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Hyderabad to Host India's Largest AI Data Center Cluster with ₹10,500 Cr Investment

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In a significant boost to India's AI and digital infrastructure, NTT Data and NaisA Networks have announced a ₹10,500 crore investment to establish the country's largest Artificial Intelligence Data Center Cluster in Hyderabad. The project, backed by the Government of Telangana, was formalized through a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed during a high-level meeting in Tokyo, in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. The upcoming cluster will boast a 400 MW capacity, powered by a blend of grid and renewable energy, and equipped with 25,000 GPUs—making it India's most powerful AI supercomputing setup. Designed with state-of-the-art cooling technologies like liquid immersion, the project aligns with high ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) standards and aims to position Telangana as India's AI capital.

NTT Data and NaisA aim to foster innovation through this AI-first infrastructure, supporting AI-native solutions and collaborating with



- NTT, NaisA to invest ₹10,500 Cr
- AI-first cloud infrastructure project
- 400 MW data cluster planned
- 25,000 GPUs for supercomputing
- Telangana aims AI capital status
- Advanced eco-friendly cooling tech

local educational institutions to develop talent in the field. This project will also support Telangana's Digital Public Infrastructure Mission. Speaking on the development, CM Revanth Reddy expressed his enthusiasm, citing it as validation of the state's proactive industrial policies, skilled workforce, and reliable infrastructure. He noted that this MoU adds momentum to Hyderabad's emergence as a premier data center hub, following projects by AWS, STT, CtrlS, and others.

NTT Data, a Tokyo-based global leader in IT services and digital transformation, operates in over 50 countries with 193,000 employees. NaisA Networks, focused on AI-first cloud platforms, is known for delivering targeted AI compute solutions. Together, they aim to revolutionize India's AI landscape through this mega project.

Toshiba to Set Up New Surge Arresters Factory in Rudraram

- ₹562 Cr investment by Toshiba
- New factory near Hyderabad
- Expansion of power equipment
- Job creation in power sector
- Supports Telangana's industrial growth
- Advanced tech for energy demand

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Toshiba Transmission & Distribution Systems India (TTDI), a subsidiary of Toshiba Corporation, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Telangana government to invest ₹562 crore for establishing a new manufacturing unit in Rudraram, near Hyderabad. The agreement was finalized at a high-level meeting in Tokyo in the presence of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Toshiba Energy Business Director Hiroshi Kaneta, TTDI Chairman & Managing Director Hiroshi Furuta, and Telangana's Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan. As part of the investment, TTDI will set up a factory focused



on the production of surge arresters and will also upgrade its existing facilities to expand manufacturing capabilities for power transformers, distribution transformers, and gas-insulated switchgear (GIS). Currently operating two suc-

cessful factories in Rudraram, TTDI's third factory marks a major expansion aimed at meeting the growing demand in India's energy sector. The facility will incorporate ad

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LC election strategy discussed

Kishan Reddy heads crucial session

BJP aims to defeat AIMIM

Repeated absences raise eyebrows

Bandi Sanjay tried reconciliation

Raja Singh Skips Key BJP Meet Again, Sparks Speculation

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In a fresh jolt to his own party, BJP MLA Raja Singh once again abstained from attending a key strategy meeting held at the party's state office in Nampally, Hyderabad. The meeting, chaired by Union Minister and BJP Telangana chief Kishan Reddy, focused on preparations for the Hyderabad District Local Body



MLC elections scheduled for April 23. Senior leaders including

corporators, MPs, MLAs, and MLCs were present to discuss strategies, especially

in ensuring maximum turnout from party-backed voters. Kishan Reddy reportedly provided clear instructions to corporators not to skip the voting process. Discussions were also held regarding the pending appointments of Mandal-level presidents. However, Raja Singh's absence became a major

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KTR Slams Congress-BJP Nexus Over Land Scam, Demands Probe

KTR demands impartial investigation

Alleges RR government corruption

Recalls Modi's 2024 accusations

Questions Modi's recent silence

SC remarks praised by KTR

Warns officials aiding Congress



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BRS working president and former minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) launched a scathing attack on both the Congress and BJP over alleged irregularities in the Kanche Gachibowli land deals. In a sharp commentary, KTR demanded that an impartial probe be conducted to prove there is no collusion between the two national parties. Retweeting a post by the BRS on the issue,

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KCR Reviews Preparations for BRS Silver Jubilee Meet in Erravelli

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BRS party chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) held a key review meeting at his Erravelli residence on Friday, ahead of the party's grand Silver Jubilee celebrations scheduled for April 27 in Elkathurthy, Warangal district. With BRS completing 25 years, the party is planning to mark the occasion with a massive public meeting. During the review, KCR emphasized the crucial role of women in the success of the event. He suggested specific strategies and action plans to ensure their active



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Bandi Sanjay Alleges Sonia Gandhi Tried to Misappropriate ₹2,000 Crore

- Bandi Sanjay makes allegations
- Sonia Gandhi targeted over case
- National Herald case resurfaces again
- Claims CBI probe began 2011
- BJP has no case link
- Demands equal law for all

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BJP senior leader and Union Minister Bandi Sanjay made sensational comments against Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, alleging her involvement in an attempt to misappropriate public wealth worth ₹2,000 crore through the National Herald case. Addressing the media, Sanjay stated that the Congress party had prepared to loot national assets and that the case against Sonia and Rahul Gandhi was not initiated during the BJP's rule but dates back to 2011 under the UPA government.

He reminded the public that the CBI investigation began during Congress's own tenure and pointed out that Sonia and Rahul Gandhi had already secured bail in the case. Dismissing the Congress's narrative that the BJP is using central agencies for political vendetta, Sanjay clarified that the saffron party had no role in initiating this probe. Bandi Sanjay questioned whether Indian laws do not apply to the Gandhi family, saying, "Why are Sonia and Rahul Gandhi treated differently under the law?" He added that the people were losing faith in the judicial system because of the freedom enjoyed by those accused of large-scale corruption. His comments come in response to a recent Congress protest demanding justice in the National Herald case, indicating the issue remains politically sensitive and far from resolved.





Chevella Parliament Review Concludes at Gandhi Bhavan

Zaheerabad Review Meet Also Begins

- TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud leads
- AICC In-charge Meenakshi Natarajan attends
- Ministers, MLAs, former ministers participate
- Welfare schemes must reach people
- Strict action on party indiscipline
- Promote key development policies

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The Chevella Parliament Constituency review meeting concluded at Gandhi Bhavan, with senior Congress leaders and party functionaries assessing election preparedness and organizational strategies. TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, AICC secretaries Vishnunadh and Vishwanathan, along with senior leaders including Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha, Advisor Mohammed Shabbir Ali, former minister Geetha Reddy, MLAs, and contesting candidates were present. Simultaneously, the Zaheerabad Par-



liament constituency review meeting commenced, reflecting the Congress party's full swing preparations ahead of the upcoming elections. Speaking at the meeting, Mahesh Kumar Goud emphasized the need to widely publicize the Congress government's welfare and development schemes among the public. He instructed party leaders and workers to act in full coordination and warned of strict action against those who deviate from party lines. Goud admitted that the party has

lagged in promoting several developmental initiatives. He highlighted key achievements in the past 1.5 years of governance, including caste census, SC categorization, 42% reservations for BCs, and distribution of fine rice to the poor.

He urged party members to ensure their active participation in the upcoming "Jai Bapu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan" campaign to reinforce the party's commitment to social justice and constitutional values.

