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Israel launched strikes early Saturday (December 14, 2024) against military targets in Damascus and surrounding countryside, according to a Syria war monitor. These raids are the most recent since rebels overthrew Bashar al-Assad about a week ago.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that Israeli strikes targeted a "military airport" in the countryside of the capital and "destroyed a scientific institute" along with other



A fighter of the ruling Syrian body inspects the damage at a military site

associated military facilities near Barzeh, in northern Damascus.

Despite Syrian rebel leader Abu Mohammed al-Jolani's declaration that his Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) group has no interest in war

with Israel, Israel launched airstrikes on dozens of locations in Syria overnight. Jolani's remarks came as Benjamin Netanyahu, the prime minister of Israel, announced on Sunday that he had given his approval to a

proposal to increase the number of settlements in the Golan Heights, which Israel has occupied.

The most recent bombings come after Israel Katz, the country's defense minister, announced that Israeli troops, who captured the

Golan Heights buffer zone with Syria last week, would spend the winter in their positions atop Mount Hermon, also known to Syrians as Jabel Sheikh. "Due to what is happening in Syria, there is enormous security importance to our holding on to the peak," Katz's office said.

Abu Mohammed al-Jolani, now using his real name Ahmed al-Sharaa, told Syrian state media: "There are no excuses for any foreign intervention in Syria now after the Iranians have left. We are not in the process of engaging in a conflict with Israel."

Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra assumes charge as new RBI Governor

The 26th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Sanjay Malhotra, was appointed by the Center on December 9

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The 26th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Sanjay Malhotra, was appointed by the Center on Monday, December 9, 2024, just one day before current Governor Shaktikanta Das's six-year term ends on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Having graduated from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, with a degree in computer science engineering and a Master's degree in Public Policy from Princeton



Sanjay Malhotra, the 26th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India

University in the United States, Mr. Malhotra, a 1990-batch officer of the Indian Administrative Service of the Rajasthan cadre, will assume responsibility for the nation's banking regulation and monetary policy framework at

Mint Street on December 11. Over the course of his 33-year career, he has worked in a variety of industries, including mining, banking, taxation, information technology, and electricity. He was secretary in the ministry's department of financial

services before taking on the position of revenue secretary in the finance ministry.

He has extensive experience in finance and taxation from both the federal and state governments.

On December 12, 2018, Das took over as the 25th governor of the RBI after Urjit Patel's sudden resignation.

He was granted an extension after serving out his first three-year term.

When Das took over at Mint Street, he was able to calm the market, which had been agitated by Patel's abrupt retirement amid disputes between the government and RBI over surplus transfer issues.

The End of the Year

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The end of the year is the dawn of a new one.
The sadness and the yesterdays are all gone.
We have in front of us: a new era, a new horizon;
We are hoping and dreaming of a better season.

The moon seems to be brighter at midnight.
The migrant birds are flying very low tonight.
They are chirping, screaming, moaning and singing;
The children are happy, jumping, running and playing.

We set new goals, short deadlines and crazy wishes.
We invite friends over to enjoy novel drinks and dishes,
And we listen to old songs, which never go out of style.

The globe will not stop turning and the wonderful sun
Will not cease shining. A new season always brings new fun.
We need to relax, be more realistic, laugh more and smile.

- by Hebert Logerie

*“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		

Vizag Navy Marathon garners huge response

Over 14,000 runners took part in the iconic event

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On December 15, a large number of people participated in the Vizag Navy Marathon 2024 on the Beach Road.



Over 14,000 runners, including nationals of Kenya, Malaysia, Russia, and Mauritius, participated in the renowned event, which demonstrated perseverance and solidarity, according to the

Eastern Naval Command's (ENC) official release. The ninth Vizag Navy Marathon was a

celebration of sportsmanship and determination, and it was flagged off by Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag

Officer Commanding in Chief, Eastern Naval Command. People from all walks of life enthusiastically came forward to join in the event this year, as they have in previous editions.

