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Prime Minister Narendra Modi described his meeting with US President Donald Trump at the White House as "excellent" while they were in Washington, DC. On February 13, Modi declared, "Our discussions will give the India-USA friendship a lot of impetus."

The White House's Oval Office hosted the two leaders' bilateral meeting. The two leaders talked about immigration, innovation, H1B visas, defense and trade agreements, and other topics.

PM Modi and Trump met for the first time since the US president took office on January 20 of this year.

In addition to meeting with US National Security Advisor Michael Waltz to kick off his two-day US visit, PM Modi also met with Elon Musk, the richest man in the world, at the Blair House in Washington, where he is staying.

Vivek Ramaswamy, a Republican, was also met by PM Modi. Prior to his meeting with Prime Minister Modi, US President Donald Trump declared reciprocal tariffs, naming India as one of the highest-charging nations



President Donald Trump and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi shake hands

and declaring that the US will impose the same charges as other nations do to it.

Following a two-day journey to France, where he conducted bilateral talks with French President Emmanuel Macron on a variety of topics, including cooperation on artificial intelligence and civil nuclear energy, PM Modi is then visited the US.

In order to reduce the trade gap, Trump suggested boosting oil and gas exports as well as expanding US military sales to India starting in 2025, including F-35 jets.

Both parties committed to finalizing a new defense framework and negotiating a trade agreement.

Additionally, he affirmed that the United States has authorized the extradition of

Tahawwur Rana, a Chicago businessman who is suspected of being involved in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack.

By rejecting Rana's review petition in the case, the US Supreme Court authorized his extradition in January.

As the "MEGA partnership" got underway, PM Modi emphasized the US and India's shared commitment to global leadership and economic growth.

"President Trump often talks about MAGA. In India, we are working towards a Viksit Bharat, which in American context translates into MIGA. And together, the India-USA have a MEGA partnership for prosperity!" he said.

In order to guarantee cooperative development, production, and technology transfer, India and the US

established a bilateral trade goal of \$500 billion by 2030.

PM Modi stated that the agreement's conditions would be settled shortly.

India is expected to purchase almost \$25 billion worth of US energy in the near future, which will significantly enhance the energy sector.

"Last year, we purchased about \$15 billion in US Energy output. There is a good chance that this figure will go up to as much as 25 billion dollars in the near future," ministry of external affairs said in a presser.

The US president has urged for a de-escalation and volunteered to arbitrate the India-China border dispute.

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Donald Trump's recent decision to impose 25% tariffs on Indian steel and aluminum imports was not significantly impacted by PM Modi's visit to the US.

"We are, right now, a reciprocal nation. We are going to, if it's India or if it's somebody else with low tariffs, we're going to have the same. We're going to have whatever India charges, we're charging them. Whatever another country charges, we're charging them," Trump said.

Additionally, he restated his threat of "100% tariffs" on Bric countries should they attempt to substitute any other currency for the US dollar.

I N V O G U E

AND NOW IT'S SPRING

The grass is green across the hill,
But yellow blooms the daffodil.
It's sunshine on a little stalk,
A friendly flower, I bet they talk



Of little kids, too long inside
They burst outdoors to play and hide.
Tracking mud and bringing bugs.
Look, there's footprints on the rug!

Tiny whirlwinds, these little tykes,
They skin their knees while riding bikes.
They rip and roar, they're running wild!
What fun it is to be a child.

It grows warmer every day.
Shoo the children out to play!
Pick the flowers, play in mud.
Too much rain, here comes a flood!

My snowy, winter days are gone.
I mourn them, but I hear a song
Of birds in trees; wind chimes ring.
I guess it might as well be spring!

- by *Lhtheaker*



*"Be yourself; everyone else is
already taken."*

- **Oscar Wilde**

Utility Numbers

Police	100	Reservation Enquiry	1345
Fire	101	Disha	112
Ambulance	108		
Rail General Enquiry	131		

NIA arrests three more in ISI-linked Vizag espionage case

These have brought the case's total number of arrests to eight

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In the Visakhapatnam espionage case, which involves critical and classified naval defense information and is connected to the Pakistani ISI, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) apprehended three further accused on February 18 with the help of local police.