KTR Questions Revanth's Silence on National Herald Case

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BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has once again fired political salvos at Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, this time over the National Herald case. Taking to social media, KTR questioned Revanth's conspicuous silence on the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) chargesheet which named Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. "While Congress leaders across the country are hitting the streets protesting the ED chargesheet, why is the Telangana CM, who is also a key Congress figure, maintaining silence?" KTR asked. He further mocked the situation by wondering if the silence seemed suspicious only to him or to everyone else as well. KTR suggested this lack of response might hint at a rift between Revanth and Rahul, citing it as enough rea-



son to believe there are differences in opinion within the party ranks. His comments came after several Congress leaders held demonstrations in front of the ED office in Hyderabad. However, Revanth Reddy's non-involvement in the protest has raised eyebrows, giving the opposition a chance to corner him. By linking Revanth's silence to possible internal discord, KTR has not only kept the pressure on the Congress but also continued his strategy of targeted political jabs on emerging controversies.

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vanced technology to enhance manufacturing efficiency and create employment opportunities in the region.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy expressed pride in Telangana's rapid industrial transformation, crediting the state's proactive industrial policies and global partnerships for attracting significant foreign investments. He stated that Toshiba's renewed

investment reflects growing confidence in Telangana as an industrial and innovation hub. TTDI Chairman Hiroshi Furuta praised the state government's investor-friendly approach and affirmed the company's enthusiasm to deepen collaboration with Telangana, aligning with the state's vision of sustainable industrial development.

Raja Singh Skips Key BJP Meet Again, Sparks Speculation

talking point within political circles. Despite being a prominent leader from Hyderabad, his decision to skip yet another crucial meeting—especially in an election where AIMIM is the main opponent—has raised concerns. Since the Lok Sabha elections, Raja Singh has been avoiding internal meetings, and attempts by Union Minister Bandi Sanjay to reconcile with him reportedly

haven't yielded results. Party insiders are questioning whether Singh will at least join the MLC election campaign or continue to remain disengaged. Meanwhile, Bandi Sanjay met Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan on other public matters, hinting at continued political activity despite internal issues.

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participation and called for dedicated arrangements to accommodate and involve women attendees.

The meeting saw participation from prominent party leaders including MLC K. Kavitha, MLC Pochampally Srinivas Reddy, Hanamkonda BRS president and former whip Vinay Bhaskar, former MLAs Peddi Sudarshan Reddy and Odithala Satish Kumar. Women leaders like former MLA Chandravathi, former TSPSC member Sumitra Tanoba, for-

mer chairperson of warehousing corporation Rajini Sai Chanda, and others were also present. Senior leaders such as former MLA Jeevan Reddy, general secretary Gadari Balamallu, and Kalvakuntla Vamshidhar Rao participated as well. The focus of the meeting was to strategize for a well-organized and impactful celebration that reflects the BRS party's journey and strength.

KTR Slams Congress-BJP Nexus Over Land Scam, Demands Probe

KTR questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence on what he called "Revanth Sarkar's scams." Referring to recent Supreme Court observations on the matter, he said the remarks have restored public faith in the judiciary.

KTR accused the Congress government of bulldozing laws and misusing power under CM Revanth Reddy. He reminded the public of Modi's own accusations a year ago, alleging that the Congress was collecting bribes—

dubbed "RR Tax"—for real estate permissions in Hyderabad. Despite Modi's earlier claims, KTR pointed out that no investigation followed. "Now, the same Modi is quiet," he added sarcastically. KTR also alleged that some state police officers are working like Revanth Reddy's "private army" and warned that such actions would be challenged in court. He urged Modi to show sincerity by ordering a probe by a sitting Supreme Court judge or central agencies.

Bhūbhārathi to Resolve 7 Lakh Acres in Part-B: Minister Ponguleti

- Documents for Abadi houses
- Toll-free number soon
- Tribal land issues focus
- Minister Ponguleti leads initiative
- Criticism of previous BRS rule

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Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has announced that the Bhūbhārathi Act will resolve disputes involving 6-7 lakh acres of agricultural lands marked under Part-B by the previous government, accusing them of conspiracy and mismanagement.

Launching the Bhūbhārathi pilot project at Venkatapur in Mulugu district on Friday, alongside Ministers Konda Surekha and Seethakka, the Minister said the new legislation was designed to end the tears of the poor and ensure hassle-free services for farmers. He asserted that farmers will no longer need to chase revenue offices—now, officials will go directly to them.

Later, addressing a public awareness event in Boraj Mandal, Adilabad, the Minister declared that Abadi houses, previously undocumented, will soon receive valid documents under government action. He promised a dedicated toll-free number connecting the public to the Revenue and CCLA offices for grievance redressal.

Taking a swipe at the BRS regime, Ponguleti claimed no



previous government ever held revenue summits like the current administration. He emphasized the commitment of the Indiramma government to create a Telangana where no land issue remains unresolved.

He further announced the formation of a special committee to address tribal and non-tribal land issues in compliance with central government norms.

"We threw Dharani into the Bay of Bengal and brought Bhūbhārathi for the people," Ponguleti concluded, evoking a strong response from the crowd.

Kavitha Writes Open Letter to CM Revanth, Demands Cancellation of Group-1 Exam

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BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has fired a fresh political salvo at Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, questioning the transparency and credibility of the recently conducted Group-1 examination. In an open letter, she demanded the cancellation and re-conduct of the exam, citing glaring irregularities and the government's negligence, which she said had "pushed unemployed youth into despair."

Kavitha criticized the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) for the inconsistent numbers between those who appeared for the mains and those listed in the results—21,075 candidates wrote the exam, but 21,085 appeared in the results. "Where did the extra 10 candidates come from?" she questioned, suggesting possible malpractice. She also questioned how biometric attendance still led to attendance mismatches, raising concerns about whether unauthorized candidates were later added. Kavitha further alleged that while TGPSC initially prom-



ised paper valuation by top university professors, it eventually used retired professors, adding to aspirants' mistrust.

Another key point of contention was that 71 candidates from just two coaching centers cleared the mains exam, both located at specific test centers, sparking suspicion of localized favoritism. Kavitha emphasized

that these doubts were strong enough for the High Court to intervene and halt the recruitment process.

She reminded the CM that "Jobs, Funds, and Water" were the core promises behind the formation of Telangana, urging the government to uphold those ideals with transparency and justice.

MLC Kavitha’s Letter Draws Sharp Counter from MLC Balmoor Venkat

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Responding strongly to MLC Kavitha’s open letter criticizing the government’s handling of Group-1 recruitment, Congress MLC Balmoor Venkat fired back, accusing the BRS of double standards, political opportunism, and misleading the unemployed for self-ish gains. He stated that Congress holds the credit for issuing over 57,000 jobs within a short period since coming to power and is focused on fulfilling promises made to Telangana’s youth. Balmoor said the BRS, which promised two lakh jobs per year, has

no moral standing to now question the current hiring process after failing to deliver for a decade. Calling Kavitha’s concerns politically motivated, he reminded the public that she was silent during the TSPSC paper leak and student suicides, questioning her sudden concern now. “Back then, she was busy in liquor deals,” he remarked harshly. He defended the TGPSC recruitment process, noting that exam center allotments are not influenced by the government or the commission. “Even public data is being

twisted by Kavitha to create confusion,” he added, asserting that allegations without proof only mislead the unemployed. Venkat accused BRS of deliberately filing cases to stall Group-1 recruitment and now being unable to digest the fact that the Congress government is completing long-pending recruitment processes. “If Kavitha has real evidence, let her present it to the CM. If wrong has occurred, it will be corrected,” he said. In a stern warning, he said if BRS leaders continue to mislead people, “they will be chased away with stones by Telangana’s youth.”