Commander V Sriramulu (Retd), a centenarian and veteran of the Indian Navy, participated in the event as Vizag's Ironman.

The Eastern Naval Command's FOC-in-C felicitated him.

Vizag witnesses increasing cyber crimes

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Every month, Vizagites lose anywhere from Rs 5 to Rs 6 crore to cybercriminals.



The phrase "digital arrest" describes a highly advanced type of cybercrime in which criminals pose as law enforcement officials in order to demand money from their victims.

incredible Rs62 crore to cyber criminals between January and November of 2024. Compared to other years, this number is startlingly high.

dacoity. Inspector K Bhavani Prasad of the Vizag cybercrimes police station told TOI that every day, cybercriminals steal between Rs16 and Rs20 lakh.

According to the authorities, the rising number of cybercrime incidents in Vizag City might be attributed to greed and fear. Residents of Vizag City lost an

To put this figure in perspective, it is more than three times the total amount of money lost in the city as a result of theft, robbery, snatching, and

More worrisome is the fact that cyber fraud targets even those with a high level of awareness.

VSP employees stage dharna for salary dues

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Employees at the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) held a dharna here on December 10 to demand the immediate payment of unpaid salary to those who have been employed since September 2024.

Neerukonda Ramachandra Rao, president of INTUC, spoke at the event and stated that both contract workers and employees are doing their jobs honestly and meeting monthly output goals.

He was worried, though, that their salary payments had been delayed since September. He stated that although the plant is making progress in sales and production, it has been neglecting to pay employee salaries for the previous six months. As a result, the workers and their families are dealing with stress and financial limitations.

According to Ramachandra Rao, they are also unable to make the agreed-upon EMI payments.



Government eco-tourism project launched near

Lambasingi

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In the Krishnapuram area, approximately 2 km from Lambasingi of Chintapalli mandal in the Alluri Sitharama Raju district, district forest officials have created an ecotourism project.



In a 20-acre pine plantation that simulates the Araku pinery, a 25-tent lodging was erected as part of the project. A children's play area, campfires, and a walking route in a picturesque setting are just a few of the recreational amenities available to guests who want to experience a woodland

stay. Basic facilities including power and bio-toilets are available at the location thanks to the government's efforts. The primary goal of the ecotourism project, according to Y.V. Narasimha Rao, District Forest Officer, Chintapalli, is to ensure responsible tourism while creating jobs for the local population.

"We are also trying to tie up with the A.P. Forest Development Corporation (APFDC) so that the visitors can visit the coffee plantations and the forest here," he said. The department is also considering campaigns to raise tourists' awareness of the area's topology, forest cover, and conservation as part of the expansion.

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AI in KGBVs to empower students

The project intends to connect the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub with five more zonal centers

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The classroom was lively, and for certain pupils, there were some magical moments.

According to G. Sravya, Training and Content Associate at Quest Alliance, a non-profit trust hired by the Andhra Pradesh government to incorporate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into the curriculum, the wide-eyed girls spontaneously burst into giggles even as the strange but amiable voice of "Alexa" captured their



interest. Students in Classes 7 through 9 will soon study artificial intelligence (AI) as part of their curriculum to prepare them for the digital future. This year, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) and Andhra

Pradesh Model Schools in the districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Visakhapatnam are piloting an artificial intelligence curriculum that aims to equip students

with technological knowledge and develop their skills for a evolving job market.

The Andhra Pradesh government took the initiative in partnership with Quest Alliance, a non-profit that gives young people the tools they need to develop successful jobs and acquire emerging skills. The initiative deepens AI understanding through foundational knowledge and hands-on experience, preparing learners for future tech-driven careers.

NTR Police Commissionerate launches 'cloud patrol'

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The "Cloud patrols for safer communities" project was launched by the NTR Commissionerate Police using drone surveillance.