Abhilash P.A. was detained from Kochi,



Kerala, while Vethan Laxman Tandel and Akshay Ravi Naik were taken from Karnataka's Uttara Kannada area.

These have brought the case's total number of arrests to eight. It was discovered that all three of the detained suspects

had communicated with Pakistan Intelligence Operatives (PIOs) via social media. According to NIA investigations, they were exchanging confidential information on Indian defense establishment at Kochi Naval Base and Karwar Naval Base in exchange for cash from PIOs. The NIA took over the probe in June 2023 when Andhra Pradesh police suspected foreign intelligence operatives were being involved.

City ranks 8th in tier-II cities for new residential supply

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The performance of Visakhapatnam's residential real estate market was inconsistent from 2019–20 to 2023–24.

The city ranked eighth out of the top ten tier-II cities in terms of new supply, with an average yearly supply of 4,977 units.

However, a PropEquity study report titled "Tier II Residential Overview" found that during this time, the supply of new homes in Visakhapatnam decreased by 8%. 30 significant tier-II cities nationwide, including



Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, and Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, were included in the study's analysis of the residential real estate market performance.

Saturation in important residential areas, cautious developer sentiment in the face of economic volatility and uncertainty

surrounding the capital's location, delays in project approvals, and land availability are some of the reasons for Visakhapatnam's declining yearly supply. For example, the 2019 announcement of Visakhapatnam as the potential executive capital was the primary driver of the first spike in demand.

Tragedy averted as sand-laden lorry crashes into Children's Park boundary

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On February 18, a sand-filled truck reportedly had brake failure and collided with the Children's Park border wall near Hotel Novotel Junction on the Beach Road, preventing a big tragedy.

Heavy vehicles colliding with the Beach Road border wall is not a new occurrence. Despite a number of previous incidents, no preventative action has been done as of yet.

A private school bus crashed on them in May 2017 after the driver lost control of the vehicle on Beach Road, killing an elderly man and injuring four others, including a police officer.

Approximately 6:45 am is when the accident happened, according to traffic police.

Thankfully, the road was comparatively empty, and a number of morning drivers and pedestrians just escaped the collision, passing it by a few seconds.



Vizag retained as IPL centre for 2025, set to host two Delhi Capitals games

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The Delhi Capitals will once again host a few of their games in Vishakhapatnam, which will serve as the team's alternate home base and one of the three probable non-regular home venues during the IPL season.

According to a Cricbuzz rumor, the Delhi franchise's first two home games will take place at the ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium in Vishakhapatnam, while the schedule for the IPL 2025 season is still a mystery to fans and the 10 franchises. In 2024, Vizag also hosted



two home games against Delhi, although that was forced because Feroz Shah Kotla wasn't prepared for the first half of the IPL season because they had just hosted the Women's Premier League's back-end, including the finals. Although no specific explanation has been given for why Vizag would serve as the host city for the

future event, it will nonetheless enable cricket to be shown for the city and the Andhra Pradesh state. In addition to the ten usual host cities, Dharamsala is anticipated to serve as a backup home field for the Punjab Kings, and Guwahati as a backup home field for the Rajasthan Royals.

STATE AFFAIRS

State government to collaborate with US firms on natural farming

CM Naidu aims to involve 4 million farmers and expand natural farming to 5 million acres

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Two American companies have indicated interest in working with the Andhra Pradesh government to support natural farming and improve produce's access to markets.

Pegasus Capital Advisors and Producers Trust representatives met with Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at his office on February 19 after he extended an invitation during his recent visit to Davos. Natural farming has long been advocated



by Naidu. He aimed to involve 4 million farmers and increase its size from the present 1.2 million acres to 5 million acres.

Naidu invited a number of businesses to work with AP

on natural farming when he was in Davos, explaining the state's objectives to them.

Keith Agoada, the CEO of Producers Trust, Gina McCarthy, the operating

advisor, and Craig Cogut, the chairman of Pegasus Capital Advisors, met with the CM and indicated interest in working with the government.

They committed to helping with the deployment of climate-resilient crops, market development, financing, data management, infrastructure setup, and the construction of an end-to-end connectivity system from farmer to consumer.

Bird flu containment efforts yield positive results

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The Animal Husbandry department's director, Dr. T. Damodara Naidu, said on February 19 that the state was seeing positive outcomes from the department's efforts to stop the spread of bird flu cases.

