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We won't play in India but still hopeful of justice from ICC: Bangladesh



DHAKA: (Jan 22) Bangladesh on Thursday refused to send its national cricket team for the T20 World Cup in India, effectively paving the way for Scotland to take its place in the tournament roster after the ICC dismissed the country's demand for a change of venue. Bangladesh had been served an ultimatum by the world body on Wednesday to either agree to travel to India or risk being replaced as there was no credible threat to the safety of their players, officials or fans there. The country was given time till Thursday to make its decision. However, taking a defiant position, Bangladesh's sports advisor Asif Nazrul, after a meeting with national team players, announced that the ICC's position was not acceptable to them.

10 soldiers killed as Army vehicle falls into gorge in J&K's Doda



Jammu (TSIT) An Army vehicle skidded off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday (January 22, 2026), killing 10 soldiers and injuring 11 others, officials said. The accident took place at the 9,000-feet-high Khanni top along the Bhaderwah-Chamba interstate road around noon when the driver of a bulletproof Army vehicle heading towards a high-altitude post lost control and the vehicle plunged into a 200-foot-deep gorge. A joint rescue operation by Army and police was immediately launched and four of the soldiers were found dead on the spot and 11 others were rescued in an injured condition, the officials said. The Army vehicle was badly mangled. Later, six more injured soldiers died of injuries. One of the injured is under observation in Bhaderwah sub-district hospital while 10 soldiers were airlifted to Udhampur command hospital for specialised treatment while one is under observation in Bhaderwah sub-district hospital.

KTR calls phone-tapping probe a 'diversionary tactic' by Congress govt



Hyderabad (TSIT): Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao on Thursday alleged that the ongoing phone-tapping investigation is nothing but a diversionary tactic meant to shield administrative failures and protect Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's position.

Addressing the media at Sircilla, he claimed that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the government resembled a "daily television serial" rather than a genuine inquiry. He asserted that notices were being issued selectively to opposition

leaders purely for political mileage while senior police and intelligence officials who actually oversaw the system in the past were being kept away from questioning.

According to KTR, every government in the country relies on intelligence agencies for maintaining law and order and safeguarding stability. He argued that surveillance mechanisms have existed since the time of Jawaharlal Nehru and continue even today. Such systems, he maintained, function within the police and intelligence establishment and do not operate at the discretion of ministers or political executives. He questioned why former intelligence chiefs and police directors — including current DGP Shivadhar Reddy, former DGP Mahender Reddy, ex-DGP and Home Secretary Jitender, and Ravi Gupta — were not being summoned by the SIT.

51 medicines, including cough syrups, manufactured in Himachal fail to meet quality parameters

Solan (TSIT): As many as 51 medicines, including cough syrups, manufactured in Himachal's pharmaceutical industries have failed to meet quality protocols as per the investigations undertaken by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). They were among 167 medicine samples which failed quality parameters from across various states and were listed in the monthly alert issued last evening. Six cough and cold syrups were found lacking in quality protocols due to inadequacies in assay, pH and other technical parameters while in several injections samples.



Hyderabad (TSIT): The World Economic Forum has come forward to partner in the Telangana Rising 2047 vision, aimed at making the state a \$3 trillion economy. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday met Jeremy Jurgens, Managing Director, World Economic Forum (WEF) and Manju George, Head of Strategic Impact and Integration, C4IR Network, at the Telangana Pavilion during the WEF 2026 in Davos.

The Chief Minister presented the Telangana Rising 2047 vision, the roadmap and strategy being implemented towards reaching the goal of becoming a \$3 trillion economy. According to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) here, Jeremy Jurgens said the various facets of the vision open up various opportunities for mutual cooperation. "We would like to partner in the Telangana Rising vision and be a part of the journey. Hyderabad has a great talent base," the CMO quoted him as saying. The Chief Minister proposed to host an annual follow-up WEF in the month of July or August. The idea is to facilitate a platform for follow-up on the discussions or decisions made during WEF in January, considering that a time gap of one year is quite long in the context of modern business lifecycles of today.

The WEF team responded very positively to the Chief Minister's idea, despite similar proposals from several coun-

tries. Jeremy Jurgens told the Chief Minister that they would take this forward soon. He mentioned that the Summer Davos is being held annually in China, and that there is strong interest from Saudi Arabia. The two sides reflected upon the journey of C4IR Telangana (Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution), which was launched in Hyderabad at BioAsia 2024. It was launched as the WEF's first thematic centre

for healthcare and life sciences in India, aiming to drive health-tech innovation, policy, and workforce skilling through strategic partnerships with industry and academia.

Jurgens said the launch of C4IR Telangana at BioAsia was a very positive role model for WEF in India. The WEF MD explained about C4IR's research work on best practices in planning industrial clusters and offered to share information on that front with C4IR Telangana.

Industry Minister D. Sridhar Babu explained about "CURE, PURE, RARE" — the state's new economic development strategy, as well as the Bharat Future City, the net-zero greenfield smart city project, which is set to be a role model for sustainable urban development in India. The delegation, including Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, detailed Hyderabad's leading capabilities in aerospace, defence, bio-design, software, and pharma.

India among those absent at signing ceremony of Trump's 'Board of Peace'

NEW DELHI (TSIT): (Jan 22)

India was among the countries not present in Davos on Thursday when US President Donald Trump unveiled his "Board of Peace" that seeks to work towards bringing lasting peace to Gaza and possibly resolve global conflicts.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among numerous global leaders that the US President has invited to join the board that was announced under the second phase of a ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza strip. France, the United Kingdom, China, Germany and many other leading nations also skipped the signing ceremony for Trump's "Board of Peace".

Trump hosted the ceremony on the margins of annual World Economic Forum in the Swiss mountain resort. India is yet to take a call on it, people familiar with the matter said when asked about Trump's invite to PM Modi. New Delhi is considering various aspects as the initiative involves sensitive issues, it is learnt. India has been pushing for a "two-State solution" to the Palestine question



with Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace and security within recognised borders. The countries that joined the Board of Peace included Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Egypt, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Morocco, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Vietnam. A number of countries including Germany, Italy, Paraguay, Russia, Slovenia, Turkiye, and Ukraine have remained non-committal on the invitation. Trump's "Board of Peace" is being projected by Washington as a new international body to usher in peace and stability in Gaza and beyond, triggering speculations that it could throw a challenge to the United Nations.

CM Stalin inaugurates twin bridge at Okkiyam Thoraipakkam on OMR

The existing bridge will be demolished, and construction of two additional one-lane bridges and metro train lines will begin adjacent to the already constructed two-lane road bridges.



CHENNAI (TSIT): Chief Minister MK Stalin inaugurated the newly constructed twin bridge at Okkiyam Thoraipakkam on Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR) on Thursday.

As part of the larger infrastructure push, the Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has constructed this four-lane bridge at a cost of Rs 60 crore. Since August 2024, discussions have been under way to either expand the existing bridge or construct a new one. As the existing

bridge has a restricted waterway of 90 meters and low vertical clearance, it triggered floods during Cyclone Michaung in December 2023.

Hence, CMRL, in consultation with the state government and the Water Resources Department (WRD), decided to construct a new bridge with an expanded waterway of about 205 meters and an additional 1.5 meters of vertical clearance. Steel structures have been used for rapid construc-

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Andhra Pradesh: No point in attending Assembly without LoP status, says Jagan

Amaravati, Jan 22 : YSR Congress Party president Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday made it clear that there is no point in attending the Andhra Pradesh Assembly unless the status of Leader of Opposition is accorded to him.

Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan asked the Assembly Speaker what was stopping him from giving opposition party status to the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), the only party in opposition in the House. Responding to queries at a news conference here, he said that only the Leader of Opposition status would give

him sufficient time to "expose mischievous deeds" of the coalition government.

"The only party in opposition is the YSR Congress. All other parties are in the ruling government. You should question the democracy of the Speaker. What is stopping the Speaker from giving it the status of an opposition party," he asked.

The YSRCP leader's remarks came a day after Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu suggested "no work, no pay" for the MLAs who are not attending the Assembly. He also mooted the proposal to give voters the 'Right to recall' such public rep-



resentatives. The Speaker made the suggestions at the 86th All India Conference of Presiding Officers at Lucknow.

All 11 MLAs of YSRCP have been skipping the Assembly

since 2024.

Responding to a query on his padayatra, he said it is a political decision that will be taken when the timing is right and anti-incumbency peaks.

At a party meeting on Wednesday, the YSRCP leader had said that they will undertake a padayatra after one year and will remain with the public on the roads for one year.

Jagan slammed Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for what he called "credit chor" in the comprehensive land survey. He alleged that CM Chandrababu Naidu hijacked the comprehensive land survey under-

taken by the YSRCP party government and resorted to "credit chor", despite having virtually no contribution to the herculean task of implementing the 'Bhu Raksha' (Land Rights) and 'Bhu Hakku' (Land Protection) schemes. Recalling the origins of the initiative, he said that during his padayatra, farmers had poured out their woes over irregular land titles and disputes, an issue that was clearly mentioned in the 2019 manifesto. During the YSRCP party government's tenure, Rs 6,000 crore was spent, and nearly 40,000 staff were deployed to carry out comprehensive land reforms—something no other government had managed.

Parking Facility Available at Platform No.10 of Secunderabad Railway Station Amid Redevelopment Works

Secunderabad: As part of the ongoing redevelopment of Secunderabad Railway Station, parking facilities have been reorganised to ensure smooth traffic movement and passenger convenience. The redevelopment project, being executed at an estimated cost of Rs.714.73 crore, aims to enhance passenger amenities, strengthen infrastructure and improve overall operational efficiency. The works are progressing at a fast pace in a phased and systematic manner, without disrupting train services, even during recent festival rush.

In view of the redevelopment works, parking at Platform No.1 side has been temporarily suspended, allowing only pick-up and drop services. To man-

age vehicular congestion on the Platform No.10 side, an Access Control System has been introduced to prevent unauthorised parking and blockage in the circulating area. Passengers are permitted free pick-up and drop for up to 15 minutes, after which overstay charges will be levied if vehicles are not parked in authorised parking zones.

To facilitate passengers, ample parking facilities for both four-wheelers and two-wheelers have been provided in the underground basement on the Platform No.10 side. This facility can be used for boarding trains, pick-up, drop and parking purposes. Clear directional signage, display boards and public address announcements have been arranged



across the station to guide passengers effectively.

The approved parking tariff at the basement parking on Platform No.10 side includes Rs.40 for

four-wheelers for the first two hours and Rs.20 for every subsequent hour, Rs.25 for motorcycles/scooters for the first two hours and Rs.10 thereaf-

ter, and Rs.5 for bicycles for the first two hours with Rs.2 for subsequent hours. The tariff details are prominently displayed at the parking area.

Currently, around 50 per cent of the redevelopment works have been completed, with the remaining works progressing rapidly. The entire project is targeted for completion by December 2026. Once completed, the redeveloped station will offer world-class passenger facilities, including a multi-level car parking facility on the Platform No.1 side and enhanced basement parking on the Platform No.10 side.

Railway authorities have appealed to passengers to utilise the authorised basement parking at Platform No.10 to ensure hassle-free traffic movement and avoid overstay charges during the redevelopment phase.



Hyderabad: Showcasing the rich heritage and grandeur of Indian handloom art, a Special Handloom Expo has been organised at the Ameerpet Kamma Sangham premises in the city. The expo was inaugurated on Thursday by chief guest Rashmi Thakur, Ikat Handlooms Brand Ambassador and Miss Asia International. The exhibition will continue till February 4 and is open daily from 10.00 am to 9.00 pm with free entry for all visitors.

Handloom artisans from 23 states are participating in the expo, displaying a wide range of exquisite sarees and textiles that reflect India's diverse cultural traditions. Speaking on the occasion, Rashmi Thakur said that celebrating traditional arts and craftsmanship in a festival-like atmosphere plays a vital role in empowering handloom communities. She added that such events not only support weavers but also inspire visitors by bringing together the finest handloom creations under one roof. She noted that the expo has been attracting enthusiastic response from visitors, especially for Banarasi sarees from Uttar Pradesh, Kalamkari and cotton butta sarees from Andhra Pradesh, Patola sarees from Gujarat, Chanderi sarees from Madhya Pradesh, Paithani sarees from Maharashtra, and Pochampally Ikat sarees from Telangana. She urged the public to make the most of the opportunity. Dr. S. Arun Kumar, Regional Head, Ministry of Textiles, also addressed the gathering and stressed the need to encourage and support handloom weavers. He appealed to the public to visit the expo and contribute to sustaining India's handloom sector. Beyond its impressive displays, the Special Handloom Expo serves as a platform for cultural exchange, enabling direct interaction between visitors and weavers, promoting sustainable fashion, and fostering appreciation for India's timeless textile traditions.