High Court Verdict a Slap to TGPSC: BRS Leader Rakesh Reddy



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BRS leader Enugula Rakesh Reddy has termed the High Court’s recent verdict on the Group-1 examination as a “slap in the face” to the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TGPSC). He asserted that the judgment proves “truth and justice ultimately win”, crediting the victory to protesting candidates and calling it a moral victory for BRS, which stood by them throughout. Rakesh questioned the mysterious increase of 10 candidates in the mains result — from 21,075 to 21,085 — and demanded clarity. “Is this a cyber crime too?” he questioned sarcastically, implying deliberate tampering. He alleged a clear pattern in how marks were allocated, suggesting deeper irregularities. Highlighting that 21 rule violations occurred in the mains process, Rakesh Reddy demanded either a judicial probe or a CBI investigation into the matter. He argued that public faith in the recruitment system is at stake and that only a transparent, independent inquiry can restore trust. The BRS has been vocal in its criticism of the Congress-led government’s handling of the Group-1 process, especially after multiple controversies, including the allotment of hall ticket numbers and the alleged selection of a disproportionate number of candidates from select coaching centers. With pressure mounting, all eyes are now on how the government and TGPSC respond to the court’s observations and public backlash.

KTR a Mastermind Behind Fake Letters: MP Mallu Ravi



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Congress MP Mallu Ravi has strongly condemned the circulation of a fake letter allegedly written by Telangana CM Revanth Reddy, which claimed that Maktal MLA Vakiti Srihari should not be given a ministerial post. Mallu Ravi called it a conspiracy orchestrated by BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) to create internal confusion within the Congress party. He clarified that the letter is completely false, and there is no truth to the claim. He further added that CM Revanth Reddy and MLA Srihari share a close and positive relationship, making such a letter unbelievable and illogical. Mallu Ravi accused KTR of deliberately spreading fake letters through his associates and stated that KTR is well-known for creating and circulating fake documents for political gain. He warned that serious consequences await those involved in spreading such misinformation. He also assured that the government will investigate the source of the fake letter and take strict legal action against the culprits. Meanwhile, Congress leadership is in discussions over the upcoming cabinet expansion, and such distractions will not deter the party’s focus on governance and public service.

BJP Angered by Anjan Kumar Yadav’s Remarks



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Former Congress MP Anjan Kumar Yadav has sparked controversy after making derogatory comments against Union Minister Kishan Reddy during a protest held on Thursday. His abusive language was caught on video, which quickly went viral across social media platforms. In response, Telangana BJP leaders have strongly condemned Yadav’s remarks.

Protests erupted across Hyderabad, with BJP members staging demonstrations in various parts of the city. In a particularly strong show of anger, BJP workers in Amberpet burned an effigy of Anjan Kumar Yadav and demanded that he issue a public apology immediately. BJP leaders accused Yadav of using unparliamentary and disrespectful language, which they say is unbecoming of a senior political leader. The outrage has also extended beyond the BJP, with leaders from other parties criticizing Yadav’s conduct and calling it irresponsible. The BJP has made it clear that such personal attacks will not be tolerated, and has hinted at legal or political action if Yadav fails to retract his statements and apologize. The incident has added further heat to the political climate in Telangana as tensions between parties continue to rise.

Kishan Reddy Alleges Congress and BRS are Under MIM’s Influence



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Union Minister Kishan Reddy has strongly criticized both Congress and BRS, alleging that the two parties are operating under the influence of MIM (Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen). Speaking during a preparatory meeting for the Hyderabad local body elections in Begumpet, Reddy questioned why Congress and BRS were not contesting the Hyderabad MLC elections, demanding an explanation for their absence from the race. Reddy accused the two parties of aligning with each other solely to defeat the BJP. He further pointed out the contradictions in the actions of BRS, which contested the Lok Sabha elections but chose not to participate in the MLC elections. He emphasized that Hyderabad’s development could only be realized through a double-engine government, referring to BJP’s governance at both the state and central levels. Additionally, Reddy dismissed KTR’s remarks, stating that the BJP did not need a “certificate” from the Telangana Minister on how to deal with Congress. His comments highlight the ongoing political rivalry and tensions in the state, especially regarding the upcoming local elections.

Another Congress MLA Rebels Over Cabinet Expansion in Telangana

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The Telangana Congress party is facing internal rebellion regarding the expansion of the state cabinet. Several party leaders have already expressed dissatisfaction with the leadership’s approach to the issue. In the latest development, another Congress MLA, Vakiti Srihari, has raised his voice in opposition to the party’s stance, signaling discontent against the leadership. Srihari’s supporters have issued a warning to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and other leaders from the Reddy community, claiming that several leaders are being blocked from receiving ministerial positions. His supporters, in a letter that has gone viral on social media, alleged that they had spent ₹10 crore for an MLA ticket and ₹100 crore for a ministerial post. Despite this, they are being obstructed from getting the position, and they have criticized the actions of Revanth Reddy and other Reddy leaders. Additionally, the letter, penned by Srihari’s followers and Mudiraj community leaders, threatened that if the Mudiraj community leader Srihari is denied the ministerial post, the consequences would be severe. This letter has sparked a lot of controversy and raised questions about the internal power struggles within the Telangana Congress party.



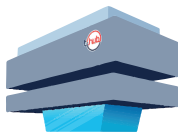
Minister Konda Surekha Accuses KCR of Deceiving Farmers with Dharani Act

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Telangana’s Forest and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha has accused KCR, the leader of the BRS and former Chief Minister, of introducing the Dharani Act to deceive farmers. She claimed that the act was designed to create more problems for farmers rather than solve their issues. According to her, once the Congress government comes to power, it will ensure that farmers no longer face such hardships. The Congress government will work to recover the land that farmers lost, and under Revanth Reddy’s leadership, it will bring a solution to their problems by wip-



ing away the tears of farmers.

She stated that under the Congress government, farmers will no longer face difficulties like before. The government will ensure that officials come directly to their homes to resolve land-related issues. Konda Surekha also pointed out that during the previous government, many farmers lost their land rights due to the implementation of the Dharani system, and they had to endure significant challenges, repeatedly visiting revenue offices. She emphasized that the Congress government would work to correct these wrongs and ensure better solutions for farmers in the state.



The Hunt for Aghori

- Aghori, who recently married Varshini for the third time.
- Cases have been filed against the Aghori in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- Complaints have been lodged in Shankarpalli and Shamshabad areas.
- Four special police teams have been formed to capture Aghori Srinivas.
- Aghori Srinivas became very popular thanks to YouTubers.
- Netizens are buzzing on social media.
- Some netizens have asked RGV (Ram Gopal Varma) to make a movie about him.
- Some producers are hunting for Aghori Srinivas, hoping to make a movie about him.



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Aghori Mata, now a popular name on social media, is everywhere—on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram; wherever you look, you hear his name... sorry, Mata's name. Suddenly becoming a sensation, this Aghori, Aluri Srinivas, is now the subject of a police hunt. With cases filed in three places across Telangana, four special police teams have been deployed to catch him. The police are even ready to announce a reward for his capture. When the police started investigating Aghori's activities, shocking details started to surface. Netizens are commenting that if RGV finds out, he will definitely make a movie about him. Some producers are even rushing to

make a film before RGV does. This shows how popular Srinivas Mata has become.

Srinivas, originally from Kushanpalli village, Nannela Mandal, Mancherial district, was born into a family of five children. His parents were agricultural laborers, so the family did not have much to live on. Srinivas, who left home at an early age, went missing for a long time. Village residents say he was occasionally seen in Vemulawada. Four years ago, he transitioned into a transgender Aghori, which became widely known.

Suddenly, he appeared in a car with a lot of fanfare in Begumpet, Secunderabad. People began to notice him when he showed up at the Mutyala

Amma temple, creating a stir. Normally, Aghoris and naked ascetics do not show themselves to the public. They are rarely seen by people unless on a pilgrimage. But when people flocked to see Aghori Srinivas Mata, YouTubers took notice and started interviewing him for views. Soon, people bored with political and crime news started following him. Big TV channels also began to follow him, and before long, people were queuing up to see him on social media.

While claiming to have come from the Himalayas to protect Sanatana Dharma, questions arose about who the financiers behind him were. His lavish lifestyle—his car, appearance, and the grandeur—led people to be-

lieve there might be some political backing. Srinivas's antics, which have stirred trouble in both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, have now come to light. He has not only married three times but also reportedly extorted lakhs of rupees in the name of rituals. Complaints have been filed, with one woman from Shamshabad alleging that Srinivas took ₹10 lakhs from her under the guise of a money ritual.