Police Commissioner S.V. Rajashekar Babu received drones for police stations under the Commissionerate from Vijayawada Parliament Member Kesineni Sivanath on Sunday, December 15. According to an official statement "Speaking on the occasion, the Police Commissioner emphasized that NTR District Police is



set to become a milestone in India by introducing the innovative 'Cloud Patrolling' concept. This initiative involves significant effort, contributions from philanthropists, and a strong commitment to enhancing policing

standards." Cloud Patrolling: Drones autonomously patrol designated areas and capture high-resolution images and videos. They act as 'virtual beat constables' by continuously monitoring sensitive zones.

18k Indians, mostly from Gujarat, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh, in line for US exit as Donald Trump eyes deportation

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Nearly 18,000 undocumented Indians face the possibility of being taken back home, and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has already compiled a list of those who could be deported ahead of US President-elect Donald Trump taking office next month. Nearly 18,000 undocumented Indians face the possibility of being taken back home, and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has already compiled a list of those who could be deported ahead of US President-elect Donald Trump taking office next month. It is concerning to note that during the last three fiscal years of the United States, on average, 90,000 Indians were arrested while trying to enter the country illegally.

CM Chandrababu Naidu promises to establish Telugu University named after Potti Sriramulu

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In honor of Potti Sriramulu, the independence fighter who played a crucial part in the creation of Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu pledged to build a Telugu university in the state.

Speaking at a ceremony on Sunday to mark the 72nd anniversary of Potti Sriramulu's death at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram in Vijayawada, Naidu declared that the celebrations for the freedom fighter's birth anniversary will be celebrated on a large scale



on March 16, 2025. He added that a memorial will be built in Sriramulu's home in the Nellore district and that another memorial will be built in Amaravati. Naidu stated that the Andhra Pradesh government will build a Telugu university here and name it after the independence fighter, while the Telangana government is

considering renaming the Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University in Hyderabad. Potti Sriramulu is always a source of pride for Telugus. He went on a devoted 58-day hunger strike, giving his life in the process, which paved the way for the establishment of linguistic states in India, Naidu recounted.



Dr. L.B. College of Engineering in association with CII Indian Women Network (IWN) Andhra Pradesh conducts a trek at the Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary

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Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College of Engineering in association with CII Indian Women Network (IWN) Andhra Pradesh successfully conducted a 3-kilometre trek at the picturesque Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary on 08 December 2024. The event saw active participation from faculty and students of Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College of Engineering and IWN members making it a remarkable gathering of nature enthusiasts and fitness advocates.

The trek aimed to promote environmental awareness, physical fitness, and camaraderie among participants. It provided a unique opportunity to explore the scenic beauty and biodiversity of the sanctuary while encouraging sustainable practices and an appreciation for nature. The participants expressed enthusiasm and gratitude for the initiative, as it offered a refreshing experience away from routine academic and professional schedules. The event highlighted the importance of balancing personal well-being with environmental conservation.

Ms Lakshmi Mukkavilli, Past chairperson of IWN southern region, MD of Patra India and President ITAAP, distinguished alumna of Bullayya College, flagged off the trek. Faculty members, Major T Brahmananda Reddy, Dr G Anand, Dr Vamsi Krishna, Ms S Sivajyothi, Dr N Swathi, Ms S Varalakshmi, Mr Ch Vinod Kumar, Mr Ravi Kumar, Ms Vara Manasa, Ms P Adi Lakshmi actively participated in the trek. Prof. V Radhadevi ably coordinated the entire event.



Staff and Students of UG and PG attend the American Corner Seminar

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On 11th December 2024 American Corner has conducted a seminar on “Digital Hygiene and Cybersecurity for women” for which staff Mrs.M.Rupasri, Asst. Prof, PG Computer Science; Mrs.T.Sireesha, Lecturer, Electronics; Dr. A. Sri Lakshmi, Asst. Prof, Commerce; Ms. N. Deepthi, Asst. Prof, Journalism and students N. Akshaya and P. Jahnvi, MCA 2nd year; Helen, B.Sc 3rd year; Srujana, BA 1st year attended the session representing the college.