He said that only five villages across four districts are affected by the avian flu.

He stated in a news release on that no new cases of bird flu had been recorded in the state and that the department has taken



action to contain the disease.

He said that the bird flu has not spread to humans and that farmers and other individuals who depend on the poultry industry were losing money as a result of the news of the outbreak

spreading.

He also said that there were a lot of misconceptions about the consumption of chicken and eggs in the state because of the extensive coverage in some media outlets.

State government to expand aquaculture to 1 million acres by 2030

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On February 18, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu urged aquaculture to use natural growing methods.

Natural aquaculture farming methods, he claimed, will increase demand for Andhra Pradesh's aquatic products worldwide.

According to Naidu, AP still has a significant amount of unrealized potential for marine and aqua products, and technological integration can lead to a consistent 30% growth rate.

Speaking at the Global Forum for Sustainable Transformation's (GSFT) three-day Aqua Tech 2.0 colloquium, the chief minister stated that the state's aqua industry has the potential to grow economically.

He said that the state government is working to expand aquaculture from the current four lakh acres to 10 lakh acres by 2029-2030.



Farmers in the state in distress over MSP says YSRCP Chief Jagan Mohan Reddy

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On Wednesday, YS Jaganmohan Reddy, the president of the YSR Congress Party, asserted that Andhra Pradesh farmers are suffering because they are unable to obtain fair rates for their produce.

The former chief minister told reporters that since the TDP-led coalition government took office, farmers have not only been denied the Minimum Support Price (MSP), but there are also no buyers for their produce.

He made the visit to Guntur's Mirchi Yard and



spoke with farmers. He said that farmers are not receiving their MSP from any crop.

"Farmers are not receiving the MSP for any crop, whether it's cotton, tomato, green gram, or black gram," he stated. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu was urged by Jaganmohan Reddy to go to the Mirchi Yard

and save farmers.

According to him, the price of mirchi (chillies) has dropped significantly from Rs 27,000 to Rs 8,000 per quintal, and the output per acre has also decreased significantly from the previous year.

Tenant farmers are suffering the most as a result of rising input costs.

SIDAR holds discussion meet on campus

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The Society for Integrated Development and Research (SIDAR) in association with Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College, organized a Discussion Meet on the Union Budget 2025-26 at its campus on February 08, 2025. The event featured a panel of distinguished experts, including Prof. A. Prasanna Kumar, former Rector of Andhra University, Prof. V. Balamohandas, former Vice Chancellor of Acharya Nagarjuna University, Prof. K. C. Reddy, former Chancellor of RGUKT, Prof. R. Sudharsana Rao, former Vice Chancellor of Vikrama Simhapuri University, Prof. D. Harinarayana, former Pro-Vice Chancellor of GITAM deemed to be University and Dr. G. Madhu Kumar, Secretary and Correspondent of Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College among others.

The discussion focused on various aspects of the budget, including income tax implications, economic growth, education, foreign trade, federal finance, commerce, industry, and infrastructure investment. The panel also explored the future challenges posed by Artificial Intelligence and the need for skill development.

However, it was noted that the budget lacked a comprehensive approach to environmental resilience, with inadequate allocations for initiatives to mitigate climate change. The meet provided a platform for in-depth analysis and debate, offering valuable perspectives on the budget's potential to shape the country's economic landscape.

The event was well-attended and provided a unique opportunity for the participants to engage with the experts and gain a deeper understanding of the budget's implications. The discussion was informative, insightful, and thought-provoking, and it is expected to contribute to a better understanding of the budget and its impact on the economy. Apart from the teaching staff, students took part in the programme.

College observes World Cancer Day

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On February 4th, 2025, the College observed World Cancer Day. The health club, in association with Gitam Dental College, conducted an awareness session on oral cancer. Dr. Manish, Dr. Vivek, and Dr. Hyndavi discussed oral cancer and engaged with the students. Principal and Vice Principals graced the occasion.

Eye check-up camp held on the campus

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On February 5th and 6th, 2025, Health Club, in association with the Sankar Foundation, organized an eye check-up camp to raise awareness about glaucoma. The event was inaugurated by Dr. G. Madhu Kumar, Secretary and Correspondent. Manager, Corporate Affairs M. Chandra Sekar, Dr. Ditsha Datta, an ophthalmologist, along with a nine-member team, conducted the camp over the two days.