With numerous complaints coming in from across Telangana, even Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has reportedly taken the matter seriously. As a result, four special police teams have been deployed to track down Srinivas. After marrying Varshini in

Madhya Pradesh, Srinivas went into hiding. Police are using phone tower locations to track him down and are gathering details of those close to him, including YouTubers. Since he has been in frequent contact with YouTubers, police believe that catching them may lead them to Srinivas. Srinivas's life story has become quite dramatic. Netizens are even suggesting that RGV should make a movie about his life. With countless videos circulating on media platforms, and millions of comments from netizens, some producers in Tollywood are reportedly eager to release a film before RGV does, hoping to make a hit from his sensational life story.

Rail Museum at Kacheguda Celebrates World Heritage Day with Free Entry



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On the occasion of World Heritage Day 2025, the Rail Museum at Kacheguda opened its gates with free entry for school and college students, rail passengers, and railway enthusiasts. The initiative aimed to highlight the importance of preserving cultural and historical assets, particularly those related to India's rich railway heritage.

The museum, which showcases an impressive collection of vintage railway equipment, models, and signaling systems, saw en-

thusiastic participation from visitors. One of the key attractions was a special display of electric fans used across decades—from the 1960s to the present—sparkling nostalgia and curiosity among attendees.

A rare photograph from the inauguration of the Kacheguda Railway Station in 1916 by the Nizams drew significant attention, emphasizing the architectural and historical significance of the station. Notably, the Kacheguda Station has been honored with the Platinum certification by the

Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for its sustainable design. Visitors explored exhibits featuring old tickets, logos of pre-independence railway companies, signaling tools, and prototypes of locomotives and coaches. A dedicated audio-visual zone screened documentaries and films showcasing the evolution and impact of Indian Railways.

The event served as a vibrant reminder of India's railway legacy and reinforced the need to preserve such heritage for future generations.

Man Held for Manufacturing and Selling Counterfeit Castrol Engine Oil in Hyderabad

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The South Zone Task Force of Hyderabad, in coordination with Mirchowk Police, apprehended a man involved in the illegal manufacturing and distribution of counterfeit engine oil under the Castrol brand name. The accused, identified as Shaik Qayyum (32), a resident of Feelkhana, Begum Bazar, was found operating from a rented godown at Noor Khan Bazar. Authorities seized approximately 710 liters of duplicate Castrol Active Engine Oil along with related packaging materials, including 480 liters in cartons, 180 liters in yellow barrels, 340 empty boxes, stickers, caps, barcode scanners, a blue drum, and an iron box. The total seized material is valued at ₹3 lakhs.

Shaik Qayyum, who previously worked as a tempo mechanic and later as a laborer in an automobile shop, allegedly turned to counterfeiting due to financial struggles. He had been running the operation for about five months, selling fake oil at ₹220 per liter—significantly lower than the market price



of ₹425. Based on a tip-off, a raid was conducted and the accused was taken into custody. A case has been registered under Cr. No. 85/2025, U/s 318(2) BNS and Sections 63 & 65 of the Copyright Act. Further investigation is underway.

BRS Leader Krishank Appears Before Police Again in Fake Video Case

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BRS leader Manne Krishank appeared once again before the police for questioning in connection with the viral social media posts regarding the alleged deforestation of 400 acres in Kanche Gachibowli, located in Sherlingampally, Ranga Reddy district. The controversy erupted when videos claiming that the Revanth Reddy-led government had sent bulldozers to destroy trees across hundreds of acres went viral. These videos also alleged the death of several wild animals due to the tree felling. However, the Telangana Chief Minister strongly refuted these claims, labeling the videos as fake and AI-generated. He accused opposition parties, including the BRS, of spreading misinformation to mislead the public.

Following the Chief Minister's remarks, police registered a case and began investigations into the origin and authenticity of the videos. Krishank, who had previously appeared for questioning multiple times, was summoned again as part of the probe. According to sources, the police are focusing on verifying the authenticity of the viral videos and Krishank's involvement in disseminat-



ing them on social media. The case continues to draw political attention, with the BRS maintaining that the government is attempting to silence dissent, while officials emphasize the importance of curbing misinformation, especially when it involves sensitive environmental and public concerns.

Cath Lab Services Launched at TGSRTC Hospital, Tarnaka



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Cath Lab services for cardiac emergencies are now available at the TGSRTC Hospital in Tarnaka. The facility, along with a newly expanded 12-bed Emergency Care Unit, was inaugurated on Friday by TGSRTC Managing Director V.C. Sajjanar, IPS.

Set up with support from Facts Foundation, the Cath Lab aims to offer advanced heart care services. The

Emergency Care Unit expansion was made possible through contributions from Ashok Leyland and financial support from IOC via Nirmaan.org.

During the inauguration, Sajjanar emphasized the importance of employee health for the overall well-being of the organization. He stated that the hospital is being developed into a super specialty center to provide top-quality, corporate-level healthcare exclusively for TGSRTC employees—a first among RTCs in the country. The hospital's outpatient footfall has risen from 600 in 2021 to nearly 2,000 per day. With the addition of MRI, CT scan, 24/7 pharmacy, physiotherapy unit, and emergency ward, it now provides a full spectrum of medical services.

Under the Grand Health Challenge, health checkups were conducted for employees and their spouses, resulting in life-saving emergency care for over 900 critical patients. Sajjanar affirmed that the organization is committed to leveraging technology and expanding healthcare initiatives for staff welfare. Key dignitaries from IOC, Facts Foundation, Ashok Leyland, and Nirmaan.org participated in the event.

9.5 Kg of Ganja Seized – Case Registered Against Three, Two Arrested

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In a major crackdown on illegal drug trade, enforcement officials seized 9.5 kilograms of ganja in the Gudimalkapur area of Hyderabad. The operation was led by Hyderabad AC Enforcement CI Chandrashekhar Goud and his team.

Acting on a tip-off, the Excise Enforcement staff conducted checks near Pillar No. 68 on Gudimalkapur Road under the Golconda Excise Police Station limits. Two individuals were found selling ganja and were immediately apprehended.

Upon searching the suspects, officials recovered 9.5 kg of ganja and also seized two

mobile phones used in the illegal activity. A case has been registered against three individuals in connection with the seizure. The two arrested have been identified as Parvez Siddam and Divanth Mahidhar, while a third accused, Rithik, has also been booked, according to CI Chandrashekhar Goud.

The arrested individuals, along with the seized ganja, were handed over to the Golconda Excise Police Station. Authorities are continuing the investigation to trace the supply network and identify other individuals involved in the illegal drug trade.



Massive Turnout at Bhoobharati Awareness Meet in Mulugu's Venkatapuram

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A grand awareness seminar on the Bhoobharati Act was held in Venkatapuram mandal of Mulugu district, drawing an overwhelming response from farmers. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy attended as the chief guest and was warmly welcomed by Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Minister Seethakka, along with thousands of locals. The event began with a massive rally of farmers and Congress

workers, creating a festive atmosphere. Speaking at the seminar, Minister Seethakka emphasized that the Bhoobharati Act restores ownership rights to farmers over their land, comparing the bond between farmer and land to that of a mother and child. She criticized the previous Dharaani portal system, blaming it for depriving thousands of farmers of land ownership, leading to distress and even suicides. She alleged that a dominant social group exploited

the system, manipulating records and extorting land through threats and misuse of power. Highlighting Bhoobharati as a farmer-friendly reform, Seethakka thanked CM Revanth Reddy and Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy for introducing it. She urged officials to implement the law effectively by identifying genuine landowners and issuing rightful pattas. She reiterated that land is not just a source of income but a matter

of power and dignity for farmers. Seethakka also detailed the Congress government's welfare measures including crop loan waivers, ₹500 per quintal bonus for fine rice, free ration rice to 3 crore people, free bus travel for women, and recruitment of 59,000 government jobs—of which 400 were in the Mulugu constituency. She concluded that Bhoobharati brings relief to farmers, giving them confidence and security over their land.