UpTik to Host International Conference on Investments & Global Affairs at BSE on January 24

Hyderabad: Hyderabad-based UpTik, part of the Growwcap Fintech ecosystem, is set to host the International Conference on Investments & Global Affairs on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at the International Convention Hall, Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), Mumbai. The conference will bring together senior stakeholders from global investment institutions, family offices, advisory firms and policy-oriented organisations to deliberate on the changing dynamics of the global investment landscape. Key discussions will focus on cross-bor-

der capital flows, alternative investments, global capital allocation trends, and the role of regulatory frameworks in promoting responsible and transparent investing. Industry experts will also examine how international economic and geopolitical developments are influencing investment decision-making for Indian investors in an increasingly interconnected global market. Speaking ahead of the conference, Vinod Varma Ainampudi, Co-Founder and CEO of UpTik, said that as global markets become more interconnected, investors must navi-

gate complex regulatory, economic and geopolitical factors. He noted that the conference aims to encourage informed dialogue while emphasising transparency, governance and long-term discipline in investment strategies. The event reflects UpTik's commitment to fostering thought leadership and facilitating informed participation within India's rapidly evolving financial ecosystem. Media interactions with the UpTik leadership team are scheduled to take place at 1:30 PM following the conference proceedings.

GITAM Hosts EPOCH 4.0 Technical Fest, Highlights Drone Bootcamp Hands-on Training



Hyderabad: The GitHub Community at GITAM, Hyderabad, in association with GITAM Student Life, successfully organised EPOCH 4.0, a three-day technical extravaganza from January 20 to 22, 2026, aimed at promoting hands-on learning, collaboration and exposure to emerging technologies among students. The event began with Tech Trivia, a multi-round competition testing participants' knowledge in software development, hardware, cybersecurity, technology history and emerging trends. This was followed by

Docker 101, a practical session introducing students to containerisation, covering Docker installation, core concepts, essential commands, image creation and container management. Day two focused on Open-Source Development, familiarising students with open-source philosophy and contribution workflows on platforms such as GitHub. The day concluded with a Productivity Team Coding Challenge, where teams designed and built innovative tools within a limited timeframe, encour-

aging creativity and teamwork. On the final day, students participated in Prompt to Page, a workshop demonstrating a complete prompt-to-production workflow for modern web applications. This was followed by Techscapades 4.0, a campus-wide treasure hunt combining problem-solving skills with collaboration. The event concluded with an informative session on Large Language Models, highlighting their evolution, applications and emerging trends in the open-source AI ecosystem.

Adding to the vibrant atmosphere, interactive learning stalls featuring tech-based games and challenges were set up across the venue, many designed by GitHub Community members themselves. Over 200 participants took part in the three-day event. Meanwhile, the Drone Bootcamp witnessed enthusiastic participation as students engaged in hands-on drone assembly and flight operations. Under expert guidance, participants assembled seven Quad X copters and conducted live test flights. Students also flew a GPS-enabled Hexacopter, gaining exposure to advanced navigation and stabilisation systems, while Nano Drone sessions helped beginners build confidence in basic flight controls. Overall, EPOCH 4.0 and the Drone Bootcamp provided a comprehensive platform for students to strengthen technical skills, gain real-world experience and bridge the gap between theory and practical application.

From Kenya to Hyderabad: a transplant, a sister's gift, and a renewed life

KENYAN WOMAN OVERCOMES END-STAGE KIDNEY DISEASE AT AINU HITEC-CITY

From Kenya to Hyderabad: a transplant, a sister's gift, and a renewed life

Kenyan woman overcomes end-stage kidney disease at AINU Hitec-city

Hyderabad, January 22nd 2026: Mrs. Fathuma Mohamud Dubow, a 55-year-old woman from Kenya, suffering from polycystic kidney disease and end-stage renal failure, has undergone a successful kidney transplant at the Asian Institute of Nephrology and Urology (AINU), hospital sources said. The patient had exhausted available treatment options in Kenya and required an urgent kidney transplant. Accompanied by her young daughter and sister, she travelled to India in search of specialised renal care. Following detailed clinical evaluation and statutory clearances at AINU, doctors advised a living donor kidney transplant as the most appropriate treatment option.

Her sister volunteered to donate a kidney after compatibility testing and medical evaluation. The transplant surgery was performed in September 2025 in a single surgical session, during which the kidney was retrieved from the donor and transplanted into the recipient. The procedure lasted approximately four hours and was carried out by a multidisciplinary team comprising transplant surgeons, nephrologists, anaesthetists and critical care specialists from the Transplant Department of AINU Hitec City, Hyderabad.

Doctors explained that polycystic kidney disease is a genetic, familial condition in which multiple cysts develop in the kidneys over time. While many individuals with the disease may never progress to advanced kidney failure, regular screening and long-term follow-up are essential to detect complications early. In some patients, the disease can gradually progress to chronic kidney disease and eventually end-stage renal failure, requiring dialysis or transplantation. In this case, doctors noted that the patient was fortunate to have a medically suitable sibling donor, as access to a living related donor significantly improves transplant outcomes and long-term graft survival.

"This transplant required careful donor selection, detailed pre-operative evaluation, and close coordination



between surgical, nephrology and critical care teams. Living donor kidney transplantation continues to offer superior outcomes for patients with end-stage renal disease. The patient's recovery underscores the importance of timely referral, protocol-driven care, and consistent post-transplant monitoring for long-term graft success. Dr. K. Kranthi Kumar, Sr. Consultant Nephrologist, AINU Hospitals, Hitec-city, Hyderabad, said.

Hospital sources said the patient was closely monitored in the KTP isolation room during the post-operative period. Despite initial challenges, she responded well to treatment and achieved stable graft function. Doctors said the patient required 10 days of in-hospital recovery before being deemed fit for discharge. The patient was discharged from the Asian Institute of Nephrology and Urology (AINU) in 10 days after the surgery and would continue follow-up care as advised. Doctors reiterated that living donor kidney transplantation remains the most effective treatment for end-stage renal disease, offering improved survival rates and better quality of life. Mrs. Fathuma Mohamud Dubow, said, "Travelling from Kenya to India was a difficult decision for my family, but it gave me a chance to live again. The doctors explained every stage of treatment clearly and supported us throughout the process. My sister's decision to donate her kidney saved my life."

KL University Warns Against Fake Admission Offers and Fee Discount Claims

Hyderabad: KL (Deemed to be University) has issued a public advisory cautioning students and parents about misleading advertisements and false claims regarding admissions and fee concessions. The university clarified that all admissions are conducted strictly through authorised channels, such as KLEEE and other approved procedures, based on merit and eligibility. KL University emphasised that no individual, agent, or organisation is authorised to promise guaranteed



admissions, special quotas, or unofficial fee discounts on its behalf. The institution warned that acting on such false

claims could result in financial loss and academic complications, for which the university will not be responsible. It also noted that strict legal action will be taken against anyone spreading fake information or misusing the university's name and logo. Students and parents are advised to rely solely on official university communications, including the website and authorised admission offices, to obtain accurate and verified information. KL University reaffirmed its commitment to transparency, ethical practices, and high academic standards throughout the admissions process.

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CM Revanth Led 'Telangana Rising' Delegation Concludes Successful Davos Visit

Davos, Switzerland: The 'Telangana Rising' delegation led by Hon'ble Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy successfully concluded its visit to Davos, Switzerland, after holding a series of fruitful discussions with global business leaders during the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2026.

During the three-day summit, the Telangana delegation engaged with leading global companies and industry captains, resulting in multiple Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and strong investment commitments across key sectors. These engagements further strengthened Telangana's position as a preferred global investment destination.

The State Government has already secured a massive 5.75 lakh crore in investments during the recently held Global Summit in Hyderabad. Continuing this momentum, Telangana achieved its core objectives at the WEF summit by attracting fresh interest and expanding global partnerships.

A key highlight of the visit was the successful global showcasing of the State's long-term development roadmap, 'Telangana Rising 2047'. The vision document received encouraging feedback from international stakeholders and reinforced confidence in Telangana's policy framework, governance model, and growth potential. During the visit, the delegation entered into agreements to establish Global Capability Centers (GCCs), Data Centers, Clean and



Green Energy projects, and manufacturing units. Several MoUs were also signed in emerging areas such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), sustainability, and skill development.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy participated in 12 one-on-one meetings with blue-chip companies and prominent industry leaders. During these interactions, he proposed hosting a World Economic Forum follow-up meeting in Hyderabad, a suggestion that received a positive and encouraging response from global participants.

After completing the scheduled meetings and investor engagements at Davos, the Chief Minister departed for Zurich, from where he will travel onward to the United States.

Ministers D. Sridhar Babu and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy returned to India following the conclusion of the Davos visit.

Officials stated that the Davos engagements significantly enhanced Telangana's global visibility and are expected to translate into long-term investments, employment generation, and sustainable economic growth for the State.

Nirmal Utsavalu Draws Huge Crowds Day After Day Collector Abhilasha Abhinav Hails Excellent Public Response



performances have become major crowd-pullers, especially during the evening hours.

Officials said the festival has received an excellent response from people across the district and neighbouring areas, turning the venue into a cultural hotspot. Families, students, tourists, and art lovers are participating in large numbers, making the event a grand celebration of Nirmal's heritage. Collector Abhilasha Abhinav stated that the day-to-day positive response and huge public participation clearly indicate the success of Nirmal Utsavalu.

From the very first day, Nirmal Utsavalu has been attracting thousands of visitors, and the footfall has been steadily increasing each day. Stalls showcasing world-famous Nirmal paintings, lacquered wooden toys, handicrafts, and traditional cuisine are witnessing continuous rush. Live craft demonstrations and cultural

Hyderabad: Nirmal Utsavalu is receiving an excellent and overwhelming response from the public, with huge crowds visiting the festival venue day after day, reflecting the growing enthusiasm for the district's rich cultural heritage and traditional art forms.

Collector Abhilasha Abhinav has been conducting daily reviews of the festival arrangements and closely monitoring the programmes to ensure smooth management and visitor convenience. During her visits, the Collector inter-

TGSRTC TO ESTABLISH FAST-CHARGING STATIONS ACROSS HYDERABAD

Hyderabad: As part of the government's push for electric mobility, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) is preparing to operate 2,200 electric buses and will be setting up charging stations across 25 bus depots across the Greater Hyderabad region.

TGSRTC and the Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGSPCL) held a coordination meeting on Thursday, January 22, to discuss arrangements for providing power connections to the electric vehicle charging stations.

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EDITORIAL

The Right Has a Plan. What About the Progressives?

2026 is both strange and surreal. Even though we are predictably surprised, what Trump is unleashing on the world was all meticulously documented. For example, page 184 of Heritage Foundation's Project 2025, also known as the Presidential Transition Project, expressly called for "re-hemispherizing" to "eliminate some of the more recent supply-chain issues" faced by the US including "reduc(ing) reliance on distant and manipulable sources of fossil fuels" (read West Asia).

Project 2025 also spoke about how nations like "Venezuela, Colombia, Guyana, and Ecuador (were) either increasingly regional security threats in their own rights or...vulnerable to hostile extra-continental powers" (read China and Russia). It went on to argue that "the U.S. has an opportunity to lead these democratic neighbours...and this) leadership and collaboration must span all tools at the disposal of US allies and partners, including security-focused cooperation".

This is being carefully operationalised through the White House's 2025 National Security Strategy (NSS), which mirrors, to a large degree, the US Under-Secretary of Defence for Policy, Elbridge Colby's book *The Strategy of Denial: American Defense in an Age of Great Power Conflict*. The refocusing on South America for resource replenishing, pushing Europe to tackle Russia, sustained power projection into the Indo-Pacific and preventing China from hegemonic status in Asia are all core elements from the NSS. This is precisely why President Trump is reestablishing the Monroe (recast as the Donroe) doctrine. Given the Project2025, observer estimates that President Trump's administration has already implemented about 50% of the proposal - made possible in part because over 50 senior officials in the Trump administration, including 70% of the cabinet, are aligned to organisations backing Project 2025 - progressive forces should have taken this document much more seriously.