Department of Social Sciences celebrates freshers day

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NCC Units celebrate National Constitution Day

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3 (A) & 4 (A) NCC Navy Units celebrated National Constitution Day to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. Sub. Lt. T.N. Chaitanya and Lt. Rama Goswami also participated in the event.



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Engineering College celebrates National Constitution Day

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The Department of Basic Sciences and Humanities celebrated the National Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas) on November 26th, 2024 in Block-8 at 12.20 P.M. A total of 115 students and 9 faculty members of the department participated in the program. To commemorate the ideals of our Constitution, the staff and students administered a Constitution Pledge-taking Ceremony and reiterated their commitment to upholding the values enshrined in the Constitution of India.

The event was coordinated by the head of the department, Prof. V. Radha Devi, who delivered the opening remarks. Dr. K Kishore Varma, Professor of English, enlightened the students on the significance of this day. He motivated them to reaffirm their commitment to uphold the ideals incorporated in the Preamble of our constitution and to materialize the dreams of the framers of the Great Indian Constitution.



The Department of Social Sciences celebrates National Constitution Day

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On November 26, 2024, our Department of Social Sciences celebrated this momentous occasion with an event that highlighted the importance of our Constitution. We honoured the visionaries who shaped our nation's foundation and reaffirmed our commitment to upholding the principles of justice, equality, and freedom.

Junior College students bag medals in various sports categories

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The 68th Inter-District School Games Athletic Championship 2024, organized by the School Games Federation of India, took place at Srikakulam Arts College. Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya Junior College participated in these events. B. Shailaja, a first-year student in the MPC stream, showcased exceptional talent by winning a silver medal in the 100m race, a gold medal in the 200m race, and another silver medal in the 4x100m relay. In addition, N. Shyam Kumar, also a first-year MPC student from Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya Junior College, secured a silver medal in the 81 kg category of weightlifting at the School Games Federation of India's under-17 competition held at Tenali High School. On this occasion, College Secretary and Correspondent Dr. G. Madhu Kumar congratulated the students. Junior College Principal K. Someshwar Reddy, Physical Education Department Head Dr. Y. Srinivasa Rao, and Physical Director Dr. B.R.S. Lakshmana Reddy were also present.

76th NCC Day celebrations were held at college by the 4 Andhra Navy Medical Unit

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76th NCC Day celebrations were held at our college by the 4 Andhra Navy Medical Unit. CO Sur. Comd. Jayanth Panda, Lt. J. Lakshman Babu, Lt. Rama Goswami, and more than 130 cadets participated.

Junior College student bags silver medal in Weightlifting Championship

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The School Games Federation of Andhra Pradesh recently held the Inter-District Weight Lifting Championship for Under-19 Boys and Girls at the NTR Indoor Stadium in Gudivada. P. Tejasree, a second-year student of the MPC program at Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya Junior College, participated in the 45 kg category and won a silver medal. On this occasion, the College Secretary and Correspondent, Dr. G. Madhu Kumar, congratulated Tejasree. UG & PG Principal Dr. G.S. K. Chakravarty, Junior College Principal K. Someswara Reddy, Physical Education Department Head Dr. Y Srinivasa Rao, Physical Director Dr. BRS Lakshmana Reddy, Major T. Brahmananda Reddy participated and congratulated the students.

Bullayya College students showcase their talent in sports

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Andhra University Inter-College Weightlifting, Powerlifting and Best Physique Championship Competitions were organized from the 2nd to the 4th of November at Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College. In these competitions, Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College students won Men's and Women's Weightlifting, Powerlifting and Best Physique Overall Team Championship. While winning the title, students of Bullayya Engineering College emerged as runners-up in Men's Weightlifting, Women's Powerlifting and Best Physique Over All Championship.