A total of 250 staff members benefited from the eye check-ups. Additionally, a one-day seminar on the science of everlasting vision was organized, featuring poster and oral presentations. A valedictory session was held to recognize the winners.



Inter students represent the college at Republic Day Camp

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Cadet Makireddy Buella Pragna Rani and Cadet Sivvala Yogitha from 2(A) BN NCC, studying MPC Second Year, represented our college at the PM Rally in Delhi during the Republic Day Celebrations 2025.

They also participated in a month Republic Day camp - 2025.

A huge congratulations to Cadet Pragna Rani for



winning the Silver Medal in the National Boxing Championship and receiving recognition from Chief of Army General Upendra Dwivedi. On this special occasion,

Dr. G. Madhu Kumar, Secretary & Correspondent, praised and encouraged the cadets for their outstanding achievements.

The event was also graced by UG & PG Principal Dr. G.S.K. Chakravarty, Engineering College Principal Prof. D. Deepak Chowdary, Junior College Principal Mr. K. Someswara Reddy, 2(A) Battalion Major T. Brahmananda Reddy, and NCC officers Flight Lieutenant Dr. B.R.S. Lakshmana Reddy and Lieutenant J. Lakshmana Babu, congratulated the cadets.

Inter student bags gold medals in relay

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The Sprints Mania 2025, an Under-18 Athletics Open State Meet, was organized by Champs Sports and Nutrition in Vijayawada on February 8th and 9th.

B. Sailaja, a first-year MPC student at Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya Junior College, showcased her talent by winning gold medals in multiple events.



She competed in the 60 meters, 200 meters, and 4x400 relay races, securing first place in all and earning the Best Athlete Award.

On this occasion, Secretary and Correspondent Dr. G. Madhu Kumar congratulated Sailaja and

expressed his hopes for her continued success in future competitions. The event was also attended by UG & PG Principal Dr. G.S.K. Chakravarty, Junior College Principal Mr. K. Someswara Reddy, and Physical Director Dr. B.R.S. Lakshmana Reddy, who all congratulated her on her remarkable achievements.

College observes Saraswati Pooja

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On Basant Panchami, Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College observed Saraswati Pooja to seek her blessings for wisdom, creativity, and success.

Dr. L.B. College & Dr.L.B. College of Engineering signs MOU with IBSC

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On 15 February 2025, Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College and Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College of Engineering signed an MOU with the Indian Biomedical Skill Council (IBSC).

This partnership aims to enhance the skills and knowledge of our students in the biomedical sector, providing them with industry-relevant training and certification. We're committed to empowering our students with the latest skills and expertise, and this collaboration with IBSC is a significant step towards achieving that goal.

Interactive session with Music Composer held

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On 15 February 2025, an interactive session was held with Sri Saluri Vasu Rao, Music Composer (Telugu Film Industry). Secretary and Correspondent Dr. G. Madhu Kumar felicitated the guest, and our students and staff enthusiastically participated in the interactive session. The session was a perfect blend of music, inspiration, and learning. We're grateful for the valuable insights shared by Sri Saluri Vasu Rao!

Interactive session for B.Tech first year students held

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On 29 January 2025, the Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities at Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College of Engineering held an interactive session for first-year engineering students with Dr. G. Madhu Kumar, Secretary and Correspondent of the College. The session took place from 11.45 AM to 1.45 PM in Block 4, Golden Jubilee Seminar Hall. Dr. G. Madhu Kumar spoke about the significance of academic excellence, discipline, and holistic development. He shared insights on education, innovation, and leadership, encouraging students to develop problem-solving skills and adaptability in their careers.

Dr. G. Madhu Kumar emphasized the importance of pursuing passions, maintaining a fit lifestyle, and nurturing a growth mindset. Students actively engaged with him, discussing career opportunities and skill development. He urged them to think beyond academics and cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset. The session concluded with Dr. G. Madhu Kumar inspiring attendees to remain curious and contribute to technological advancements. The event was attended by Prof. Deepak Chowdary, Principal, and Prof. V. Radha Devi, Head of the Department, along with over 70 first-year engineering students.