This is especially because this document is the culmination and part of a larger "international ideological axis" that organisations like the Heritage Foundation and networks like the International Democratic Union, the Movement, National Conservatism Conference, Conservative Political Action Conference etc. have painstakingly created over years. Collectively, they have unleashed undemocratic upsurges against the liberal world order, as well as progressive values and parties in numerous nations including the USA, United Kingdom, India, Germany, France, Netherlands, Hungary etc. It is no coincidence that 91 countries representing 72% of the world's population are classified as autocratic by the Varieties of Democracy Institute. Mapping the cartography of the global Right lies beyond the scope of this article. Nevertheless, Project 2025 serves as an illustration of how methodical the Right is in its planning, and how exacting it is in its execution. The successes of their plan is evident in not just political triumphs of populist-autocrats in numerous nations, it is also starkly visible in global operations like Operation Absolute Resolve in Venezuela, which represents a singularity, and not just because Trump declared himself the acting President of Venezuela on Truth Social. It marks the onset of a new Cold War, which like before, will be interspersed with smaller 'hot-wars' (borne out by President Trump's threats to Mexico, Columbia, Greenland, Cuba and his plan to enhance The US's military budget from \$901 billion this year to \$1.5 trillion next year. Given the Greenland toolkit is bound to be applied elsewhere, it is worth dissecting it. After Ukraine, Greenland is the first 'Western' nation under threat of attack, and has sparked predictable condemnations from the West - condemnation that were sadly not extended unilaterally for Palestine and Venezuela.

Why India Must Applaud - And Learn - From Carney's Davos Speech



In the frost-bitten landscape of Davos this week, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney delivered a speech that was less diplomatic routine and more clarion call. In essence, he outlined a manual for survival that resonated around the world. Addressing the World Economic Forum, Carney - a man who transitioned from the central banking boardrooms of London and Ottawa to the helm of a G7 nation - spoke of a rupture in the global system rather than a mere transition. He announced the death of the rules-based international order, warning that the grim reality where, in Thucydides' classic formulation, "the strong do what they can while the weak suffer what they must", is no longer a historical footnote, but our current lived experience. He was greeted with a standing ovation. Many leaders wished they had had the courage, or the nerve, to deliver a version of the same speech themselves. For an Indian audience, Carney's analysis should ring with a familiar, if unsettling, clarity. As we navigate 2026, the global architecture we once relied upon for trade and security, and served to define our place in the world, is being systematically dismantled by President Trump's great-power transactionalism. We need to be as honest with ourselves about the situation as Carney was in his speech. A Prescription For India, Too Carney's prescription for Canada - building strength at home, diversifying abroad, and forming issue-by-issue coalitions - offers a compelling mirror for India's own journey. Indeed, these are the very elements I have been stressing in my columns and speeches over the past year. However, for a subcontinental giant like India, the path forward requires a delicate balance between Carney's approach and our own aspirations: endorsing the middle-power solidarity Carney suggests while carving out a unique trajectory rooted in our own strategic autonomy. Carney's most potent observation was that nostalgia is not a strategy, urging nations to stop waiting for a return to the 1990s and to accept that economic integration is now being misused as a weapon. Whether through aggressive tariffs or the weaponisation of financial chokepoints, the era of trade as mutual benefit is being replaced by an ethos of coercion. India has long

sensed this shift. From our refusal to join the RCEP to our Atmanirbhar Bharat mission, New Delhi has proactively moved toward "de-risking" long before the term became a Brussels buzzword. We must endorse the Canadian call for clarity; we cannot live within the lie that global institutions like the World Trade Organization (WTO) or the UN Security Council will protect our interests in their current paralysed states. Resilience today is not about isolation, but about a sovereignty anchored in the ability to withstand external pressure. The Great 'Middle' This leads directly to the power of the "middle". One of the most actionable parts of the Carney Doctrine is the call for middle powers to band together, arguing that while hegemons can go it alone, everyone else is on the menu if they aren't at the table (a phrase I have used myself for two decades, but which has never seemed as apposite as now). India finds itself in a unique position here. While we often view ourselves as a leading power rather than a middle power, the tactical benefits of Carney's approach are immense. There is a

natural common cause to be made with nations like Canada, the UK, Japan, ASEAN and the EU (and maybe even Russia). For instance, Canada's massive investment in minerals and energy is a direct opportunity for India's electric vehicle and green-tech ambitions. By joining "buyers' clubs" with the G7 and Canada, India can secure supply chains that are currently choked by a single-source monopoly. Similarly, in the realms of AI and quantum computing, India and Japan can lead the way in creating open-source democratic standards, instead of being trapped under a digital iron curtain that seems to be falling between the US and China. Much like Canada's decision to join European defence procurement initiatives, India can deepen its Indo-European security ties with Germany and France, without giving up its first-mover advantage with Russia, to hedge against a potentially inward-looking United States. By collaborating with these powers, India avoids the vassalage of the re-emerging bipolar world. As a "multi-aligned" power, we aren't choosing a side, we are building a net-work. A Table Of Our Own However, where Carney speaks for a nation of 40 million, New Delhi stands up for 1.4 billion. Our scale dictates that we cannot simply be a member of a middle-power bloc; we must be an anchor. There are significant areas where India must deviate from the Carney blueprint and follow its own path of strategic autonomy, most notably regarding our leadership of the Global South - who represent the Silenced Majority of the human race. While Carney focuses on values-based trade with the West, India's destiny is inextricably linked to the Global South. Our influence in Africa and Southeast Asia is not just about trade; it is about providing an alternative model of development that is neither Western-prescriptive nor Chinese-coercive. India must remain the bridge between the Davos elite and the developing world. Furthermore, we must navigate the Russia-China paradox with a level of pragmatism that middle powers in the West do not require. For Canada, Russia is a clear-cut adversary. For India, the relationship is nuanced by decades of defence history, diplomatic support and a pragmatic need for energy security. Our multi-alignment strategy - in this case, engaging with the Quad while maintaining our involvement with BRICS - is a necessity. And unlike Canada, which just signed a major agreement with China in Beijing, we have a long-disputed frontier with China, which Beijing periodically probes. Canada does not have Chinese troops nibbling away at its territory. Nonetheless, we must continue to resist the pressure to pick a side in conflicts that do not serve our immediate national interest. This external autonomy must be backed by domestic fortresses. Carney spoke of building strength at home through tax reform and inter-provincial trade, but India's task is more Herculean. Our fortress must be built on the rapid formalisation of our economy, the massive skilling of our youth, and the creation of a technological infrastructure and a manufacturing base that can serve as a global alternative to China. Our strategic autonomy is only as strong as our GDP growth. What 'Power' Now Means The world Carney describes is one of variable geometry - a messy, fragmented, but highly active international system.

India And Bangladesh: Are We Missing The Woods For The Trees?



Are national memories short, or selective, or both? What explains India and Bangladesh's recent political behaviour? Non-business visa services on both sides remain suspended. Bangladeshi cricketer Mustafizur Rahman signing up for the Pakistan Super League after being removed from the ICC following the Indian cricket board's directives would point to that. That this came soon after the Indian Foreign Minister's Dhaka visit to attend former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's funeral appears even more unpropitious. Bangladesh reacted predictably, with a request for shifting the IPL T20 series away from India, voicing a security threat for their players. India and Bangladesh seem to have forgotten the 1971 Liberation War they fought together. Bangladesh, for one, seem to definitely have moved on from the memories of rampage, genocide and the political injustice they faced at the hands of Pakistani leaders, which forced East Pakistan to seek an independent state away from Pakistan. The Growing Ties With Pak India and Bangladesh have been on a sticky wicket ever since Sheikh Hasina, India's trusted Bangladeshi leader, had to step down in face of popular protests in August 2024. Since then, Pakistan has made significant inroads into the country. In the recent past, they offered the use of Karachi

port when India banned import of a number of jute products and textile products through its land routes. Talks of buying Pakistani fighter jets are being heard. Dhaka and Karachi will soon have direct flights. Sheikh Hasina often referred to restoring the pre-1965 connectivity ties between India and Bangladesh; now, Islamabad is attempting to restore the erstwhile Bangladesh and Pakistani ties. The violence against minorities in Bangladesh is the latest trigger for India. The death of Bangladeshi youth leader Osman Sharif Hadi saw angry mobs attacking secular institutions, torching media houses and brutally attacking Hindus. His killing was an opportune moment for a particular section to push their agenda effectively. The initial inaction of the interim Mohammed Yunus government during this latest round of violence also

added to the escalation. Violence against Hindus is not new in Bangladesh. Can a political message from India deter such disruptive behaviour or ensure minorities' safety? In October 2001, Bangladesh saw the worst attack in a single day on the largest number of Hindus in a post-electoral win for the BNP. India immediately sent an emissary, and while the two countries did not enjoy strong political ties during those five years, the scale of violence against minorities certainly ebbed through quiet diplomacy. There exists a general understanding that post-2009, given the close association of minorities with the Awami League (AL) party, their lives seemed safer. Particularly, Hasina ensured that minorities were present within the police forces, and this mitigated fears for Hindus, especially in rural areas. Even so, according to one study, over 600 Hindus

have been leaving Bangladesh annually for over the last several decades, including during Hasina's rule. India's Political Message Given the present impasse that exists between the neighbours, can the hardening on both sides ensure the safety of minorities? Expecting the interim government - which seems to be in an exit mode now that the Jatiya Sangsad elections are only a few weeks away - to take strong security measures is a futile exercise. Declaring Bangladesh a non-family posting in anticipation of violence is a sharp political message. India's securitising Bangladesh means feeding the hardliners on both sides. The section that desires to postpone elections and change the political landscape of the country to revoke plurality and democratic norms is finding a greater space in this sharp, distanced bilateral environment. An Ugly

The Greenland 'Secret' Trump Doesn't Quite Like Talking About

At Davos, US President Donald Trump's remarks on Greenland were the most awaited. In the event, however, he backed off from the threat of force to get the largest island on earth. But the issue is far from over. That extremely fragile and incredibly beautiful region has always been under severe US threat, with Washington showing little regard for its people - or for its sovereignty, or for any of the things that matter, like the rapidly melting ice cap. In 1968, it was one of the first regions to experience a near nuclear disaster, as a nuclear-armed B-52 bomber crashed near the Thule Air Base, an incident that left plutonium-laced debris scattered across miles of Arctic sea ice. Ten years before that, a permanently insecure United States had positioned nuclear weapons there as a reaction to the Soviets. Declassified documents now show that Denmark knew that, but did nothing. Unsurprisingly, since Denmark itself was a colonizer, with interest in the mining resources there rather than the people. Now, it has all come back to bite. Greenland Matters To Us Here's the thing for all the rest of us. Greenland's health matters hugely. It is melting at its fastest rate in 12,000 years. That's an existential threat for the low-lying Maldives, for instance, which could disappear entirely as sea levels rise, or even for low-lying Bangladesh. It's another thing Dhaka, at least for now, is more concerned about burning up all political opposition. An Ugly



History Greenland was first inhabited by the Inuit, from Asia, and Vikings who farmed the area. The latter were eventually pushed out, till the Danish colonised the area together with a bunch of missionaries. The Inuit were forced out, with their women forcibly made to adopt intrauterine birth control measures at least till 1991. Then there was the mining for aluminium, all of which makes for some very repulsive reading. Greenland was made a full part of Denmark without consulting anyone in 1953, but transitioned to self-rule in 2009, which gives it control over everything except defence, foreign policy, and, oddly, judiciary. That means all laws have to go through a Danish once-over. It gets worse, with not just the accident-prone B-52 crash spewing radioactive waste, but the fact that Denmark probably knew about these nuclear overflights and still chose to go with diplomatic blindness. Also, in the background to the World War, the Danish Ambassador gave the US unlimited military access to the island, which included stationing of nuclear weapons there for a brief period. In short, while Denmark refused nuclear weapons on its own territory, it was fine with them being placed in Greenland, with a wink and a nod. Everyone Has Wanted Greenland, Always Early US Presidents, from Eisenhower onwards, all briefly considered 'buying' Greenland, but did not, since they had total access anyway. This was after a treaty of April 1951, which, while confirming Danish sovereignty, delineated three "defense areas" for use by the United States, with additional areas subject to future negotiations "...in accordance with NATO plans". Consistent with that broad guidance, the US would be free to operate its bases as it saw fit, including the movement of "supplies" and with no restrictions on its access to airspace over Greenland. Meanwhile, the US got a permanent Space base at Thule - now known as Pituffik - which, according to reports, is being rapidly overhauled, including the runway and associated infrastructure. That includes Early Warnings over near-Earth space as well, with base officials claiming they can find a softball-sized metal from 3,000 miles away. But again, that capability is already there. Trump doesn't need to grab Greenland to sustain it. Denmark would hardly object. The Threat From Russia And China So the big question: why does Trump, who has demand-based access to almost all of Greenland, want to do a land grab? The major reason - apparently - is that the Arctic has opened up due to rapid global warming. That means not just Russian but even Chinese ships making their way through the Northwest passage via Alaska into the Atlantic. Or so it is feared. In September last year, two of those ubiquitous Chinese "research vessels" entered the Extended continental shelf of the US through this route, leading the US Coast Guard to react together with an air component.

Fight Will Continue Till MGNREGA Is Restored: CM Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday strongly criticised the Governor, alleging violation of constitutional provisions by not reading the Cabinet-approved address during the first joint session of the Legislature this year. He said the move amounted to an insult to the Assembly of people's representatives and was aimed at shielding the Centre's "mistake" of repealing the MGNREGA Act.