Gopi Chand, a second-year student of MCA, bagged the Mr. Andhra title in Best Physique. On this occasion, College Secretary and Correspondent Dr. G. Madhu Kumar congratulated the students. In this program, UG & PG Principal Dr. G.S.K. Chakravarty, Vice Principal Dr. Surekha, Engineering College Principal Professor D. Deepak Chowdary, Physical Education Department Head Dr. Y Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Dean Major T. Brahmananda Reddy, Physical Director U. Ganga Bhavani congratulated the students.



Students emerge as runners-up in Women Basketball Tournament

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Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College students emerged as runners-up in the Andhra University Inter Collegiate Women Basketball Tournament held at St. Joseph College on November 16, 2024.

Students win team championship in boxing

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Dr. Lankapalli Bullayya College students excelled in men's boxing events and won the team championship, while students from Bullayya Engineering College excelled in women's boxing events and won the championship. The Andhra University Inter-College Boxing Championship for men & women was held on November 15 and 16 at the Andhra University Boxing Hall. The college's athletes delivered exceptional performances, securing the top spots in various categories and leading their teams to victory. On this occasion, College Secretary and Correspondent Dr. G. Madhu Kumar congratulated the students. UG & PG Principal Dr. G.S.K. Chakravarty, Engineering College Principal Prof. D. Deepak Chowdary, Physical Education Department Head Dr. Y. Srinivasa Rao, Physical Directors Dr. B.R.S. Lakshmana Reddy, U. Gangabhavani, Major T. Brahmananda Reddy participated and congratulated the students.

Management Club conducts team activities

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On October 29th, a Management Club activity was held. MBA students actively participated in presentations about Ratan Tata and Reliance Industries, followed by team activities. Management club provides a platform for the students to exhibit their talents and exchange knowledge with their fellow mates.

Sub Lt. T.N. Chaitanya awarded Best ANO

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Sub. Lt. T.N. Chaitanya was recognized as the Best Associate NCC Officer (ANO) for the Naval Wing Senior Division in the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana NCC Directorate.

He received this honor during the 76th NCC Raising Day celebrations held in Hyderabad on November 24, 2024, presented by the Deputy Director General of the AP and Telangana NCC Directorate.

On this occasion, College Secretary and Correspondent Dr. G. Madhu Kumar congratulated Sub. Lt. T.N. Chaitanya on his achievement. Principal Dr. G.S.K. Chakravarty, UG Vice Principal Dr. Surekha, PG Vice Principal Dr. R.V.H. Srikanth, Major Brahmananda Reddy, Captain Uma Nageswari, Lt. J. Lakshman Babu, and Lt. Rama Goswami also extended their congratulations to him.

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OUTLOOK



The Chola Empire: A Golden Era in Indian History

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The Chola Empire, which ruled over southern India from the 3rd century BCE to the 13th century CE, is one of the most celebrated and enduring empires in Indian history. At its peak, the Chola Empire stretched from the Deccan Plateau in the north to Sri Lanka in the south, and from the Eastern Ghats in the east to the Arabian Sea in the west.

This vast empire, which was known for its military prowess, administrative efficiency, and cultural achievements, left an indelible mark on Indian history and continues to inspire and fascinate people to this day.

Origins and Early History of the Chola Empire

The Chola Empire was founded by the Chola dynasty and consisted of Tamil-speaking people who originated from the region of Chola Nadu in southern India. The earliest known Chola king was Karikalan, who ruled in the 3rd century BCE.

However, it was not until the 9th century CE that the Chola Empire began to take shape under the leadership of the Chola king, Vijayalaya.

Vijayalaya, who ruled from 850 to 870 CE, is credited with laying the foundations of the Chola Empire. He conquered the neighbouring kingdoms of Pandya and Pallava and established his capital at Thanjavur.

Vijayalaya's successors, including his son Aditya I and his grandson Parantaka I, continued to expand the empire through a series of military conquests.