Workshop on Communication Skills and Team Building held

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The Skills Development Centre organized a workshop on Communication Skills and Team Building for first-year students on February 5, 2025, and February 13, 2025, in Seminar Hall, block 7. The workshop aimed to enhance communication abilities and promote effective teamwork. Trainers led interactive sessions covering: - Effective verbal and non-verbal communication. - Active listening and feedback. - Problem-solving and conflict resolution within teams. - Building trust and cooperation.

Students actively participated and displayed creativity and leadership during group activities. The workshop concluded with a feedback session where students expressed appreciation for the insights gained. Overall, the event successfully equipped students with vital communication and team-building skills for their academic and future careers. Dr V Radha Devi, Head of the department, Basic Sciences & Humanities, Mr D Bhujanga Rao, Coordinator, Skill Development Centre, Ms U Hilda Sharon, Soft skills trainer-SDC, Engg and Mr K Ramesh Kumar, Analytical skills trainer, SDC, Engg conducted the event successfully.



Interesting facts about Literature

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Get ready to dive into a world of fascinating literature! Here are some captivating facts that will spark your curiosity and deepen your appreciation for the written word.

World's first known author: Enheduanna, who lived between 2285 and 2250 BCE, stands as the world's first known author with a name, marking a remarkable milestone in history.

As an influential Akkadian poet, her contributions to poetry, psalms, and prayers have resonated through the ages, inspiring countless literary adaptations and translations in English.

Beyond her literary prowess, Enheduanna was a high priestess dedicated to the moon god Nanna. Appointed as a leader of a religious cult in the ancient city-state of Ur, she played a pivotal role in blending the Akkadian and Sumerian faiths, leaving an indelible mark on the spiritual landscape of her time.

Her legacy continues to captivate and inspire, showcasing the power of words and the depth of cultural fusion in ancient societies.

First published book: The Diamond Sutra, known in Sanskrit as the Vajracchedika Prajnaparamita Sutra, translates to the 'diamond-cutting perfection of wisdom.'

This remarkable text holds the title of the earliest known printed book, dating back to May 11, 868, and was discovered in the stunning Mogao Caves, often referred to as the 'Caves of a Thousand Buddhas.'

As one of the most significant Mahayana scriptures in East Asia, the Diamond Sutra offers profound insights. According to FuongGungPedia, a resource dedicated to

Humanistic Buddhism, its teachings center around four core principles: to give generously without attachment, to free all beings without a sense of

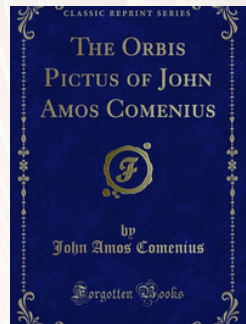


The Diamond Sutra

self, to live without clinging, and to cultivate wisdom without the desire for attainment.

At its heart, the Sutra emphasizes two essential concepts: prajñā (wisdom) and the notion of emptiness. These timeless teachings continue to inspire and guide seekers on their spiritual journeys.

First Children's book author: John Amos



Orbis



John Amos Comenius



"The History of Little Goody Two-Shoes" by John Newberry

Comenius (1592-1670) was a visionary educator with a passion for making learning accessible to everyone.

Often celebrated as the first children's book author, he had a remarkable goal: to create a textbook that could cater to all levels of ability.

In 1658, he achieved this with the publication of 'Orbis Sensualium Pictus'—or simply 'Orbis'—a groundbreaking illustrated book designed for children under six who

were just starting to read. 'Orbis' is regarded as the first-ever picture book made explicitly for children. Bursting with 150 stunning illustrations,

it explores a wide array of topics, from animals and nature to the elements and even religion.

John Newberry (1713-1767) is recognized as the first English publisher to create books specifically for children.

His first children's book, "A Little Pretty Pocket-Book," was published in 1744 and featured simple rhymes for each letter of

the alphabet. His most famous work, "The History of Little Goody Two-Shoes," published in 1765, is considered the first children's novel.

World's first e-book: In a groundbreaking move, Michael S. Hart launched Project Gutenberg, the world's first provider of free e-books.

On July 4, 1971, he digitized the U.S. Declaration of Independence, marking it as the very first e-book ever created.