Speaking to the media at Vidhana Soudha, the Chief Minister said Articles 176 and 163 of the Constitution clearly



mandate that the Governor must read the speech prepared by the State Cabinet during the first joint session of the year or when a new government is

formed. "Reading any other speech is unconstitutional and against established democratic practice," he said. Siddaramaiah said the State Government is

firmly opposed to the Centre's decision to repeal the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and replace it with the new 'VBJ Ram Ji - Developed India Employment and Livelihood Mission (Rural)' Act. He pointed out that MGNREGA guaranteed the right to work for at least 100 days a year, benefiting Dalits, women, workers and small farmers. He alleged that the new Act offers no assured employment, removes the role of Gram Sabhas and Panchayats, and centralises decision-making.

"Earlier, work could be provided throughout the year and even on farmers' own land. That right has now been taken away," he said.

Accusing the opposition of deliberately justifying the new Act, Siddaramaiah said the State Government and ruling party have decided to continue the struggle until MGNREGA is restored, similar to the withdrawal of anti-farmer laws in the past. He added that legal options, including approaching the Supreme Court, would be discussed after legislative deliberations.

LANXESS remains at the forefront of sustainability



Bengaluru : Climate protection initiative CDP has once again included LANXESS in its "A List" for climate

protection – for the seventh time in a row. With an "A" rating, the specialty chemicals company ranks among the top 4 percent of more than 22,100 companies assessed worldwide. CDP gave particularly positive ratings in the areas of business strategy, targets, emissions reduction and climate-friendly products, governance and value chain.

The CDP experts award "A" ratings to companies that disclose their climate protection measures in a particularly transparent manner and implement their plans reliably. Among other things, verifiable strategies, science-based targets and a current climate protection plan are rewarded.

Hexagon India unveils ATS800 Metrology Solution to India Market at IMTEX Forming 2026



Bengaluru : Hexagon, the global leader in measurement technologies, announced the India market launch of its advanced metrology solution, the ATS800, at IMTEX Forming 2026, one of India's premier manufacturing and machine tool exhibitions. While the solution has been introduced globally earlier, IMTEX Forming 2026 marks its official introduction to Indian manufacturing market. The launch

Hall 3A, Booth A126. The ATS800 is a next-generation laser tracking metrology solution that combines high-accuracy direct scanning and reflector tracking into a single portable system. It enables manufacturers to measure complex surfaces, fine features, and large structures from distances of up to 40 metres, enhancing precision, productivity, and workflow efficiency.

Speaking to the media, Mr. Pramod Kaushik, President, Hexagon India, said, "The introduction of ATS800 in India reflects Hexagon's continued commitment to supporting the country's manufacturing transformation. As manufacturers move towards higher precision, larger assemblies, and digital quality workflows, the ATS800 offers a flexible and scalable metrology solution that helps improve accuracy, productivity, and operational confidence."

Congress Government Disrespects Governor and Constitution; Presenting Speech Symbolically is Not New, This is a Black Day: Opposition Leader R. Ashoka Expresses Outrage



Bengaluru : Opposition Leader R. Ashoka, expressing his outrage that the Congress government has turned the day of the special session into a black day by showing disrespect to the Governor and insulting the Constitution.

Speaking to reporters after the House session, he said that the Congress government has made the session day a black day. The Governor acts as a bridge between the state and central governments. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot presented the speech symbolically and left after thanking. Previously, Hansraj Bhardwaj had done the same. There is nothing wrong with this. According to the Constitution, there is an opportunity to come to the House, present a symbolic speech, and express thanks. However, Congress legislators acted like goons, pushed the Governor, and attacked him. It is truly shameful and condemnable that senior House members and Law Minister H.K. Patil himself have set a precedent for this bad tradition. Law Minister H.K. Patil does not deserve to continue in that position even for a moment, he said. In the 27th clause on page 13 of the House rules book, it is mentioned about the procedures to be followed during the Governor's speech. It states that no member should interrupt while he is speaking. If done so, it should be considered a serious violation. Therefore, Speaker U.T. Khader should punish the errant members and expel them from the House. The Governor has maintained his dignity and has never

shown disrespect to the House. Previously, he has signed all bills. The Congress government is trying to turn Raj Bhavan into a party office, he alleged.

The Governor administered the oath to the CM and ministers. Congress leaders have gheraoed such a Governor. To please Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi, Congress members have acted this way and insulted the Constitution. These people who insulted Baba Saheb Ambedkar have now insulted the entire House. The Supreme Court has already said that it will not interfere in matters related to the Governor, he said.

Letter to Speaker
Opposition Leader R. Ashoka has demanded through a letter to Speaker U.T. Khader that disciplinary action be taken against the members of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council who showed disrespect when the Governor was leaving the House. He has tweeted about this.

Misuse of the Governor's office to criticise the Central Government – Vijayendra's strong criticism

Bengaluru: BJP State President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra has demanded that the Congress government led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah should allow the joint session of both Houses of the Legislature to function under healthy democratic principles and a positive federal structure, without inserting content in the Hon'ble Governor's address that is directed against the Central Government.

He clarified that there is no opposition to the Hon'ble Governor delivering the address. However, the Governor has rightly objected to the State Government spreading false and misleading information and using it to carry out propaganda against the Central Government among the general public.

Vijayendra pointed out that the State Government has been continuously indulging in propaganda against Central Government schemes. It is unfortunate that even the Hon'ble Governor, who holds a constitutional post, is being used for such propaganda, and he termed this as unconstitutional.

Welcoming the Hon'ble Governor's stand that he would not read out statements that could harm the unity and

integrity of the nation, Vijayendra said the government's conduct in this regard is condemnable. He alleged that for the Congress government, politics of hatred is more important than public development, and expressed hope that at least after the Governor's decision, the Congress government would correct its approach.

He said that party which claims to strongly advocate federalism is, in Karnataka, misusing the Legislative Assembly merely because it is in power, and using it as a platform to vent hatred against the Central Government. This, he said, is nothing but an assault on democracy.

Vijayendra accused the Congress government, which claims to uphold the Constitution and federal structure, of continuously spewing venom against the Central Government and betraying the people of the state. He alleged that the government has repeatedly violated the Constitution and federal principles. Over the past 32 months, instead of safeguarding the interests of the people, the Congress government has repeatedly passed resolutions in the Legislature against the NDA government at the Centre, and said the party must understand this clearly.

GTTC Partners with Australian Social Enterprise to Boost Global Career Opportunities for Locals



Bengaluru : The state-run Government Tool & Training Centre (GTTC) signed an agreement with Workinitiatives, a leading Australian social enterprise, to address Australia's critical skills shortages and create global career pathways for Karnataka's skilled workforce. This partnership will connect Karnataka's professionals, tradespeople and community workers with Australian employers, focusing on sectors like construction, healthcare, advanced manufacturing and technology. This partnership leverages Workinitiatives' innovative technology to connect job seekers, employers and government bodies. The MoU was signed by Siddalingappa Pujari, GTTC MD GTTC and Chris Carman, founder and CEO of Workinitiatives in the presence of the Skill Development & Medical Education Minister Dr Sharannaprakash R Patil here at Vidhana Soudha on Thursday. According to

Carman, Australia faces significant shortages in some of the industry sectors including construction trades (over 100,000), healthcare and aged care (over 400,000), cybersecurity, AI and software development. "We're impressed with the Karnataka's proactive approach.

The Governor who has defamed the Constitution should take moral responsibility and resign and step down: S Manohar



Bengaluru: KPCC General Secretary S Manohar has demanded that the Governor should immediately take moral responsibility and resign and step down. The Governor's actions, which have defamed the Constitution, have created a constitutional crisis in Karnataka today. Speaking after participating in a protest organized by the Congress Party against the Central Government and the Governor with slogans of "Go Back, Go Back Governor, Go Back", he urged the Central Government to recall Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot, who has behaved like a BJP agent by defying democracy and insulting Article 176 of the Constitution by not reading it in the Legislative Assembly.

This scheme, which was implemented in the name of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, who sacrificed his life for the country, was providing employment to crores of people in the country today. The unemployed BJP government has said that it will condemn the cowardice of the central government for stopping this scheme and increasing unemployment and stopping the scheme in the name of Mahatma Gandhi and abandoning the Mahatma Gandhi scheme in the name of VB Ramji.

Today, followers of Mahatma Gandhi are condemning the move of the BJP in the entire country. The BJP can only erase Mahatma Gandhi's ideas. But he warned that these cowards of the BJP cannot erase his path of non-violence and sacrifice. He said that the Central Congress government had earlier brought the Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Scheme, which provided daily work to farmers and the unemployed, and this scheme was helpful in developing local villages and urban areas. Congress party leaders A. Anand, Chandrasekhar, Kushal Puttaraj, Sai Naveen Sunkadakatte, Naveen Umesh, Sanjay Sashimath and Congress party workers participated in this protest.

Congress holds MGNREGA workers' national convention

LONG-DRAWN FIGHT TILL MGNREGA ISN'T RESTORED AS IT IS: KHARGE



NEW DELHI : Leading from the front for the restoration of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), the Congress resolved to fight to the finish until the scheme is restored in its original form, in letter and spirit. The party held a national convention of the MGNREGA workers at Jawahar Bhawan, which was organised by the 'Rachmatkar Congress' headed by Sandeep Dilakshi. Around 300-400 MGNREGA workers and activists from 20-25 states took part in the convention. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi assured the MGNREGA workers that the party will fight for their rights and ensure that the rights-based scheme is restored in letter and spirit.

Speaking on the occasion, Kharge said the fight to get MGNREGA restored is a long-drawn one. He said the rights-based law will not be restored through dharnas and demonstrations alone, but will need a consistent and long-term struggle. He said the Modi government has not just dismantled a scheme that helped the poor and the Dalits, but has carried out a conspiracy that attacks the very concept of 'gram swaraj'. The Congress president said the BJP was the first party to have scrapped a scheme like MGNREGA, which was named after the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said that the scrapping of MGNREGA amounted to an attack on the Constitution of the country, the same way the Modi government had attacked it by bringing in three black farm laws, demonetisation and the flawed implementation of the GST.

"The Sacred Bond: Valavaara's Ode to the Cow"

Bengaluru: There are few stories that manage to connect innocence, nature, and culture as beautifully as Valavaara does. At the heart of this Kannada feature lies a tender bond between a young boy and a cow – one that goes beyond pet and owner. It is about emotion, trust, and belonging. Director Sutan Gowda brings to screen a world that feels achingly real, set in the scenic landscape of Sakleshpura. Through the cow's presence, the film explores the idea of purity – both of nature and of human emotion.

The cow, a revered and gentle being in Indian culture, becomes a mirror for the boy's growth and conscience. As their bond deepens, Valavaara gently reminds us that compassion and empathy are the true measures of humanity. With soul-stirring music by Kadri Manikanth and stunning visuals by Balaraj Gowda, the film turns every simple moment into something profound. In times when technology often overshadows tenderness, Valavaara stands tall as a reminder of what really makes us human – love that expects nothing in return.



Ministers signal confidence of retaining power in House replies



CHENNAI: While responding to questions raised by members on constituency-related demands, Ministers on Thursday coupled their replies with predictions about the outcome of the

forthcoming Assembly elections. Kumbakonam MLA G Anbalagan raised a question on whether a shed would be set up for temple cars in his constituency.

Replying to the query,

Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Minister PK Sekarabu referred to the world-famous Mahamaham festival, which is held once every 12 years and is sched-

uled to take place in 2028. Veiling a reference to the upcoming elections, he said that when the ritual event is held, their leader would continue as Chief Minister.

In another instance, Minister for Public Works EV Velu directly linked his reply to an election prediction while responding to a question raised by CPM legislator M Chinnadurai (Gandarvakottai).

The Minister said that a government guest house would be constructed in the Member's constituency during the 2026-27 financial year, adding that the government would ensure the project is completed next year. He said the member should be confident and the government would construct the guest house.

Special trains between Chennai Egmore and Kanniyakumari

CHENNAI: Southern Railway has announced special trains between Chennai Egmore and Kanniyakumari to clear extra rush of passengers during Republic day. Train No 06135 Chennai Egmore - Kanniyakumari superfast special will leave Chennai Egmore at 11.45 pm on January 23 (Friday) and reach Kanniyakumari at 01.00 pm, the next day (one service). In return direction Train No 06136 Kanniyakumari - Chennai Beach Superfast special will leave Kanniyakumari at 09.35 pm on January 26 (Monday) and reach Chennai Beach at 10.15 am, the next day (one service). The train will have stoppages at Tambaram, Chengalpattu and Villupuram. Coach composition will be of 18 AC three tier coaches, and two luggage cum brake van. Advance Reservation for Train No 06135 is open and for Train No 06136 will open shortly, added the release.