The Golden Age of the Chola Empire

The 10th and 11th centuries CE are often referred to as the "Golden Age" of the Chola Empire. During this period, the empire reached its peak in terms

of military power, economic prosperity, and cultural achievements.

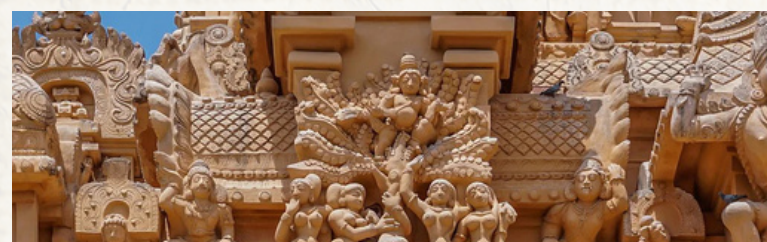
One of the most notable Chola kings of this period



Chola Empire

was Rajaraja I, who ruled from 985 to 1014 CE. Rajaraja I is credited with launching a series of military campaigns that expanded the empire's borders and established Chola's dominance over southern India.

He also established a strong and efficient administrative system, which helped to promote economic growth and stability. Rajaraja I's



Chola Architecture

successor, Rajendra I, who ruled from 1014 to 1044 CE, continued to expand the empire's borders through a series of military conquests. He also established trade relations with neighbouring kingdoms and countries, including Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia.

Cultural Achievements of the Chola Empire

The Chola Empire was known for its rich cultural heritage, which included a vibrant tradition of art, architecture, literature, and

music. The Cholas were patrons of Hinduism, and their temples and sculptures are renowned for their beauty and craftsmanship.

One of the most famous Chola temples is the Brihadeeswara Temple at Thanjavur, which was built during the reign of Rajaraja I. This magnificent temple, which is dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva, is considered one of the greatest architectural achievements of the Chola Empire.

The Chola Empire was also known for its rich literary tradition. The

Cholas were patrons of the Tamil language, and their courts attracted many famous poets and scholars. One of the most famous Tamil poets of the Chola period was Kambar, who wrote the epic poem "Ramavataram."

Decline and Fall of the Chola Empire

The Chola Empire began to decline in the 13th century CE, due to a combination of internal and external factors. One of the main reasons for

the decline of the Chola Empire was the rise of the Pandya kingdom, which had been a rival power to the Cholas for many centuries.

In 1216 CE, the Pandya king, Maravarman Sundara Pandyan, launched a successful attack on the Chola capital at Thanjavur and captured the Chola king, Rajaraja III.

This marked the beginning of the end of the Chola Empire, and over the next several decades, the Pandyas and other rival powers gradually chipped away at the Chola Empire's territories and power.

Legacy of the Chola Empire

Despite its decline and fall, the Chola Empire left a lasting legacy in Indian history and culture. The Cholas were patrons of Hinduism, and their temples and sculptures continue to inspire and awe people to this day.

The Chola Empire's administrative and economic systems, which were based on a decentralized and participatory model, continue to influence Indian politics and economy.

The Chola Empire's cultural achievements, including its literature, music, and art, continue to be celebrated and studied by scholars and enthusiasts around the world.

The Chola Empire's legacy can be seen in the many temples, sculptures, and other cultural artifacts that it left behind, and continues to inspire and influence Indian culture and society to this day.

-By Ch. V. Sai Priyatham, Asst. Professor in History and Travel Tourism, Dept of Social Sciences



Ambani and Adani exit Bloomberg's \$100 Billion Club

Ambani and Adani have both withdrawn from Bloomberg's \$100 billion club for the year as a result of significant economic setbacks

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Two of the wealthiest people in Asia and India, Reliance CMD Mukesh Ambani and Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani, have both withdrawn from Bloomberg's \$100 billion club for the year as a result of significant economic setbacks, according to the website.