Community Leaders Should Mediate Disputes for a Peaceful Society: Chief Justice Sujoy Paul



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Telangana High Court Chief Justice Sujoy Paul has called upon community elders to actively participate in resolving disputes within society, emphasizing the importance of community mediation in building a harmonious environment. He inaugurated a three-day training program

for community mediators selected by legal service authorities from the erstwhile Warangal districts in Hanumakonda on Friday. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Justice said, "Disputes always arise between individuals or groups belonging to some community. If the elders of the same community counsel them, there is a greater

chance of resolving conflicts amicably." Justice Paul highlighted that this concept of community mediation first succeeded in Kerala, followed by Madhya Pradesh. He said that the 2023 Mediation Act gave legal recognition to this process. He emphasized that rising disputes between spouses and parents-children in recent decades require sensitive handling and community-level intervention. He attributed many of these disputes to the breakdown of the joint family system and the absence of elders in households to mediate. Community elders must now shoulder this responsibility to prevent

conflicts from reaching courts, he said, adding, "In courts, one party wins while the other appeals. In mediation, both sides find happiness." Citing an example from Gwalior, he shared the success story of a retired Vice-Chancellor who, as a mediator, reconciled a fighting couple by speaking to them like a father or grandfather. Justice Paul was joined by Legal Services Authority Secretary CH Panchakshari, who praised the success of mediators in Nizamabad, Kamareddy, and Hyderabad. The event was also attended by Warangal and Hanumakonda district judges and legal officials.

Drunken Vandalism in Bahadurpally: Women and Residents in Fear

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A group of intoxicated individuals created panic in Bahadurpally's Ayodhya Villas under the Dundigal Police Station limits during the early hours of Friday. Around 5 AM, the miscreants forcefully entered the residential colony, damaging car windows and abusing residents. When confronted, the group hurled obscene language at women and locals. A security guard who tried to stop them was brutally beaten—punched, kicked, and left injured—as the culprits fled the scene. The accused have been identified as Manne Balesh from Suraram Colony and his associates Ajay, Nithin, Lalu, and Tirumalesh, who are said to be his heirs. Locals allege that the group was under the in-



fluence of drugs, leading to their violent behavior. The incident has left women and residents shaken. Dundigal Police have begun collecting CCTV footage to identify and nab the culprits. The victims and community members are demanding strict action, urging the police to deliver swift and

firm justice. Locals expressed outrage, stating that such behavior threatens the safety of families and called for severe punishment to deter such acts in the future. Police have assured a thorough investigation and promised appropriate legal action against the offenders.

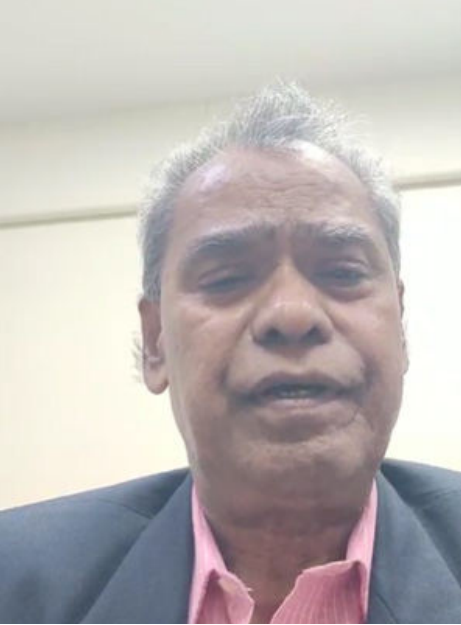
Railway Police Seize 24 Kg Ganja Worth ₹12 Lakh in Two Separate Incidents



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In a major crackdown on drug smuggling, railway police seized over 24 kilograms of ganja worth ₹12 lakh in two separate incidents on the same day. One interstate smuggler was arrested, while ganja was recovered unattended in another case. In the first case, acting on a tip-off, GRP and RPF officials along with TGNAB personnel conducted a joint search at Secunderabad Railway Station, where they detained a suspicious individual. The man, identified as Sameer Bishoyi from Odisha, was found carrying 12.3 kg of ganja worth ₹6.15 lakh. Secunderabad GRP DSP S.N. Javed stated that Bishoyi was transporting the contraband from Odisha to Dadar in Maharashtra. The prime accused, Munna Nayak, is currently absconding. Bishoyi was remanded into judicial custody. In the second case, a red bag was found in an abandoned condition in the general coach of Konark Express during inspections at Lingampally Railway Station. GRP Inspector Praveen Kumar stated that no individual claimed the bag. Upon opening it in the presence of mediators and recording the process on video, 12 kg of ganja packed in 13 packets was found, valued at around ₹6 lakh. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway. Railway police have intensified surveillance to curb drug trafficking via trains.

Telangana Govt Brings Back Bodies of Two Dubai Murder Victims with CM Revanth Reddy's Intervention

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Thanks to the swift intervention of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the mortal remains of two Telangana residents murdered in Dubai have been expedited for repatriation to India. Acting on the Chief Minister's directions, the Chief Secretary of Telangana wrote official letters to both the Indian Consulate in Dubai and the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, seeking urgent action for the return of the deceased. The victims were identified as Ashtapu Prem Sagar from Son Mandal, Nirmal district, and Swargam Srinivas from Dharmapuri Mandal, Dammannapet village in Jagtial district. The Telangana government arranged free ambulances for the transportation of the coffins once they reach India. In a humane gesture, CM Revanth Reddy, currently on an official visit to Japan, has also instructed officials to offer outsourcing jobs to the family members of the deceased, providing some relief during this difficult time. This effort was coordinated under the guidance of Dr. B.M. Vinod Kumar (IFS Retd.), Chairman of the NRI Advisory Committee, Government of Telangana. The government's timely response has been widely appreciated by the families and the public.



CM Revanth Lauds Osmania Doctors for Life-Saving Effort



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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy extended heartfelt appreciation to the doctors of Osmania General Hospital for their outstanding medical service that saved a young man's life. He praised them for rewriting the popular notion "Nēnu rāṇubiddō sarkāru davākhānaku" (I won't go to a government hospital), by proving that government doctors can make the impossible, possible. The incident involved a 22-year-old youth from Andhra Pradesh, who fell seriously ill while on his way to Shirdi. Reportedly, a private hospital refused to admit him, prompting his family to rush him to Osmania Hospital, where doctors immediately admitted and treated him. The youth has since recovered fully. Moved by a news report highlighting this act of medical service, CM Revanth, currently on an official tour in Japan, took to social media to express his admiration. He particularly commended Dr. Ranga Azmeera, Dr. Vikram, and their team for restoring public faith in government hospitals. He emphasized that the dedication and compassion shown by Osmania doctors serve as a role model, underlining that public healthcare, when driven by commitment, can rival or surpass private facilities.



Telangana EAPCET 2025 Schedule Released: Exams from April 29 to May 4

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The schedule for the Telangana EAPCET 2025 (Engineering, Agriculture & Pharmacy Common Entrance Test) has been officially released. The exams will be held from April 29 to May 4, announced Higher Education Council Chairman Balakrishna Reddy. Strict guidelines have been issued — candidates arriving even a minute late will not be allowed to take the exam.

- Agriculture and Pharmacy exams will be conducted on April 29 and 30.
 - Engineering stream exams will be held from May 2 to May 4.
- Each day, the exams will be conducted in two sessions:
- Morning session: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 - Afternoon session: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
- A total of 124 test centers across 16 regions in the state have been designated for the

- examination.
- Hall tickets for Agriculture and Pharmacy students will be available for download from April 19.
 - Engineering students can download their hall tickets starting April 22.
- A total of 86,101 candidates have registered for Agriculture and Pharmacy, while 2,19,420 candidates will appear for the Engineering stream.