Thoothukudi: Farmers outburst over crops damaged by white frost



THOOTHUKUDI: Farmers in the Kovilpatti division of Thoothukudi district are distressed after chilli and coriander crops were damaged by severe white frost on January 21, according to a report by Daily Thanthi.

Early-morning frost has led to blight and leaf spot diseases in chilli plants, causing them to wilt. Coriander crops, now in the

flowering stage, have also been affected by fungal infections triggered by the frost, farmers said.

Though onions, chillies and coriander are usually grown only in irrigated areas, farmers in the Kovilpatti division cultivate these crops in rain-fed lands as well. The soil found in Kovilpatti, Pudur, Vilathikulam and

Ettayapuram, which is rich in iron and calcium, supports such cultivation. Produce from the region is known for its taste and resistance to disease, and farmers sow chilli seeds at a rate of seven measures per acre.

Last year, Margazhi rains (December-January) provided much-needed moisture for chilli, as well as for later-sown coriander and sunflower crops. This year, however, the absence of rain during the period has added to farmers' worries. Across rain-fed areas of the Kovilpatti division, including Kovilpatti, Ettayapuram, Kazhugumalai, Kayathar, Ottapidaram, Vilathikulam and Pudur, farmers had raised black gram, green gram, maize, small onions, chillies and coriander on around 30,000 acres.

Tirupur: Woman hurls footwear at lyricist Vairamuthu



TIRUPUR: A brief commotion broke out on Thursday after a slipper was hurled at poet Vairamuthu while he was attending a literary event in Tirupur, said a report by Maalai Malar.

The incident occurred during the inaugural function of the Kongu Kalai Literary Cultural Forum, held at the District Collector's Office, where Vairamuthu had arrived as a guest.

As the programme was underway, a slipper was suddenly thrown towards the poet, causing confusion among those present. The slipper missed Vairamuthu and landed amid the audience.

Police later identified that a woman participating in the gathering had thrown it.

According to preliminary information, the woman is reportedly suffering from mental health issues. Police have taken up an investigation to ascertain the circumstances leading to the incident.

Thiruvananthapuram-Tambaram among 3 new Amrit Bharat Express trains linking TN



Tamil Nadu such as Tirunelveli, Kovilpatti, Virudhunagar, Madurai, Tiruchi, and

Virudachalam. Train No 17042/17041 Thiruvananthapuram North

Charlapalli - Thiruvananthapuram North train will run via major destinations such as Kollam, Chengannur, Kottayam, Ernakulam Town, Thrissur, Palakkad, Coimbatore, Salem, Jolarpetta, Renigunta, Nellore, Tenali, Guntur, and Nalgonda.

Train No 16329/16330 Nagercoil-Mangaluru train will run via Thiruvananthapuram Central, Kottayam, Ernakulam Town, Thrissur, Kannur, and Kasaragod.

The schedule of regular services of the above Amrit Bharat Express trains and passenger trains will be notified later. From January 23, Railways will operate regular service of three recently launched Amrit Bharat Express trains - from Tambaram

near Chennai to Santragachi in Howrah, West Bengal; and trains to New Jalpaiguri in West Bengal from Tiruchy and Nagercoil.

Last September, an Amrit Bharat Express started running between Erode and Jogganji in Bihar. Now, there are seven Amrit Bharat Express trains

that link Tamil Nadu to other states, offering a better quality long-distance ride at an affordable fare for the common passenger. These trains are designed to bridge the gap between conventional mail/express services and premium trains by offering improved amenities, enhanced safety features, and better ride comfort at economical fares, said the Indian Railways.

A delicate balance of prevention and early intervention can prevent cardiovascular disease



New Delhi, May 6 (IANSlife): Cardiovascular disease continues to be a major global health concern, with heart attacks and strokes ranking as leading causes of death worldwide. However, these conditions are not inevitable. Individuals can take proactive steps toward safeguarding their heart health with conscious lifestyle adjustments and medical interventions. Dr. Nirajan Hiremath, Senior Consultant Cardiac and Aortic Surgeon at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi, said, "Heart health is a delicate balance of prevention and early intervention. Small, consistent lifestyle changes can drastically reduce risk over time."

Checkout the 12 essential heart health tips by Dr. Hiremath:

Adopt a balanced diet: A healthy diet is fundamental to maintaining a healthy heart. Aim for a balanced intake of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats. Avoid saturated fats, trans fats, and excessive sugars, which can contribute to obesity, high cholesterol, and other cardiovascular risks.

Exercise regularly: Regular physical activity is vital for a healthy heart. The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise per week. Activities such as brisk walking, jogging, cycling, or swimming can boost cardiovascular fitness, strengthen the heart muscle, and improve circulation. Even light activities like gardening or taking the stairs can contribute to heart health by burning calories and reducing cholesterol levels.

Monitor your blood pressure: High blood pressure, or hypertension, is often called a "silent killer" because it may not present symptoms but significantly increases the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Regularly monitoring blood pressure at home or with a healthcare professional can help identify any issues early on. If necessary, medications and lifestyle changes such as a low-sodium diet, regular exercise, and stress management can help maintain healthy blood pressure levels.

Get regular check-ups: Routine medical check-ups are essential for catching potential heart issues early. Regular cholesterol screenings, ECGs, and other tests can help monitor cardiovascular health and identify issues before they escalate. Early detection allows for timely intervention, reducing the risk of more severe complications.

Quit smoking: Smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease, damaging blood vessels, raising blood pressure, and contributing to atherosclerosis. Quitting smoking is one of the most effective

steps one can take to improve heart health. Seek support from smoking cessation programs, counselling, or medication to aid in breaking the habit.

Limit alcohol consumption: Excessive alcohol consumption can raise blood pressure, increase triglyceride levels, and contribute to heart disease. The American Heart Association recommends a maximum of one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men. Opting for non-alcoholic beverages, moderating consumption, or seeking support from health professionals can help reduce alcohol-related cardiovascular risks.

Maintain a healthy weight: Obesity is a significant risk factor for cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Maintaining a healthy weight through a balanced diet and regular exercise can significantly reduce these risks. For sustainable weight management, avoid crash diets and seek guidance from healthcare professionals or nutritionists to develop a plan tailored to your needs.

Sleep well: Lack of sleep has been linked to various health issues, including heart disease. Aim for 7-8 hours of quality sleep per night. Developing a consistent sleep routine, avoiding electronic devices before bed, and creating a relaxing bedtime environment can help improve sleep quality.

Stay hydrated: Dehydration can thicken the blood, increasing the risk of blood clots and heart strain. Ensure adequate hydration throughout the day, especially in hot weather or during exercise. The recommended daily intake varies depending on individual needs, but generally, adults should aim for 8-10 cups of water per day. Proper hydration helps maintain cardiovascular function and overall health.

Control cholesterol levels: High cholesterol contributes to plaque build-up in the arteries, increasing the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Regular cholesterol screenings can help monitor levels and catch any issues early. A diet rich in fiber and low in saturated fats, alongside regular exercise and medication, if necessary, can help maintain healthy cholesterol levels. Consult your healthcare professional for personalized advice on managing cholesterol.

Manage diabetes: Diabetes can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease by damaging blood vessels and nerves. Managing diabetes through diet, exercise, and medication can help reduce these risks. Regular monitoring of blood sugar levels and consulting a healthcare professional for comprehensive diabetes management is crucial for overall health. Taking proactive steps to care for your heart can drastically reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Dr. Nirajan Hiremath reiterates, "Preventive measures and lifestyle modifications play a crucial role in maintaining a healthy heart. It's important to take charge of your health before it takes charge of you."

"Indian Youth Have Global Startup Opportunities," Says Dr. Harshavardhan Reddy NB at S.A. Engineering College Workshop



Chennai: "Indian youth have global startup opportunities," stated Dr. Harshavardhan Reddy NB, CEO - HVR Training & Consulting Services, while addressing students during the Two-Day Workshop on "Entrepreneurship and Startup Ecosystems in a Tech Era" held at S.A. Engineering College on 21st and 22nd January 2026.

The workshop was organized by the Departments of MCA and MBA, in association with the Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC). During his session, Dr Reddy highlighted the growing scope for Indian youth in global markets and discussed opportunities available in the current startup ecosystem. He covered key aspects such as idea generation, self-assessment for entrepreneurship, real-world success stories, and conducted interactive activities that enabled students to practically experience entrepreneurial thinking.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of the Chief Patrons - Dr. S. Salivahanan (Advisor) and Dr. S. Ramachandran (Principal), with coordination by Dr. V. Sujatha (Professor & Head - MCA), Dr. V. Rohini (Director - MBA), and Dr. Nalla Bala Kalyan (Professor & EDC-Coordinator).

The workshop witnessed active participation from around 100 MCA and MBA students and aimed to strengthen their entrepreneurial mindset, innovation capabilities, and readiness to explore startup ventures in a technology-driven era.

Anti-acidity medications linked to a high risk of migraine, says expert

New Delhi, May 6 (TSIT): Taking acid reflux medications may raise the risk of migraines in individuals already suffering from the debilitating headache, according to a top neurologist. Dr Sudhir Kumar from Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, said this, citing a recent study published in the journal Neurology Clinical Practice. Led by researchers from the University of Maryland in the US, the study showed that acid-reducing drugs, including proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) such as omeprazole and esomeprazole, histamine H2-receptor antagonists (H2RAs), H2 blockers such as cimetidine and famotidine, and antacid supplements, are linked to a higher risk of migraines and other severe headaches than people who do not take these medications. "In people who are suffering from migraines or other severe headaches, and are taking PPIs or H2RAs for treating gastrointestinal symptoms, it may be worthwhile stopping these medicines to see if their headaches reduce," the doctor wrote in a post on X.

Revises 12-month NIFTY target to 28,814, down from 29,094

Mumbai January 2026:

According to PL Capital's India Strategy Report, Indian equity markets have turned largely range-bound after giving up most of their recent gains, amid rising global geopolitical risks and persistent tariff-related uncertainties with the US. However, domestic demand indicators and macro fundamentals continue to show resilience, supported by policy-led tailwinds. It notes that NIFTY has shed most gains made in past couple of months and has been largely flattish. Global geopolitics is redrawing global power and business equations leading to significant increase in business uncertainty. In addition India's sustained tariff row with the USA is disturbing the market momentum. However, domestic demand outlook and macro indicators still continues to show sustained traction in 3Q and beyond as benefits of cut in interest rates, GST rationalization, income tax cuts, low inflation have started to show in improved consumer sentiments and demand. Mr. Amnish Aggarwal, Co-Head Institutional Equities, PL Capital said "We expect economic momentum to be sustained as the benefits of strong tailwinds—arising



from income tax rate cuts, a cumulative 125 bps cut in the repo rate, normal monsoons, decade-low inflation, and GST rate rationalisation—carry forward into next year. As the 2027 Budget approaches, the focus is likely to shift towards structural economic reforms, with limited room for major tax concessions following last year's significant increase in tax slabs and GST rate cuts." Accordingly, PL Capital has revised NIFTY earnings estimates marginally, with FY26/27/28 EPS adjusted by -2.6%, -2.4% and +1.0%, respectively. Despite near-term caution, NIFTY EPS is projected to grow at a 14.8% CAGR over FY26-28. The brokerage values the NIFTY at a 3% discount to its 15-year average P/E, arriving at a 12-month target of 28,814, down from 29,094 earlier. However, PL Capital remains

cautious in the near term and expects large caps to continue to outperform, having delivered returns of 16-17% over the past 12 months. It expects domestically oriented sectors such as banks, NBFCs, autos, select staples, jewellery, defence, select durables and metals to outperform over the near to medium term. PL Capital notes that 3Q26 has shown a mixed demand scenario. Auto demand has been robust as GST rationalisation has boosted demand across segments of 2W, PV, CV and tractors. Jewellery demand has been robust with 30-40% industry sales growth despite 65% higher gold prices YoY. Consumer Durables have seen tepid response after GST rationalisation so far while apparel and footwear have been mixed. Travel demand has been decent, sans some impact of Indigo Airlines

flight issues in Dec25. Consumer Staples has seen gradual pickup in demand post inventory rationalisation got over by mid-November. Rural demand remains steady and is growing ahead of urban demand, urban sentiment has shown steady improvement in the past few months with hopes of further pick up in coming months. Accordingly, PL Capital estimate a growth of 8.2% in sales, 12.8% in EBITDA and 12.2% in PBT for its coverage universe. Ex oil & Gas, it estimates 12.6% growth in EBITDA and 11% in PBT. Budget 2026-27 – Focus likely on Infra and structural reforms Union Budget FY26-27 arrives amidst increasing global geopolitical uncertainty and chaos, tariff tiff with the USA and India retaining its tag of fastest growing large econo-

my with 4th Rank in GDP. FY26 has seen multiple positives which include 1) multi-year low inflation 2) cut in interest rates by 125bps 3) cut in income tax rates 4) GST rates rationalisation and 5) normal monsoons. These initiatives have resulted in strong GDP growth (FY26 estimates at 7.7%) despite punitive US tariffs and geopolitical uncertainty. PL Capital expect structural reforms to continue in budget, however any big bang announcements post tax cuts and GST rationalisation of last year look unlikely. Reviving the "Animal Spirit", GDP growth estimated at 6.5-6.8% in FY26: India's GDP growth is projected to slow to 6.4% in FY25, its weakest in four years, driven by subdued private investment, manufacturing deceleration, and global economic headwinds. However, the economy is expected to see a recovery in FY26 at 6.5%-6.8%, supported by government spending, monetary policy easing and improved consumer demand. Direct tax rationalisation is unlikely: With last year's big tax adjustment in personal income tax rates, we don't expect any meaningful changes in tax slabs in the current budget.