First recorded film to be based on literature: In 1899, the silver screen first came alive with two enchanting silent films: 'Cinderella,' inspired by the timeless fairy tale by Charles Perrault, and 'King John,' adapted from the classic play by William Shakespeare.

These adaptations mark the dawn of cinematic storytelling, blending the magic of literature with the art of film and captivating audiences long before the age of sound.

Writing mediums: In the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt, one of the most remarkable inventions was the use of papyrus as a writing medium.

Imagine a material that resembled thick paper, coming from the very heart of the lush Nile Delta, one of the largest river deltas on the planet.

The process of creating papyrus was a true art form; the stalks of the papyrus plant were carefully harvested, and their inner fibers were sliced into thin strips, pressed together, and dried until they formed a smooth, sturdy writing surface.

This innovative material paved the way for the creation of scrolls—books of their time—used to record sacred texts and invaluable knowledge. To inscribe their thoughts and ideas, the ancient scribes relied on cleverly crafted tools; they wielded sharpened reeds known as calamus or even delicate bird feathers, adding a unique touch to their writings.

This rich tradition of writing not only preserves the thoughts of a great civilization but also offers a glimpse into their world, woven intricately along the banks of the Nile.

Rekha Gupta becomes Delhi's fourth woman Chief Minister

Gupta, 50, defeated her Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) opponent Bandana Kumari with almost 29,000 votes

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As the BJP makes its 27-year comeback to power in the nation's capital, Rekha Gupta, a first-time MLA from Shalimar Bagh, will take the oath of office as the party's chief minister today.



After Atishi, Sheila Dikshit, and Sushma Swaraj, she will be Delhi's fourth female chief minister. Gupta, 50, defeated her Aam Aadmi

Party (AAP) opponent Bandana Kumari with almost 29,000 votes to win the Shalimar Bagh seat in the February 5 Delhi Assembly elections. Her website's motto for her

advertisements is "Kaam hi Pehchaan" (my work is my identity).

Around midday, Gupta will take the oath of office at the big ceremony in the

Ramlila Maidan with her Council of Ministers, which includes Parvesh Verma, Ashish Sood, Pankaj Singh, Manjinder Singh Sirsa, Kapil Mishra, and Ravinder Indraj. Leading BJP figures, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will be present. Atishi and Arvind Kejriwal, the former chief ministers, have also been invited.

Following the swearing-in event crucial NDA coalition meeting will be held.

US SEC seeks India's help in Adani fraud probe

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When the NVS-02 was launched on January 29 at 6.23 a.m. by a GSLV-F15 rocket from the Indian Space Research Organization's launch center in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, it wasn't simply another satellite launch from the space agency. It was its hundredth.



ISRO chief V Narayanan stated, "This mission is the 100th launch from our launchpads, which is a very significant milestone for India." Since he assumed office on January 16, this is the first launch. With this launch, India's

Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle with an in-house cryogenic stage has made its eighth successful flight. As a member of the NavIC constellation, NVS-02 will support precision agriculture as well as navigation on land, in the air, and at sea. "I am extremely happy to announce from the spaceport of ISRO, that the first launch of this

year, 2025, has been successfully accomplished, with GSLV- F15 launch vehicle precisely injecting the navigation satellite NVS-02 in the intended required (GTO) orbit," added Narayanan.

An estimated \$8 billion is spent on India's space sector, which accounts for 2-3% of the worldwide space economy.

US sides with Russia in UN resolutions on Ukraine

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The United States sided with Russia at the UN, voting against a resolution denouncing Moscow's invasion of Ukraine on Monday, in a departure from its European allies.

Under newly elected US President Donald Trump, the action has strained US-European relations and sparked questions about Washington's changing position on the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

Russia and the United States voted against a Ukrainian resolution supported by Europe that called for an immediate withdrawal of Russian forces and directly accused Moscow of aggression at the UN general assembly. With 93 votes in favor, 18 against, and 65 abstentions, the motion was approved.

After European countries, led by France, successfully changed its opposing resolution to specifically accuse Russia, the US then chose not to vote on it.



Donald Trump hints at USAID interference in India's election

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The former Joe Biden administration was criticized by US President Donald Trump on February 20 for allegedly meddling in Indian elections.