On the other hand, the richest Indians reported an increase in their total net

worth. According to the research, the top 20 have made \$67.3 billion since January 2024, with IT tycoon Shiv Nadar (\$10.8 billion) and Savitri Jindal (\$10.1 billion) gaining the

most. According to the Bloomberg report, Ambani's personal wealth declined as his company's retail and energy businesses underperformed.

For Adani, the problems are more severe. His conglomerate is under threat from a US Department of Justice (DoJ) probe, which may potentially impede any progress as uncertainty increases. The BBI claims that as a result of the November investigation, Adani's net worth decreased from \$122.3 billion in June to \$82.1 billion. The Hindenburg Research probe and claims of fraud have also severely impacted Adani.

'Several hundred' killed as Cyclone Chido batters French territory Mayotte, top official says

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The top government official on the island told a local station Sunday that Cyclone Chido had killed "several hundred" people in the French colony of Mayotte, with the death toll possibly reaching thousands.



Rescue crews and supplies were hurried to France's mainly impoverished overseas department in the Indian Ocean, which has been devastated.

violence of this event," Mayotte Prefect François-Xavier Bieuville told TV station Mayotte la 1ere.

infrastructure, including the airport, Bieuville said it was very difficult to determine the precise number of people killed and injured.

"I think there are some several hundred dead, maybe we'll get close to a thousand. Even thousands... given the

It was the greatest cyclone to hit Mayotte in ninety years, he had earlier stated. After the powerful tropical cyclone battered Mayotte on Saturday, flattening neighborhoods, cutting off electricity, and seriously damaging public

The French Interior Ministry confirmed at least 11 deaths and more than 250 injuries earlier Sunday but said that was expected to increase substantially.

BBC complains to Apple over misleading shooting headline

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Following a false story alleging a high-profile murder in the US caused by Apple's new iPhone feature, the BBC has protested to the tech giant.

Earlier this week, Apple Intelligence was introduced in the UK. It employs artificial intelligence (AI) to aggregate and categorize notifications.

Luigi Mangione, the man who was detained after killing healthcare insurance CEO Brian Thompson in New York, shot himself, according to an AI-powered summary that appeared to have been published by BBC News this week. No, he did not. Apple was contacted "to raise this concern and fix the problem," according to a BBC representative. Apple declined to comment.

Farmers head out on tractors as stir at Shambhu border intensifies

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On December 15, farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher declared that on Monday, December 16, a tractor march would take held outside of Punjab.

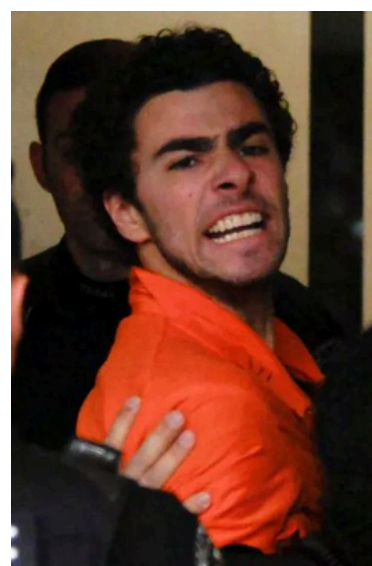


A 'Rail Roko' will take place in Punjab on December 18 after the March, he added.

"On December 16, a tractor march will be organised outside Punjab, and on December 18, we have called for a 'Rail Roko' in Punjab. We appeal to all Punjabis to participate in large numbers," he told ANI. Many Haryana farmers responded to his invitation by pulling out

their tractors and joining the farmers who were demonstrating at the Shambhu border. Security authorities dispersed the 'Jathha' of farmers marching towards Delhi ('Delhi Kooch') from the Shambhu border earlier on Sunday using tear gas and water cannons.

Pandher's announcement was made just hours after the police withdrew a 'Jathha' of 101 farmers from the Shambhu border for the day due to security concerns.