Bezos' Blue Origin announces satellite rival to Musk's Starlink

Blue Origin, the rocket company owned by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, says it will launch more than 5,400 satellites to create a new communications network. Named TeraWave, it will offer continuous internet access around the world, with the ability to move large amounts of data much more quickly than rival services. But even after launching thousands of satellites,

Blue Origin would still have far fewer in orbit than Elon Musk's Starlink, which currently dominates the satellite internet market. Starlink - part of Musk's rocket firm SpaceX - also offers internet and phone services to individual customers, while Blue Origin says TeraWave will be focused on data centres, businesses and governments. Blue Origin said its network, at its fastest, would allow upload and download speeds of as much as 6 terabits per second, much faster than rival commercial satellite services currently offer. Another competitor to TeraWave is Amazon, the technology giant that made Bezos a multi-billionaire. He is still Amazon's executive chairman after stepping down in 2021 as its chief

executive. Amazon's satellite venture is called Leo. While it currently has around 180 satellites in orbit, having launched dozens more just last week, it plans to have more than 3,000 in orbit. Like Starlink, Amazon is also more focused on the general public than businesses and governments, pitching Leo as a way to offer high-speed internet access globally. It has not said when all of the Leo satellites will be in orbit. Blue Origin said it will start launching its TeraWave satellites by the

end of 2027. In November, the company successfully landed a rocket booster on a floating platform for the first time. Only SpaceX had previously accomplished this feat. In April, Blue Origin launched an 11-minute space flight with an all-female crew, including Bezos' now-wife Lauren Sánchez, singer Katie Perry and CBS presenter Gayle King. But some commentators said it was "tone deaf" for celebrities to be taking part in such a fleeting and expensive trip at a time of economic struggle.

STRING METAVERSE REVENUE, PROFIT JUMP NEARLY THREEFOLD

HYDERABAD, India,

22nd January, 2026 —

String Metaverse reports 9-month revenue of 711.13 crore rupees, PAT at 67.82 crore String Metaverse Ltd (BSE: META) on Tuesday reported a sharp rise in revenue and profit for the nine months ended Dec. 31, 2025, supported by higher transaction volumes and the expansion of its digital asset and financial market infrastructure businesses. The company's revenue for the nine-month period FY26 rose to ₹711.13 crores from ₹254.16 crore a year earlier, while profit after tax increased to ₹67.82 crore from ₹22.34 crore. For the third quarter FY 26, revenue climbed to ₹278.79 crore from ₹116.25 crore a year earlier, and profit after tax rose to ₹27.89 crore from ₹10.21 crore. String Metaverse said the performance was driven by rising activity across its blockchain-based infrastructure platforms and higher usage of its transaction, liquidity and set-



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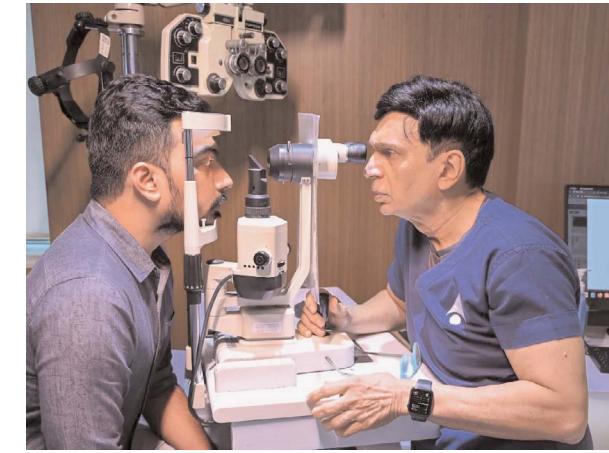
lement systems. The company said it is expanding its Tokenization as a Service platform, positioning itself as a provider of financial market infrastructure as global markets increasingly move toward real-time settlement. The platform is designed to support continuous trading, instant transaction finality and programmable ownership, enabling markets to operate beyond traditional trading hours. During the quarter, the company processed \$8.93 million in

on-chain trading volume for tokenized U.S. equities and exchange-traded funds on the Solana blockchain, using the Raydium decentralized exchange under its CoinX-IDLE framework. The activity covered tokenized exposure to major U.S. blue-chip stocks and ETFs including Tesla, Nvidia, Alphabet, MicroStrategy, Coinbase, Circle, Robinhood, gold-linked products, the Nasdaq-100 and the S&P 500, the company said. String Metaverse said its

revenue model focuses on transaction flow rather than market volatility, generating income through settlement services, liquidity provisioning and infrastructure usage. "We don't monetize volatility. We monetize order flow," said Ganesh Meenavalli, Managing Director of String Metaverse. The company said it serves a global user base of more than 5 million users and plans to continue investing in blockchain nodes and computing capacity.

Widespread Steroid Use Emerging as a Key Trigger for Secondary Glaucoma, Say Doctors

January 2026: Doctors across India are raising concern over the widespread and often unsupervised use of steroids, warning that it is emerging as a major trigger for secondary glaucoma, a sight-threatening condition that can lead to irreversible blindness. Steroids commonly used for allergies, skin conditions, respiratory illnesses, and even as over-the-counter eye drops can significantly raise eye pressure when used for prolonged periods, often without patients realizing the long-term damage being caused to the optic nerve. India is already home to an estimated 12-13 million people living with glaucoma, accounting for nearly one-sixth of the global burden. Globally, glaucoma affects around 75-80 million individuals, a number expected to rise beyond 110 million by 2040. Despite being the leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide, glaucoma remains vastly underdiagnosed in India. A particularly alarming concern is that



85-90% of glaucoma cases in the country remain undiagnosed. The disease progresses silently, and by the time symptoms become evident, irreversible optic nerve damage has often already occurred. Late diagnosis results in avoidable vision loss, reduced quality of life, and significant socioeconomic impact. "We are seeing a noticeable rise in steroid-induced glaucoma, particularly in patients who use steroid medications or eye drops without medical supervision," said Dr. KKS Chakravarthy, Head –

Clinical Services, Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital, Vijayawada. "What makes this dangerous is that patients feel symptom-free initially, while eye pressure continues to rise silently, causing permanent damage", he adds. Over the past two to three years, doctors have reported a notable rise in diagnosed glaucoma cases, driven by an ageing population, a higher prevalence of diabetes and myopia, advancements in diagnostic technologies, and improved public awareness. However, experts caution at first.

HCLTech and Carahsoft Partner to Accelerate Digital Transformation for the U.S. Public Sector

Jan 2026 —

HCLTech, a leading global technology company, and Carahsoft Technology Corp., The Trusted Government IT Solutions Provider®, today announced a partnership to accelerate digital transformation in the Public Sector. Under the agreement, Carahsoft will serve as HCLTech's Public Sector distributor, providing the Federal, State, Local and Education agencies in the U.S. with advanced mission-driven technology solutions through Carahsoft's reseller partners and National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint, OMNIA Partners, E&I Cooperative Services Contract and The Quilt contracts. HCLTech established a dedicated Public Sector Solutions subsidiary that provides AI-driven platforms, cloud native modernization

services, cybersecurity offerings and constituent-focused services for Government agencies. Carahsoft contributes expertise in Public Sector contracting and sales and marketing and supports a broad network of reseller partners. Together, the companies will deliver integrated solutions and amplify access to HCLTech's capabilities for clients in the Government and education sectors. "Our goal through this partnership is to make HCLTech's AI Force accessible to the Public Sector and to ensure deployment at the speed and scale agencies require to enhance constituent services, strengthen cybersecurity posture and improve operational efficiency," said Michael Shrader, Vice President of Intelligence and Innovative Solutions at Carahsoft. "This collabora-

Kenvue Strengthens Its Hydration Portfolio in India with ORSL TM and eRZL TM Offering Complete Hydration

22 January 2026—

Kenvue today announced a dual brand strategy with two brands—ORSL TM and eRZL TM [2] for complete hydration. This move solidifies the company's leadership in India's hydration category by offering innovative solutions to address both diarrhoeal and everyday hydration, as dehydration emerges as an important public health concern. With its "Double Power for Complete Hydration" brand strategy, the company is set to provide consumers two scientifically backed hydration brands—ORSL TM and eRZL TM. ORSL TM will now become the brand name of the company's ORS portfolio based on World Health Organization (WHO) formula to address diarrhoeal dehydration. It is available in Ready-to-Drink and Powder formats.

eRZL TM : Effective January 2026, eRZL TM is the new brand name of its science-backed electrolyte drink portfolio (erstwhile ORSL electrolyte drinks portfolio)



for everyday hydration and recovery for tiredness and exhaustion.

Commenting on the company's dual brand hydration strategy, Manish Anandani, Managing Director-India, Kenvue, stated, "For years, we have been at the forefront of the hydration category, driven by a deep understanding of consumer needs and a strong scientific foundation. As dehydration emerges as an important health concern, we have been innovating and expanding our hydration portfolio to address these needs. Taking another step,

we are delighted to launch our distinct two-brand strategy—ORSL TM and eRZL TM to address diarrhoeal and everyday hydration needs and to capitalize on the immense potential of India's electrolyte drink category which is growing at a rapid pace. We remain committed to strengthening awareness around hydration across both illness and everyday care with superior hydration products, while complementing broader public health efforts." Speaking on the launch and improved composition, Prashant Shinde, Business Unit Head – Self Care, Kenvue in India said, "In recent years, the health and wellness trend has accelerated. Consumers are increasingly seeking low sugar, low calorie options as well as tailored hydration solutions beyond water when they are feeling ill or depleted. The all new eRZL TM with its improved composition provides consumers with a healthy hydration option for such occasions to feel better faster."

US ALLIES WON'T FORGET TRUMP GREENLAND CRISIS

What on earth has the last fortnight been all about? In the wake of a successful military operation in Venezuela earlier this month, a buoyed-up Donald Trump started to ratchet up the rhetoric on Greenland. Day after day, the world was treated to claims of ownership, threats of military action and tariffs against traditional allies in Europe. Now, in an apparent puff of smoke, it may all have gone. Nate Secretary General Mark Rutte, arguably the Trump whisperer-in-chief, seems to have talked the president down from his dangerously high hobby horse. The ground may have been laid last week during a visit to Washington by the foreign ministers of Denmark and Greenland. The visit concluded with agreement on a "working group" to discuss



Greenland's future. But Rutte appears to have finessed an issue that had threatened to shatter the north Atlantic alliance. We don't yet know the details of the deal, but many will wonder why it needed a frenetic two-week crisis to get here. Denmark had long

said that it was only too happy to see an increased American military presence on Greenland. If Nato has now pledged to up its presence on and around the island, then that will go some way towards reassuring Donald Trump that the alliance is finally paying

proper attention to Greenland. The New York Times quotes anonymous officials as saying one idea under discussion is for Denmark to cede sovereignty over small areas of Greenland where the US would build military bases - similar to the arrangement

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by which the UK maintains sovereign bases on Cyprus. Trump said the deal would involve access to Greenland's mineral resources. Neither Denmark nor Nato has confirmed these or any other reports. Nato said discussions would "focus on

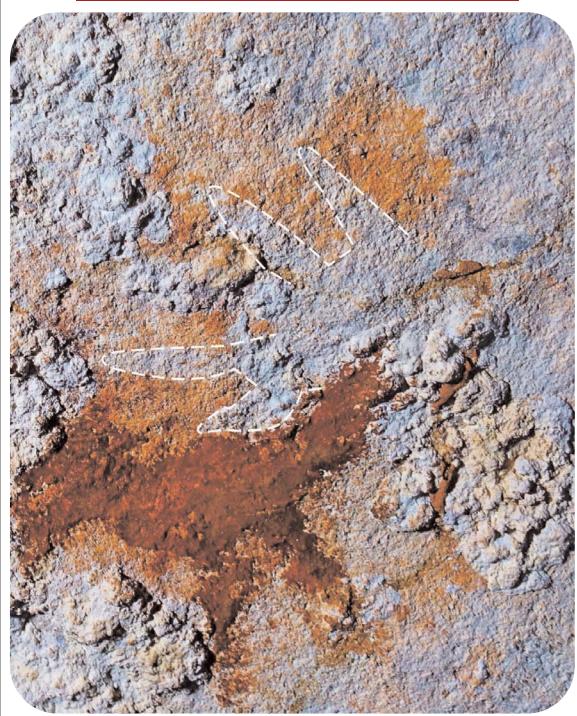
ensuring Arctic security through the collective efforts, especially the seven Arctic Allies" (the US, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Iceland) and aimed to prevent Russia and China from gaining a foothold, economic or military, in Greenland. It won't be long before details of the deal emerge. But the fact that Donald Trump triggered a fortnight of high drama and a sense of existential crisis within Nato to get here will not easily be forgotten. Canada's Prime Minister Mark Carney called it a "rupture", saying the old order was "not coming back." EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen spoke of "seismic change" and urged greater European independence. It's hard to see a quick return to business as usual.