Violence In Bengal: Is It The Beginning Of The End For TMC?

Some events unfold with a sense of inevitability, and West Bengal today appears caught in one such moment. The recent unrest linked to the Waqf Amendment Bill protests has exposed the cracks in Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee’s carefully curated political narrative — one increasingly defined by appeasement and selective outreach.

What initially seemed like a well-timed distraction from the 26,000-strong teacher recruitment scam has now snowballed into communal tension. The violence that erupted — including the tragic deaths of Hari Gobind Das and his son in Murshidabad, and the police firing that killed 17-year-old Izaz Ahmad Sheikh — reveals how quickly Bengal can spiral into unrest. With incidents in sensitive districts like Malda, South 24 Parganas, and Hooghly, the warning signs are glaring.

Bengal has a history of communal flashpoints — from the 1946 Calcutta Killings to the more recent Ram Navami clashes. Each incident serves as a reminder of the combustible potential of divisive politics in the state. Mamata Banerjee’s open opposition to the Waqf Amendment Bill and her efforts to rally Muslim support with emotional appeals from public platforms might now be backfiring.

Her silence towards the 70% Hindu population amid the chaos stands in stark contrast to her vocal assurances to Muslim constituents. This selective empathy risks alienating a significant portion of the electorate and provides fertile ground for the BJP, which has long sought to consolidate the Hindu vote in Bengal.

Ministers like Siddiquillah Chowdhury, openly threatening to paralyze the state while claiming Mamata’s backing, only deepen the perception that the administration has lost control. If Banerjee cannot restore order, or appear impartial, she may not only lose political ground but the moral authority to lead.

Why Trump’s Move Resonates: Ban Political Activities in Universities

Follow the Trump model—fund learning, not lobbying.

“Universities are for education, not agitation. Politics can wait. Education can’t.”

Russia, China, and Trump have one thing in common: they understand universities are meant for learning, not lobbying. India should take note.

The Trump administration took a clear stance against universities becoming hubs of political activism. It argued that taxpayer dollars should support research, innovation, and education—not ideological warfare. Many Americans agreed, and the argument holds relevance far beyond U.S. borders.

Universities must be safe spaces for intellectual inquiry, not political battlegrounds. While fostering political awareness is important, overt activism often undermines academic integrity. Political protests can erupt into violence, distract from learning, and delay academic schedules. Students, caught in the crossfire, suffer from stress and mental health issues. Some may even abandon institutions altogether, looking for less turbulent educational environments.

The Indian Context

India’s universities—JNU, AMU, and others—have frequently turned into ideological war zones. Some hail this as a sign of a vibrant democracy. But here’s the flip side: it disrupts education, wastes taxpayer money, and hijacks the future of neutral students who just want to study. University politics breed polarization. Student elections often mimic national politics—full of division, drama, and disruption. Classes get cancelled. Properties are vandalized. Exams are postponed. In the end, it’s the apolitical, academically inclined student who pays the price. India must rethink this system.



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Tie public funding and recognition to academic performance, not political activism. Encourage debates and discussions—but ban student wings of political parties from operating inside campuses. Learning should come first. Ideology can wait.

Russia and China: Discipline over Disorder

In Russia and China, political activities in universities are heavily restricted. The focus is on

discipline, national service, and skill-building. Critics may cry authoritarianism, but their model ensures education isn’t derailed by activism. Ironically, many Indian left-liberals who champion campus freedom stay conspicuously silent about the suppression of student voices in Beijing or Moscow.

India doesn’t need to replicate autocracy. But a structured, rules-based approach to campus discipline is long overdue. Freedom of speech is vital—but it comes with responsibility. What begins as protest can escalate into hate speech, street violence, or worse. Campuses should be free spaces—not free-for-alls.

Speech, Not Sloganeering

Freedom of speech is protected by the Indian Constitution. But when that freedom turns into anti-national sloganeering, calls for separatism, or foreign-funded ideological crusades, it crosses a line. Universities are being exploited under the guise of academic freedom.

Students passionate about politics can join parties, NGOs, or think tanks outside the aca-

demie environment. There are enough platforms for engagement without turning campuses into warzones. Higher education must prioritize scholarship, skill-building, and innovation—not partisan rallies.

What India Can Do

- **Ban student political parties and elections on campus.**
- **Allow debate, discussion, and student forums—but prohibit political mobilization.**
- **Link university funding to academic output, research quality, and student outcomes.**
- **Enforce national guidelines to maintain campus neutrality and discipline.**

Final Thought

India is a democracy—but its universities don’t need to be democratic battlegrounds. The Trump model may be controversial, but in this case, he got it right. Prioritize learning. Demand accountability. Keep politics off campus. Let students graduate with degrees, not scars from ideological crossfire.

Karnataka Caste Survey Exposes Risks in Rahul Gandhi’s OBC Outreach Strategy

The leaked findings of Karnataka’s caste survey have ignited political unrest, revealing deep cracks within the Congress party and raising concerns about Rahul Gandhi’s OBC-centric electoral strategy. Community leaders from the influential Lingayat and Vokkaliga groups have rejected the survey as flawed and underrepresentative, warning of statewide protests. Meanwhile, some Congress MLAs and ministers have urged the government to discard the report, citing serious data discrepancies and poor execution.

Critics argue the survey’s timing is strategic. Observers believe CM Siddaramaiah may be using the findings to weaken dominant caste leaders in Congress, such as M.B. Patil and D.K. Shivakumar, both eyeing the Deputy Chief Minister or Chief Minister posts.

As per the reported data, OBCs constitute 70% of Karnataka’s population, while SC/STs account for 25%, and upper castes only 5%. Lingayats and Vokkaligas, traditionally considered dominant, are shown as 11.09% and 10.31% respectively—figures far lower than their claimed shares. This could impact their influence in Congress, where they currently dominate candidate selection and leadership roles.

The proposed jump in OBC reservations from 32% to 51%, in addition to existing quotas for SCs,



STs, and EWS, would take total reservations to 85%—a move requiring Supreme Court approval. However, embracing these findings could cost Congress critical support from Lingayats and Vokkaligas, who backed the party significantly in 2023, helping it secure 135 out of 234 assembly seats.

Internal rifts are growing, with leaders like G. Parameshwara and M.B. Patil expressing frustration over being overlooked for top posts. Shivakumar’s camp is also pushing for a rotational CM

model, with the 2.5-year mark of the current term approaching in November 2025.

Nationally, Rahul Gandhi is banking on an OBC revival to counter the BJP’s dominance. Congress once held 46% of the OBC vote in 1971, but that fell to 19% by 2024. The caste survey, part of a broader push for a national caste census, aims to reclaim this lost base. Yet, the gamble may backfire if alienating powerful state-level caste groups fractures Congress’s voter coalition and internal unity.

Stalin pushes for state autonomy — Why? Why now?

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin’s move to establish a high-level committee to safeguard state autonomy has reignited a long-dormant national debate. At the heart of this decision is Stalin’s claim that the Centre has been steadily encroaching on state powers, thereby disturbing the delicate constitutional balance between Union and State.

The committee, chaired by retired Supreme Court judge Kurian Joseph, is tasked with reviewing concerns such as the shifting of key subjects like education and health from the State List to the Concurrent List. This shift, critics argue, has enabled the Centre to impose policies such as NEET and the National Education Policy (NEP), which Tamil Nadu opposes for undermining its education system and regional identity.

The controversy also ties into anxieties around the upcoming delimitation exercise, which could reduce Tamil Nadu’s representation in Parliament relative to northern states with higher population growth. For a state that has successfully implemented population control, this feels like punishment for progress.

NEET remains a flashpoint. Tamil Nadu had long relied on Class 12 results for medical admissions. The national exam, now mandatory, is seen as favoring urban, wealthy students who can afford coaching, thus disadvantaging rural and marginalized communities. Stalin’s argument is that such central policies dilute state autonomy and erode social justice.