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Gukesh wins 2024 FIDE World Championship

The Australians were only able to score 238 runs in 58.4 overs in response to the 534-run mark

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Gukesh Dommaraju of India defeated Ding Liren of China, the reigning champion, on Thursday to become the youngest world chess champion.

The pivotal 14th game in Singapore was a thrilling contest, with Gukesh winning because to a mistake made by Liren in the last game. At the age of 18, Gukesh also became



the 18th world champion, four years younger than Garry Kasparov, who had held the title of youngest world champion since defeating Anatoly Karpov in 1985. Liren broke under

pieces to win the decider. Despite being in a strong position to force a tiebreaker, Liren lost 6.5-7.5 in the end. Gukesh, also called Gukesh D, was 12 years and 7 months old

when he became the third-youngest grandmaster in history.

As the youngest contender for the world championship, he shocked the chess establishment in April by defeating Nepomniachtchi, Hikaru Nakamura, and Fabiano Caruana in the eight-man Candidates competition in Toronto with a score of 17. That Gukesh was even playing for the world title was a historic achievement.

Indian women win first T20I by 49 runs to extend unbeaten run against West Indies

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With a commanding 49-run victory in the series opener on Sunday, India Women increased their winning streak over the West Indies to nine straight T20I triumphs.

The West Indies replied with 146 for seven after Jemimah Rodrigues (73) and Smriti Mandhana (54) led India to their highest-ever total of 195 for four against the Caribbean team and their third-highest total overall in the format. While experienced Deandra Dottin (52) scored her



maiden fifty since returning to T20Is earlier this year, and youthful Qiana Joseph starred with a 33-ball 49 at the top, their efforts were insufficient. In the second over, substitute fielder Minnu Mani delivered a spectacular athletic catch to dismiss

West Indies captain Hayley Matthews (1) off Titas Sadhu (3/37), dealing a devastating blow to the team's ambitions. Joseph hit five fours and three sixes, but the West Indies were unable to form strong middle-field partnerships.

Title holders India thrash Thailand 11-0 in men's junior Asia Cup hockey opener

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Defending champions India dominated Thailand 11-0 in a lopsided Pool A encounter here on Wednesday, kicking off their men's junior Asia Cup campaign on a high note. Besides India and Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Japan and South Korea are the other teams in Pool A. Pool B includes hosts Oman, China, Bangladesh, Malaysia, and bitter foes Pakistan.

Sourabh Anand Kushwaha (19th, 52nd), Dilraj Singh (21st), Mukesh Toppo (59th), Arshdeep Singh (8th), Gurjot Singh (18th, 45th), and Arajjeet Singh Hundal (2nd minute, 24th) all scored goals for India from field play, while Sharda Nand Tiwari (10th) scored from a penalty corner. The winners' penalty stroke was converted by Rohit (29th). India's next match is against Japan on Thursday.



Diallo snatches derby win for Manchester United at Manchester City

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Manchester United inflicted more suffering on struggling Premier League winners Manchester City, as late goals from Bruno Fernandes and Amad Diallo pulled an unexpected 2-1 triumph away from loss on Sunday.

Due to a header from Josko Gvardiol, Ruben Amorim's team was on the verge of suffering their third straight league loss.

The loss keeps City in fifth place, nine points behind leaders Liverpool, who still have a game to play. United



moves up to 12th place and is now just five points behind their city rivals. The Red Devils will be hoping a dramatic victory may also be the starting point for Amorim to turn back the tide of a rivalry that City have dominated over the past decade. Before the game, Amorim made a daring decision by leaving Marcus Rashford and Alejandro Garnacho off of the United roster, claiming that the Portuguese player "pays

attention to everything." When Mason Mount hobbled off in the 12th minute to continue his injury-plagued run since signing from Chelsea eighteen months ago, the United manager may have regretted his decision.

A cagey start demonstrated a lack of confidence on both sides.