rajkumar Periasamy too had welcomed the young music sensation on board the unit of the film, which is tentatively being referred to as #D55. Taking to his X timeline, he wrote, "You are a Wonder-kid Sai! Excited to have you on board for #D55 as the music composer my brother. God bless you dear @SaiAbhyankkar. Thank you dear @DhanushKRaja sir. #D55 A #SaiAbhyankkar Musical. @theSreyas @wunderbarfilms @RTakeStudios @Shra2309 @azy905 @sandy_sashr @vishurams."

The film has triggered huge excitement as the makers have already disclosed that this film will be a magnum opus. It may be recalled that only a week ago, another production house called R Take Studios had announced that it was joining hands with Wunderbar Films for producing this film.

Hazlewood's trying his best to be in T20 WC about halfway through: Cummins



New Delhi: As Australian fast-bowler Josh Hazlewood is racing the clock to feature in the T20 World Cup at some stage, fellow pacer Pat Cummins stated that the right-arm is trying his best to return "about halfway through" the tournament. Hazlewood, who missed the home Ashes series due to an Achilles injury, has been working on his comeback to return at the T20 World Cup. Cricket Australia earlier revealed that the pacer would remain in Sydney for the start of the T20 World Cup as he continues his rehabilitation before travelling to Sri Lanka. "I caught up with Joshy a couple of days ago and he's working so hard. I really feel for Joshy, he's had a few setbacks, (he's) one of the hardest trainers. He's doing everything he can. I don't think he will be there for the start of the tournament, but he's trying his best to be there about halfway through," Cummins said on Nine Network.

Australia are scheduled to play a warm-up match against the Netherlands on Thursday before opening their T20 World Cup campaign against Ireland on February 11. Hazlewood has a formidable T20 record despite not playing a match in the format for nearly four years, from March 2016 to January 2020. He helped Australia to their only T20 World Cup title, in the UAE in 2021, taking 3 for 16 in the final against New Zealand. He has taken 133 wickets at 20.44 with an economy rate of 7.57. Of the 75 quick bowlers to have sent down at least 2000 deliveries between January 2020 and the end of last year. His average is the second best (behind India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah) and his economy ranks him eighth. In IPL 2025, he was the leading wicket-taker for Royal Challengers Bengaluru, who won their maiden IPL crown.

YSRCP condemns attacks on leaders, demands President's rule

Anantapur: YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) on Monday strongly condemned recent attacks on senior leaders, including former Ministers Ambati Rambabu and Jogi Ramesh, alleging a complete breakdown of law and order under the TDP-led coalition government in the State. Addressing a protest in Anantapur, YSRCP State secretary and BC Cell State working president Ramesh Goud described the assaults on opposition figures as an attack on democracy and the Constitution. He urged the President and Vice-President to intervene, dismiss the TDP coalition government, and impose President's Rule in the State. "If former Ministers and opposition leaders are unsafe, imagine the condition of ordinary citizens," he pointed out. Ramesh Goud criticised Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu for betraying backward classes despite TDP's BC-friendly claims and warned of intensified agitation if attacks continue. Earlier, party leaders paid floral tributes at Jyotiba Phule statue near Zilla Parishad office. Speakers, including ZP Chairperson Boya Girijamma and SEC member Meesala Ranganna, accused the government of authoritarian politics and diverting attention from governance. Mayor Wasim, Deputy Mayor Vasanthi Sahitya, and BC Cell district leaders joined in condemning routine political violence and called for the government to prioritise administration over targeting opposition.

Dhurandhar Returns with a Vengeance: Ranveer Singh Drops Powerful First Look



Promotions for Dhurandhar 2 have officially kicked off. On Tuesday morning, Ranveer Singh shared the first look poster of the highly-awaited sequel and revealed the official name of the film. Ranveer announced that dhurandhar 2 title is officially titled Dhurandhar: The Revenge. The actor shared his look as Hamza/Jaskirat from the film and said the teaser will drop at a little past noon today. Sharing his poster from Dhurandhar 2 on Instagram on Tuesday morning, Ranveer posted it in English as well as in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam. On the poster, we see Ranveer's character Hamza soaked in the rain. He has his eyes fixed on the camera as he raises his fists. The film's title is edited behind him and the entire frame has a reddish tint. "Ab Bigadne Ka Waqt Aa Gaya Hai," Ranveer captioned the post. But eagle-eyed fans noted that while Ranveer was tagging the cast of Dhurandhar 2, he also wrote Akshaye Khanna's name. The actor played the villain Rehman Dakait in the first Dhurandhar and his character was killed off in the ending. Akshaye's name being mentioned in the caption seems to confirm the speculations that he will make a dhurandhar sequel first look, most likely in some flashback sequences. Directed by Aditya Dhar, Dhurandhar was a spy thriller that released on December 5 last year. Ranveer played as Indian spy who went undercover in the underworld of Karachi and took them down along with their terror groups link.

'Mr. Work From Home' movie team creates buzz in Bheemili



The pre-release ceremony of 'Mr. Work From Home' was held at the Visakhapatnam Film Nagar Center in Bheemili Thimmapuram on Saturday. The film is being produced by Aravind and directed by Madhu, with Trigun playing the hero and Palayi Radha Krishna as the heroine. Director Madhu said that the story of the film is centered on the use of new machinery in agriculture. The film focuses on the love and marriage of a young woman born into a rural farming family, while also delivering entertainment within a family setting. Hero Trigun added that this film is very relevant for today's generation and carries a message for future generations. Producer Aravind stated that the film will be appreciated by audiences and praised director Madhu for crafting the story in a way that will resonate well with viewers. He also confirmed that the film is scheduled to release on February 13. The film team actively participated in the pre-release event, generating excitement among fans and the local community.