Japan suspends world's largest nuclear plant hours after restart



Japan has suspended operations at the world's largest nuclear power plant, hours after its restart, its operator has said. An alarm sounded "during reactor-start-up procedures" at Kashiwazaki-Kariwa in Tokyo but the reactor remained "stable", Tokyo Electric Power Company (Tepco) spokesperson Takashi Kobayashi said. Reactor number six restarted on Wednesday a day later than planned due to an alarm malfunction - the first at the plant to be turned on since the 2011 Fukushima disaster. Japan shut down all of its 54 reactors after a 9.0 magnitude earthquake triggered a meltdown at its Fukushima plant 15 years ago, causing one of the worst nuclear disasters in history. At the time, radiation leakage from the plant forced more than 150,000 people to evacuate their homes. Many have not returned despite assurances it is now safe. Following the suspension of reactor number six on Thursday, Kobayashi said it was "stable and there is no radioactive impact outside". The reactor was initially set to start on Tuesday, but was pushed back due to a technical issue. It is due to begin operating commercially next month. Kobayashi said Tepco was "currently investigating the cause" of the incident and did not say when operations would resume. The seventh reactor at Kashiwazaki-Kariwa is not expected to be turned back on until 2030, while the other five could be decommissioned. This would leave the plant with far less capacity than it once had when all seven reactors were operational. Reactor number six was given the green light to restart despite safety concerns from local residents. A small crowd of people gathered outside Tepco's headquarters to protest last week, while hundreds gathered outside the Niigata prefectural assembly in December.

Oldest cave painting of red claw hand could rewrite human creativity timeline



UK HOLDS OFF JOINING TRUMP'S BOARD OF PEACE OVER PUTIN CONCERN

Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper has said the UK will not yet be signing up to US President Donald Trump's Board of Peace over concerns about Russian leader Vladimir Putin's possible participation. Cooper told the BBC the UK had been invited to join the board but "won't be one of the signatories today" at a ceremony at the World Economic Forum in Davos. The board, which gives Trump wide decision-making powers as chairman, is being billed by the US as a new international organisation for resolving conflicts. Cooper described the board as a "legal treaty that raises much broader issues" than the initiative's



initial focus on ending the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. The charter proposed by the White House does not mention the Palestinian territory and critics say the board appears to be designed to replace some functions of the United Nations. Some of the US's

TWO DEAD AND SEVERAL MISSING IN NEW ZEALAND LANDSLIDES

Two people have died and several are feared buried after landslides in New Zealand's North Island. The deaths were reported at Welcome Bay, while rescue workers are still searching through rubble at a different site in a popular campsite on Mount Maunganui. There are no "signs of life", authorities said, adding that they have a "rough idea" of how many people are missing but are waiting for an exact figure. They provided no other details except that the group includes "at least one young girl". The landslides were triggered by heavy rains over the last few days, which led to flooding and power outages across North Island. One minister said



the east coast resembled "a war zone". New Zealand is "heavy with grief" after the "profound tragedy" caused by recent weather, Prime Minister Christopher Luxon said on X. Footage from the campsite on Mount Maunganui, an extinct volcano, shows a huge slip near the base of the volcanic dome, as res-

cuers and sniffer dogs comb through crushed caravans and flattened tents. Authorities said that the search would continue through the night. "This is a complex and high-risk environment, and our teams are working to achieve the best possible outcome while keeping everyone safe," said Megan Stiffler, the

EU SUSPENDS APPROVAL OF US TRADE DEAL



The European Parliament has suspended the approval of a key US trade deal agreed in July in protest against Donald Trump's demand to take over Greenland. The suspension was announced in Strasbourg, France, on Wednesday, as the US president addressed the World Economic Forum in Davos. The move followed renewed trade tensions between the US and Europe sparked by Trump's bid to acquire Greenland, which had rattled financial markets, reviving talk of a trade war and the possibility of retaliation against the US. Hours later, Trump said on social media he had reached a "framework" deal on Greenland's future and would not carry out threats to put new tariffs on eight Nato members. Trade tensions between the US and Europe had eased since the two sides struck a deal at Trump's Turnberry golf course in Scotland in July. That agreement set US levies on most European goods at 15%, down from the 30% Trump had initially threatened as part of his "Liberation Day" wave of tariffs in April. In exchange, Europe had agreed to invest

TRUMP TO MEET ZELENSKY AS US ENVOY SAYS ENDING WAR WITH RUSSIA DOWN TO ONE ISSUE

US President Donald Trump will meet Volodymyr Zelensky at Davos on Thursday, after his envoy Steve Witkoff expressed optimism about finalising a deal to end the war in Ukraine. "I think we've got it down to one issue and we have discussed iterations of that issue, and that means it's solvable," Witkoff said ahead of his trip to Moscow for talks with Russia's Vladimir Putin. Witkoff did not specify the single issue but recent talks have focused on the future status of Ukraine's industrial heartland in Donbas, with a proposal for a demilitarised and free economic zone in exchange for security guarantees for Kyiv. "If both



sides want to solve this we're going to get it solved," Witkoff said. Ahead of Witkoff's visit to Moscow with Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner, the US president said on Wednesday that he thought both Putin and Zelensky were at a point where they could come together and get a deal done: "If they don't, they're stupid." Last week, Trump said he thought Putin was "ready to make a deal" but that Zelensky was "less ready". The Ukrainian president travelled through the night to get to Davos on Thursday. He had initially called off his trip to deal with the aftermath of Russian strikes on Kyiv's power infrastructure which have left large areas

from the 25% of Donetsk region that Ukraine still controls by up to 40km (25 miles), to create an economic zone, if Russia does the same. Russian forces have advanced slowly in the east in the past year and Putin is known to covet control of the entire region. The other big sticking point that Zelensky highlighted last month was future control of Ukraine's enormous Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, seized by Russia in March 2022. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Thursday that discussion with the American envoys would continue "on the Ukrainian issue and other related topics" and refused to say whether he shared

Witkoff's optimism on achieving a deal. Putin has also not yet decided whether to join Trump's Board of Peace on Gaza. Ukraine's president had hoped to sign two key documents with Trump at Davos covering future security guarantees as well as economic prosperity, but said there was "one mile left to finalise these documents". It is not yet clear if any signings will take place during their meeting at the World Economic Forum. However, the head of Ukraine's national security and defence council, Rustem Umerov, said on Wednesday night that his team in Davos had discussed the issues of economic development.

THREE DEAD IN SHOOTING IN AUSTRALIA'S NEW SOUTH WALES



Three people have died and another injured after a shooting in a small town in New South Wales, Australia, police have said. Emergency services were called to a residential area in Lake Cargelligo at about 16:40 local time (05:40 GMT). The suspect is still on the run and is believed to have fled in a vehicle, NSW police confirmed. A man and woman were found shot dead in a vehicle, a second shooting soon afterwards killed a woman and left a man in a "critical condition" in hospital, police said. The Sydney Morning Herald reports

that the incident was a suspected domestic violence attack. Andrew Holland, NSW police assistant commissioner, declined to comment on the relationship between the gunman and the victims. The public has been urged to remain indoors and multiple crime scenes have been established, he told reporters. "Any death in a small country town is confronting, but again, a scene where you have people shot by firearms is obviously going to make people very, very tense and very concerned," said Holland.



Why is F1 testing so early this year?

Formula 1 pre-season testing will be run differently this year, starting in January instead of February. There will be three tests before the season begins in Australia. The main reason for the earlier testing is because of the technical rule changes to the chassis and engines in 2026, resulting in the biggest shake-up to the sport in more than a decade. The chassis and engine rules have never been changed simultaneously to this extent - cars will be smaller, nimbler and more environmentally friendly. More test sessions will therefore be needed, as many aspects of the driving will now be unfamiliar to the drivers and teams. Due to these major changes, the first test will be held in private, allowing drivers to run their newly-designed cars on the track for the first time and adjust to the new changes and set-up, without added external pressure. The test will therefore be held behind closed doors with no TV or media coverage. Each team will be able to use a maximum of three consecutive days to gain vital data, between Monday, 26 to Friday, 30 January at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya. The next official tests will be on 11-13 and 18-20 February at the Bahrain International Circuit. These tests will give us the first look at the 2026 cars and a general idea of what performance will be like over the season. It will be one last chance for teams to make changes to the cars before the 24-race season begins. Teams will launch their cars throughout January and February, with the final launch taking place on Monday, 9 February for McLaren. In a typical season, there is one test which takes place over three days, just weeks before the season begins.



Shubman Gill Fails On Ranji Trophy Return, Dismissed For Two-Ball Duck For Punjab

Indian Test captain Shubman Gill was dismissed for a two-ball duck during the 2025-26 Ranji Trophy clash between Punjab and Saurashtra on Thursday. The 26-year-old came to the crease with Punjab struggling at 73/3; however, his stay lasted just two deliveries as he was trapped LBW by Saurashtra's left-arm spinner, Parth Bhut. Earlier, Punjab had bowled Saurashtra out for 172 in their first innings. Gill has recently come under significant fire for his disappointing run of form and, following India's ODI series loss against New Zealand, his captaincy has also been heavily criticised. Meanwhile, former Indian cricketer Manoj Tiwary believes that



Shubman Gill should be sacked as the ODI captain and that the BCCI should reappoint Rohit Sharma. Gill replaced Rohit as the team's skipper in October 2025, but he has lost both the ODI series he has played so far as captain. He made his captaincy debut in Australia, where India suffered a series loss.

Babar Azam Leaves Big Bash League Midway Amid Severe Criticism



Pakistan star batter Babar Azam's Big Bash League (BBL) 2025-26 campaign has come to an early end, as he has been recalled to join Pakistan's national camp, his franchise Sydney Sixers confirmed on Thursday. Babar endured a miserable BBL season, managing just 202 runs in 11 innings at an underwhelming strike-rate of 103. His struggles on the field have been coupled with moments of friction with Australia star Steve Smith. Babar's abrupt exit from the ongoing BBL comes amid severe criticism from former Australia cricketer Mark Waugh, who stated that he should be dropped from the Sixers' playing XI. "Thank you, Babar. Babar Azam has been recalled to join Pakistan's national camp ahead of upcoming international fixtures. He will be unavailable for the remainder of the BBL15 Finals Series," posted Sydney Sixers on their official social media accounts. This means that Babar will miss the Sixers' remaining playoff match-

Tiwary said the BCCI should 'course correct' and start preparing for the 2027 World Cup. "Yes, absolutely. That's what I'm suggesting because there's still time to course correct. It's about the World Cup. It's not just about a bilateral series or a random tournament we are going to play," Tiwary said. Tiwary added that if Rohit had been the captain during the series against New Zealand, things would likely have been different. India lost two matches in a row to suffer their first-ever home ODI series loss against New Zealand. He went on to say that Rohit is a 'lot better' than Gill and he believes that India will have a better chance of winning the World Cup under Rohit's captaincy.

Pakistan Provokes India With New Series Promo Featuring A Dig At 'Handshake' Row

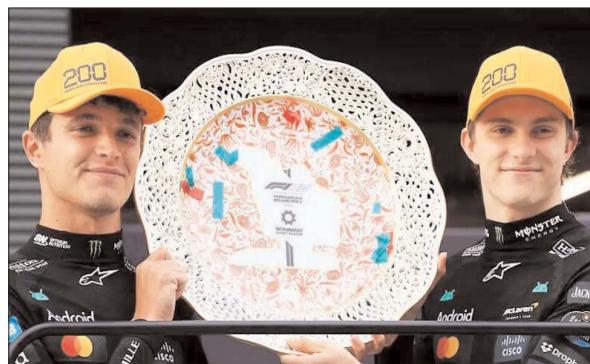
Pakistan has taken fresh aim at India with a new promotional video for their upcoming T20I series against Australia, featuring a dig at the 'handshake' row. Following the Pahalgam terror attacks, Indian cricketers refused to shake hands with their Pakistani counterparts in various global competitions. It all started during the Asia Cup 2025, when the teams met thrice, but skipper Suryakumar Yadav did not shake hands with Salman Ali Agha both after the toss and at the conclusion of the matches. The promo portrays Pakistan as a welcoming host for Australian fans, with Agha even making a brief appearance to discuss hospitality.