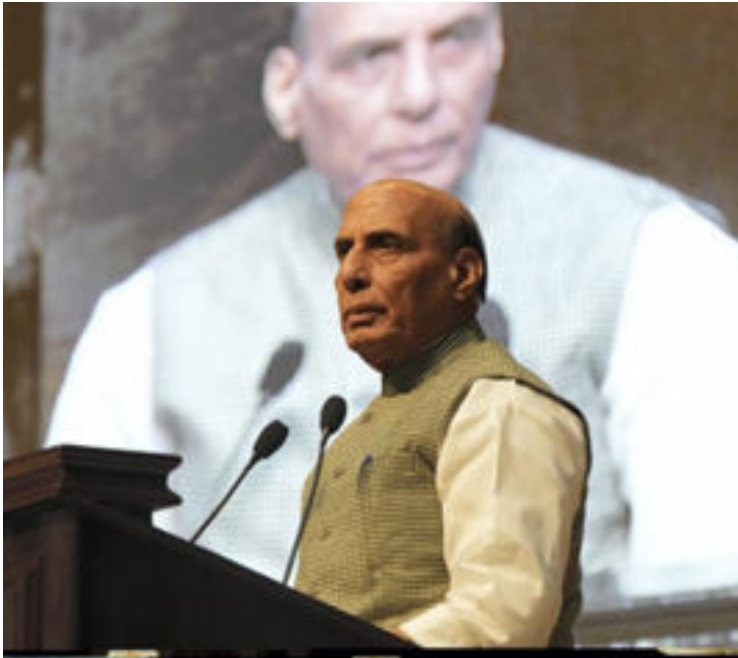
Although the reclassification of subjects happened under Indira Gandhi’s 42nd Constitutional Amendment during the Emer-



gency, the Modi government’s assertive use of concurrent powers — even withholding funds for non-compliance with NEP — has intensified concerns.

State autonomy, once a fringe issue buried in manifestos, is now resurfacing. With regional parties no longer reliant on Congress, and the BJP favoring centralized governance, these parties are seeking distinct electoral narratives. Autonomy offers a powerful platform, especially in states like Tamil Nadu heading into elections in 2026.

For parties like the DMK, autonomy provides a broader vision beyond family politics or freebies — a return to constitutional federalism. Stalin’s move is as much about resisting marginalisation as it is about crafting a new political identity in an increasingly centralized India.



Rajnath Vows Self-Reliant Defence Sector

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, April 18, 2025 – Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reaffirmed the government’s commitment to making India self-reliant in the defence sector during an address to industry representatives on Friday. Speaking in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (formerly Aurangabad), Singh highlighted the significant strides made in boosting indigenous defence production and exports under the current administration. “The Government of India is fully committed to the vision of ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’ in the defence sector,” Singh said. “Our goal is not only to reduce dependency on imports but also to transform India into a global hub for defence manufacturing and exports.”

The Defence Minister pointed out the exponential growth in defence exports over the last decade, noting a rise from just ₹600 crore in 2014 to ₹24,000 crore in 2024. “This growth is a testament to our focus on innovation, indigenous technology, and empowering our domestic industry,” he said. He further revealed that the current value of defence production in the country stands at ₹1.60 lakh crore and outlined the government’s ambitious target of increasing it to ₹3 lakh crore in the coming years. Singh said this would not only boost national security but also create employment and stimulate the economy.

Several reforms have been introduced in recent years to achieve these objectives, including easing foreign direct investment (FDI) norms, establishing defence corridors, and promoting public-private partnerships in the sector. The Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) has also been revamped to prioritize purchases from domestic manufacturers.

Singh urged the private sector and startups to take advantage of the conducive policy environment and actively participate in the country’s defence growth story. “We want our youth and entrepreneurs to lead the way in advanced defence technologies, from drones to cybersecurity and AI-driven warfare solutions,” he added. The event saw enthusiastic participation from industry leaders, who welcomed the government’s focus on self-reliance and innovation in defence. As India positions itself on the global stage as a key player in defence production, the roadmap laid out by the Defence Minister reflects a vision of both strategic autonomy and industrial strength.

Modi, Elon Musk Discuss Tech Ties

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Friday, April 18, 2025, that he had a conversation with billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk, focusing on the potential for collaboration in technology and innovation. The interaction appears to be a follow-up to their in-person meeting held in Washington, D.C., on February 13, 2025.

In a post shared on X (formerly Twitter), Prime Minister Modi stated, “Good conversation with @elonmusk. We discussed a wide range of subjects, including themes from our previous meeting in Washington DC. There is great potential for collaboration in the areas of technology and innovation.”

Although the Prime Minister did not specify the exact timing of the latest exchange, his post underlined a shared interest in strengthening technological partnerships between India and the companies led by Musk. The conversation signals India’s continuing interest in engaging with global tech leaders to drive digital transformation, boost innovation, and explore opportunities in sectors like electric vehicles, space technology, and artificial intelligence.

The February meeting in Washington D.C. was held during PM Modi’s visit to the United States and included discussions on Tesla’s possible entry into the Indian market, the expansion of SpaceX services such as Starlink in remote areas of India, and



broader cooperation on cutting-edge technologies.

Elon Musk, the CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, had expressed keen interest in investing in India, calling it one of the most promising markets for the future. Reports at the time indicated that Tesla was exploring possibilities for setting up manufacturing facilities in India, while SpaceX looked at opportunities to launch satellite-based internet services to enhance rural connectivity. Modi’s outreach to Musk is seen as

part of his broader strategy to attract global innovation leaders and create a robust ecosystem for emerging technologies in India. It also aligns with the government’s focus on self-reliance (Atmanirbhar Bharat) and transitioning toward clean energy and advanced digital infrastructure.

While no formal announcements have been made yet, the tone of the conversation suggests that significant developments could be on the horizon in the India-Musk technology partnership.

Seelampur Murder Sparks Political Row

The tragic murder of a 17-year-old boy in northeast Delhi’s Seelampur has intensified the ongoing political tussle between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), with both parties trading sharp accusations over the capital’s law and order situation.

The incident took place on Thursday in the J Block area of New Seelampur, where the teenager was fatally stabbed, sparking outrage and renewed concerns over public safety in the national capital.

On Friday, senior AAP leader and Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly, Atishi, launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led Central government and the Delhi Police, which reports directly to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. “The murder of a 17-year-old youth in Seelampur is yet another grim reminder of the deteriorating law and order situation in Delhi. The Delhi Police and the Centre have completely failed to ensure the safety of our citizens,” Atishi said.

She further accused the BJP of using the



police for political vendettas instead of focusing on crime prevention. “While the BJP is busy targeting opposition leaders, criminals are roaming free on the streets of Delhi,” she alleged.

In response, BJP leaders hit back, accusing AAP of politicizing crime and deflecting attention from its own failures in governance. “AAP has no authority to comment

on law and order when it has done little to cooperate with the Delhi Police or improve civic conditions that contribute to crime,” said a BJP spokesperson. The Delhi Police have launched an investigation into the murder, and efforts are on to identify and apprehend the accused. While no arrests have been confirmed yet, senior officers have assured swift action.

“No GST on UPI Over ₹2,000”

The Finance Ministry on Friday categorically denied reports suggesting the government plans to impose Goods and Services Tax (GST) on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions exceeding ₹2,000, calling such claims “false, misleading, and baseless.”

In a statement issued late evening, the Ministry clarified, “There is no proposal under consideration to levy GST on UPI transactions above ₹2,000. Such speculation has no foundation and may mislead the public.”