While addressing the FII PRIORITY Summit in Miami, Trump said, "Why do we need to spend \$21 million on voter turnout in India? I guess they were trying to get somebody else elected. We have got to tell the Indian Government... This is a total breakthrough."

Trump's assertion follows his defense of the Department of Governance Efficiency's (DOGE) \$21 million fund cancellation for "voter turnout" in India the day before.

"Why are we giving USD 21 million to India? They have a lot more money. They are one of the

highest taxing countries in the world in terms of us; we can hardly get in there because their tariffs are so high. I have a lot of respect for India and their Prime Minister, but giving USD 21 million for voter turnout?"

Trump said at Mar-a-Lago.

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India beat Pakistan by 6 wickets

Virat Kohli became the fastest player to amass 14,000 runs in One-Day Internationals

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In a one-sided Champions Trophy match on 23 February, India defeated Pakistan by six wickets to seal a spot in the semifinals.



After Saud Shakeel hit 62 off 76 balls and captain Mohammad Rizwan scored a grueling 46 off 77 deliveries, India eliminated Pakistan for 241. Kuldeep Yadav (3/40), a left-arm

wrist spinner, took three wickets, while Hardik Pandya (2/31) eliminated Shakeel and Babar Azam (23). Shubman Gill (46), Shreyas Iyer (56), and Virat Kohli (100 not out off 111)

helped India finish the chase in 42.3 overs.

Before being caught off guard by a stunning stroke from Shaheen Afridi, captain Rohit

Sharma (20 off 15) too made a few bold strokes. India is virtually guaranteed a spot in the playoffs after winning two straight games. However, after losing their first two group matches, Pakistan is in danger of being eliminated. During the Champions Trophy match against Pakistan, Virat Kohli became the fastest player to amass 14,000 runs in One-Day Internationals (ODIs), surpassing Sachin Tendulkar's record.

Bayern beats Frankfurt 4-0

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With a well-earned 4-0 victory over Eintracht Frankfurt on Sunday, Bayern Munich restored their eight-point lead at the top of the Bundesliga.



Japanese defender Hiroki Ito extended the advantage an hour later, France star Michael Olise broke the tie before halftime, and Jamal Musiala completed yet another outstanding performance with a stunning late third.

maintains Bayern atop the Bundesliga and one step closer to winning it again, Musiala deserved it all.

In injury time, Kingsley Coman and Serge Gnabry, who came on late, joined forces, with Gnabry scoring a fourth

goal to complete the scoring.

Since the start of the season, Bayern has won seven of their eight league games and drawn just once, last weekend against champions Bayer Leverkusen.

Being the mastermind behind a crucial win that

Rachin's century powers New Zealand into the semifinals

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On Monday, New Zealand overcame an early stutter to defeat Bangladesh by five wickets and guarantee their spot in the Champions Trophy semifinals.

Rachin Ravindra led the pursuit with a crucial century. In addition to guaranteeing India's place in the semifinals, the Black Caps' victory disqualified tournament hosts Bangladesh and Pakistan from the major event.

New Zealand and India have both triumphed in their opening two games, including one against Pakistan.

All-rounder Michael Bracewell turned the tide with a four-wicket haul as New Zealand held Bangladesh to 236 for nine before Ravindra's improbable hundred.

With only 15 runs scored, New Zealand's reply got off to a terrible start as they lost the wickets of Will Young and Kane Williamson.



India aims to finish home leg against the Netherlands with a victory

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As they get ready to play the defending champions, the Netherlands, at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar on February 24 and 25, the Indian women's hockey team will want to finish the home leg of the FIH Pro League 2024-25 on a strong note.



The Salima Tete-led Indian team is hoping to capitalize on their recent momentum and pull off a huge upset by defeating the high-flying Dutch team after a string of inconsistent performances.

the second game in a 2-1 shootout after opening their campaign with an exciting 3-2 victory over England.

India lost back-to-back matches against Spain, losing 3-4 the first time and then 1-0 in a fiercely contested battle after coming agonizingly close.

In their most recent matches against Germany, India lost 0-4 in the first leg but recovered well to win by a

slim 1-0 margin in the second, giving them more confidence going into this important match against the Netherlands.

With seven points from six games, India is now ranked seventh in the standings.

They will want to maintain their positive attitude going into their next match.

After a 2-2 draw in regular time, India lost