However, the final moments of the promo sparked controversy as a tourist is shown exiting a car without shaking the driver's hand. The Australian tourist is reminded: "Handshake bhool gaye

threaten to leave the Asia Cup midway after a stand-off with the ICC over match referee Andy Pycroft. Australia will play three T20 Internationals in Lahore prior to the ICC T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka. Australia will play day-night matches at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on 29 and 31 January and 1 February, before both teams leave for the mega event. While Australia are playing their World Cup group games in India, Pakistan will be based in Sri Lanka for their matches. This is the first time since April 2022 that Australia will tour Pakistan for a T20 series, as they last visited the country to play a Test series and a white-ball rubber that year.

WORK FOR 2026 SEASON 'UNPRECEDENTED' FOR MCLAREN



McLaren team principal Andrea Stella says the world champions have faced an "unprecedented" amount of work to prepare for the new rules in Formula 1 this season. Teams are facing what is widely regarded as the biggest regulation change in history, with new cars, engines, fuel and tyres. Stella said: "There's been so much work behind the design, the realisation, the build of the 2026 cars that, for what I can remember is almost unprecedented, because never before has there been such a huge and simultaneous change of chassis, power unit and tyres. "But even the sheer volume of redesigning that went through the last 20

months at McLaren has been probably the biggest design, or in general, dealing with a new car project that I was a part of. "This all makes it extremely interesting to see how the cars will perform, how the competitiveness order will be somehow mixed up. "We are champions, but we don't

carry being champions into 2026. Everyone will start from the starting blocks - everyone will start from zero." Stella said McLaren would not be ready to run their new car on the first day of the first pre-season test in Spain next week because they wanted to give themselves as much time as

SLOT PRAISES SALAH RETURN ON IMPORTANT NIGHT FOR BOTH



Arne Slot has good memories in Marseille. It was here in 2022 when his Feyenoord side held on to secure a place in the Europa Conference League final. On the eve of this week's game in the bowels of the Stade Velodrome, he was asked about those memories. He was also bizarrely and rudely asked about Xabi Alonso's links to the Liverpool job. Any noise surrounding the future of the Liverpool boss was quietened by a trademark European away performance from his side, who added Marseille to Eintracht Frankfurt and Inter Milan as the teams they have beaten on their travels this season. Their unbeaten run of 13 matches (W7 D6) in all competitions may have been unins-

piring for the large part but it is the longest ongoing streak of any team from Europe's big five leagues. In itself, credit must be due for that. Liverpool last lost a game in November. Crucially for Slot, it was a first win in a game that Mohamed Salah started for Liverpool since November 4, when they beat Real Madrid

in the Champions League. It now looks like a line has been firmly drawn after Salah's interview at Leeds and both player and manager can move on for the betterment of the football club. The reality is that both need each other. Pre-match, Slot told TNT Sports: "The moments when I didn't play him, I was trying some-

WAWRINKA, 40, JOINS DJOKOVIC & CILIC IN THIRD ROUND



To look at the Australian Open men's singles draw, you could be forgiven for thinking you had travelled back in time. But your eyes are not deceiving you. Seventeen years after he first appeared in the third round together in Melbourne, Stan Wawrinka, Novak Djokovic and Marin Cilic are still going strong. While Djokovic, 38, and Cilic, 37, breezed through in straight sets against Francesco Maestrelli and 21st seed Denis Shapovalov respectively, 40-year-old Wawrinka battled through a four-and-a-half-hour, five-set marathon to overcome French qualifier Arthur Géa. "I think it's great," said Wawrinka, who is the first player to reach the third round of the men's singles at a Grand Slam after his 40th birthday since Ken Rosewall at the 1978 Australian Open. "I saw Cilic winning. He had an injury last year [so] it's good to see him at the right level. Novak is in a different league. We never compare ourselves to him. He's always going to be there as long as he's playing." There has been an air of celebra-



MEGASTAR CHIRANJEEVI JOINS CM REVANTH REDDY AT WEF 2026 SUMMIT

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy participated in the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2026 held in Davos, Switzerland. During his visit, the Chief Minister came to know that Megastar Chiranjeevi was in Zurich, and extended a warm invitation to attend the summit. Accepting the invitation with respect, Chiranjeevi garu attended the forum alongside the Chief Minister and witnessed the unveiling and presentation of the "Telangana Rising 2047" Vision Document at the global platform. The moment stood as a proud representation of Telangana's progressive vision and cultural prominence on an international stage. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy also received Megastar Chiranjeevi garu in a gracious and cordial manner. During their interaction, the Chief Minister shared that he had watched "Mama Shankara Vara Prasa Garu" along with his entire family, including his grandchildren, and thoroughly enjoyed the film. He appreciated the film's entertainment value and shared his admiration personally with the Megastar. The meeting between the Chief Minister and Chiranjeevi garu in Switzerland was an unexpected and pleasant one, where both spent quality time together at the 2026 summit, exchanging warm conversations and mutual respect. It is understood that Chiranjeevi garu had travelled to Switzerland on a personal vacation to spend quality time with his family, during which this memorable interaction and participation at the global forum took place.



Athreyapuram Brothers Launched Grandly, Concept Poster Unveiled

Times have changed, and so have trends. Along with them, audience sensibilities and tastes have evolved. Keeping this shift in mind, filmmakers are now planning movies with fresh, relatable stories that today's audiences can truly connect with. Director Rajesh Jagannadham is bringing one such distinctive story to the screen with Athreyapuram Brothers, a film crafted with all the elements the new-generation audience looks for.

The film is being produced under the banners of S2S Cinemas and The Fervent Indie Productions by VSK Sanjeev, Vangapalli Sandeep, Vangapalli Sankeerth, Praveen Gadde, Rajesh Gadde, and Rakesh Gadde. The movie features Rajeev Kanakala, Gavireddy, Sunny Patis, Raghu Babu, Geeth Sayini, Neha Pathan, and Siddharth Gollapudi in key roles. The film's puja ceremony was held grandly at Annapurna Studios in Hyderabad. Director Vassishta, director Anudeep,

director Aditya Hassan and director Praveen Kandregula attended the event as chief guests. For the auspicious first shot, Vassishta gave the clap, while Vijay Kanakamedala switched on the camera. Praveen Kandregula and Aditya Hassan handed over the script, and director Anudeep provided honorary direction for the opening scene. The concept poster released on this occasion has caught everyone's attention. Designed with the tagline "A Sweet Rivalry," the

poster depicts two individuals engaged in a test of strength. At first glance, it hints at the film's uniqueness and suggests that Athreyapuram Brothers will stand apart from conventional narratives, offering something refreshingly different from recent films. The film's technical crew includes Ramiz Naveeth as Director of Photography, Santhu Omkar as Music Director, and Anil Pasala as Editor. More details about the project will be announced soon.

Chiranjeevi's *Mama Shankara Vara Prasa Garu* Emerges as Mega Blockbuster

Megastar Chiranjeevi garu has once again proved his enduring popularity with the Mega Blockbuster success of *Mama Shankara Vara Prasa Garu*. Hearty congratulations have poured in for the Megastar and the entire film team for delivering a film that has strongly connected with audiences. For more than four decades, Chiranjeevi garu has remained close to the hearts of people, consistently entertaining generations with his unmatched passion, energy, acting excellence, comedy timing and dance. *Mama Shankara Vara Prasa Garu* stands as yet another successful addition to his remarkable filmography. Director Anil Ravipudi garu has been spe-

cially appreciated for delivering another Sankranti blockbuster. Audiences were particularly delighted to watch Megastar Chiranjeevi garu share the screen with Victory Venkatesh garu, making their combination a major highlight of the film. Music director Bheema Ceciroleo garu received praise for composing energetic and engaging music that added strength and vibrancy to the film's narrative. Special congratulations were also extended to producers Sahu Garapati garu and Sushmita garu for backing a project that resonated strongly with viewers. Best wishes were conveyed to Nayanthara, Shine Screens and Gold Box Entertainment for being part of this successful cinematic journey.

"Golla Ramavva" to Premiere on ETV Win from Jan 25



"Golla Ramavva", a powerful cinematic tribute to the historic Telangana Armed Struggle, is set to stream on ETV Win from January 25. The film is based on a compelling story written by late former Prime Minister of India and Bharat Ratna awardee P. V. Narasimha Rao and promises to leave a deep emotional impact on Telugu audiences.

Featuring Talluri Rameshwari in the title role, the film is directed by Mullapudi Vara and jointly produced by Ram Vishwas Hanurkar and Raghavendra Varma (Bujji) under the banners of Suchetha Dream Works Productions and Varma Dream Creations. Young talent Azhar Shaikh served as Executive Producer and also penned the lyrics, contributing significantly to the project.

The trailer of "Golla Ramavva" was launched at a grand event attended by eminent personalities, including P. V. Prabhakar Rao, son of P. V. Narasimha

Rao, and his daughter, MLC Smt. Surabhi Vani Devi. Lyricists Kasarla Shyam and Maunisri Mallik, actor Rajeev Kanakala, Razakar director Yata Satyanarayana, and senior director Uday Bhaskar were also present and lauded the makers.

Addressing the gathering, Smt. Surabhi Vani Devi expressed happiness that one of her father's most powerful stories has been faithfully adapted for the screen. The film team said they felt honored to be associated with such a historically significant subject. The makers earlier produced "Mauname Nee Bhaasha" for ETV Win, which received an encouraging response, and expressed confidence that "Golla Ramavva" would also earn a special place in the hearts of Telugu viewers.

With its strong narrative, emotional depth and historical relevance, "Golla Ramavva" is expected to stand as a landmark film celebrating courage, sacrifice and the spirit of Telangana.



Chandra Hass' *Barabar Premistha* to Release on February 6



Chandra Hass said he was confident of scoring a success with Barabar Premistha and urged students to watch and enjoy the film in theatres. Meghna Mukherjee also expressed confidence that audiences would love the film. Director Sampath Rudra shared that the story revolves around constant clashes between a boy and a girl from the same village and is set against an authentic Telangana back-

MM Keeravani Sings 'Velledaarilo' Song from Sri Chidambaram

Legendary music director MM Keeravani has lent his soulful voice to a special song titled "Velledaarilo" from the upcoming film Sri Chidambaram. The song, which was recently released, has been receiving an encouraging response from listeners for its melodic tune and emotional depth. Presented by Smt. Chinta Varalakshmi, Sri Chidambaram is produced by Chinta Vineesh Reddy and Chinta Gopal Krishna Reddy under the Sri Chakras Entertainment banner, with Chinta Rajashekhar Reddy serving as co-producer. The film is written and directed by Vinay Rathnam and stars Vamsi Tummala and Sandhya Vashishta in the lead roles. The film's teaser, released earlier, created strong buzz and drew an overwhelming response.

Building on that momentum, the makers unveiled the lyrical song "Velledaarilo", sung by MM Keeravani, who also conveyed his best wishes to the team on the occasion. Music for the film is composed by Chandu Ravi, while the lyrics are penned by Chandrasekhar. Keeravani's distinctive voice has added profound emotion and appeal to the song. Expressing their happiness, the producers said that Keeravani's rendition elevated the song to a new level. They described Sri Chidambaram as a refreshing love story set in a vintage village backdrop, blending simplicity with heartfelt storytelling. The film is also expected to unravel intriguing elements, including why the hero is known as "Chidambaram" in the village and the significance behind his constant use of spectacles.



Vijay Deverakonda Unveils Telugu Promo of Happy Raj, Wins Enthusiastic Response

Rewdy Star Vijay Deverakonda unveiled the Telugu promo of *Happy Raj*, starring GV Prakash Kumar and Sri Gouri Priya, and the promo has been receiving an overwhelmingly positive response from audiences across platforms. Following the much-discussed title announcement, the release of the official promo has further heightened expectations for the film. Produced by Jayavardhan under the Beyond Pictures banner as Production No.1, *Happy Raj* is envisioned as a wholesome entertainer catering to all age groups. Directed by Maria Elanchezian, the promo beautifully captures the film's vibrant tone, optimism and feel-good energy, staying true to its cheerful title. The promo stands out for its refreshing narration, lively visuals and GV Prakash Kumar's joyful screen presence in the titular role. Viewers have particularly appreciated the light-