GST is applicable only on specific financial service charges, such as the Merchant Discount Rate (MDR), which is levied on certain payment modes. However, since January 2020, the MDR on Person-to-Merchant (P2M) UPI transactions was waived off as per a Gazette Notification by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) issued on December 30, 2019. “As there is no MDR on UPI transactions currently, GST is not applicable either,” the statement clarified. The Ministry reaffirmed the government’s commitment to promoting digital payments, especially through UPI, as part of its broader digital economy strategy. To encourage UPI usage and reduce the cost burden on small merchants, the government has introduced and sustained an incentive scheme for low-value P2M transactions.

According to the Ministry, the government has allocated a total of ₹7,230 crore under this incentive scheme across three fiscal years: ₹1,389 crore in FY2021-22, ₹2,210 crore in FY2022-23, and ₹3,631 crore in FY2023-24. These incentives are aimed at supporting merchant adoption, improving the digital payments infrastructure,



and sustaining UPI’s rapid growth. India’s dominance in the global digital payments space continues to expand. The ACI Worldwide Report 2024 revealed that India accounted for 49% of the world’s real-time digital transactions in 2023.

The total value of UPI transactions surged from ₹21.3 lakh crore in FY2019-20 to ₹260.56 lakh crore by the end of FY2024-25. Notably, P2M transactions have reached ₹59.3 lakh crore, demonstrating increased adoption among merchants and growing trust among consumers.

The Finance Ministry reiterated that it remains focused on fostering a robust, inclusive, and innovation-driven digital payments ecosystem in India.

NCERT Defends Indian Titles for Textbooks

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has defended its decision to use Indian language titles—some of them in Hindi—for its newly released English medium textbooks, stating that the naming was done thoughtfully to reflect India’s cultural and educational heritage.

In an official response to the controversy sparked by criticism from sections of the public and educationists, NCERT clarified that the titles were chosen not to promote any particular language but to symbolically connect students with India’s civilizational knowledge systems and cultural identity.

“The names of the new textbooks are not exclusively in Hindi, but drawn from various Indian languages,” NCERT stated. “These titles were selected after careful consideration of their cultural, linguistic, and pedagogical value. The aim is to instill a sense of rootedness and pride in India’s diverse traditions and knowledge heritage.” The controversy emerged after several English-language textbooks introduced by NCERT were seen bearing Hindi or Indian-language names, prompting concerns over potential linguistic bias and the imposition of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking states. However, NCERT emphasized that the decision is aligned with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which encourages integration of Indian knowledge systems into the formal curriculum, alongside promotion of multilingualism. Sources within NCERT further explained that the titles were meant to spark curiosity and provide



a bridge between contemporary education and ancient Indian wisdom. “These titles are more than just names; they are reflections of deep concepts and traditions,” an official said. The response also assured stakeholders that the content remains accessible and inclusive, and that the pedagogical approach remains rooted in fostering critical thinking, creativity, and understanding across linguistic boundaries. Despite the clarification, the move continues to draw mixed reactions. While some educators welcomed the effort to culturally contextualize learning materials, others urged NCERT to ensure that linguistic diversity is respected and no regional language feels sidelined. As the new academic year begins, the debate has reignited discussions on language, identity, and inclusivity in India’s education system.



First talks in 15 years: Bangladesh seeks Pakistan’s apology for 1971 atrocities

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In a significant diplomatic development, Bangladesh has formally raised long-standing grievances with Pakistan during the first foreign secretary-level talks between the two nations in 15 years, held in Dhaka on Thursday. Central to the discussions were the unresolved issues stemming from the 1971 Liberation War, which led to the creation of an independent Bangladesh following the secession from what was then West Pakistan.

Bangladesh pressed Pakistan for a formal public apology for the atrocities committed by the Pakistani military during the war, which left an estimated three million people dead and displaced millions more. The issue of apology has remained a key emotional and political point in bilateral relations, with Dhaka repeatedly calling for acknowledgment of the events of 1971.

During the talks, Bangladesh also demanded financial compensation in the form of USD 4.3 billion — its claimed share from the combined state assets that were held by the erstwhile united Pakistan prior to the country’s split. These assets, according to Dhaka, were never transferred after independence and remain a pending issue in the bilateral relationship.

The discussions mark a cautious but notable step in reviving diplomatic engagement between the two South Asian neighbors. Despite the historical ties and people-to-people connections, relations between Dhaka and Islamabad have remained strained for decades, mainly due to the lingering wounds of the 1971 war and Pakistan’s reluctance to formally apologize for its role in the conflict.

Diplomatic sources said that while the talks were held in a “cordial atmosphere,” the demands made by Bangladesh underscore the deep-rooted issues that still hinder full normalization of relations. Observers note that any progress on these fronts would require significant political will and a shift in long-standing positions, particularly from Islamabad.

As Bangladesh continues to seek justice and closure on the 1971 atrocities, Thursday’s meeting is seen as a potential turning point in pushing historical issues onto the formal diplomatic agenda once again. Whether it leads to concrete action or remains symbolic will likely depend on future engagement at higher political levels.

Musk Prepares to Lead U.S. Golden Dome Missile Defense Project

- **Project includes 400–1,000 tracking satellites and 200 armed interceptors.**
- **SpaceX proposes a subscription-based tech access model for the Pentagon.**
- **Contract winners for the Golden Dome to be announced in coming months.**

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Elon Musk’s SpaceX, in partnership with defense tech firms Palantir and Anduril, has emerged as a leading contender for a pivotal role in President Donald Trump’s ambitious “Golden Dome” missile defense initiative, according to sources familiar with the matter.

The project, which stems from a January 27 executive order by Trump, aims to build a cutting-edge missile defense shield, which he described as a critical measure to counter “the most catastrophic threat facing the United States.” The proposal envisions a two-tier satellite system: a network of 400–1,000 satellites to detect and track missile threats, and a separate fleet of 200 armed satellites to intercept them. SpaceX’s bid reportedly focuses on the “custody layer” responsible for sensing and tracking, not weaponization.

While the Pentagon is still in the early stages of evaluating the plan, SpaceX’s advantage lies in its existing satellite infrastructure and launch capabilities. The company has proposed a subscription-based model — a novel approach in defense contracting — that would allow the U.S. government to access the technology without owning it. While this could speed up deployment, it has sparked concerns over long-term control and costs.

The estimated preliminary cost for the satel-



lite detection layer ranges between \$6 billion and \$10 billion, sources said. If SpaceX’s group wins the contract, it would mark a major breakthrough for Silicon Valley in the defense sector, challenging legacy players like Boeing, Northrop Grumman, and Lockheed Martin.

Critics, however, are raising alarms. Some Pentagon officials are wary of relying on a private subscription model for national defense. Lawmakers have also questioned Musk’s dual role as a government advisor and bidder on federal contracts, calling it a potential con-

flict of interest. Senator Jeanne Shaheen has introduced legislation to prevent companies owned by special government employees from receiving federal contracts.

Despite its potential, experts caution that such a massive and complex system may prove vulnerable and prohibitively expensive. “It’s still unclear whether this group can deliver a fully reliable national defense system,” one source noted. The final decision on Golden Dome contracts is expected in the coming months.

China Denies Zelenskyy’s Claims of Weapon Supply to Russia Reiterates Neutrality in Ukraine War

TPN Correspondent | Kyiv

China has strongly rejected recent accusations made by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that it has been supplying weapons to Russia for use in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. During a regular press briefing on Friday in Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian dismissed the claims as “groundless.”

“China’s position on the Ukrainian issue has always been clear,” Lin said. “We have never provided lethal weapons to any party involved in the conflict. China remains committed to promoting a ceasefire, ending hostilities, and encouraging peace talks.”

Zelenskyy had made the accusations on Thursday, claiming that Ukraine had intelligence indicating that China was supplying Russia with gunpowder and artillery, and that Chinese personnel were actively involved in arms production on Russian territory. He said more detailed information would be released next week to support the claim.

“We see the cooperation between these two countries in this area, and we must acknowledge it is happening,” Zelenskyy stated during a press conference.

While China has repeatedly emphasized its neutrality in the war, its close diplomatic ties with Moscow—underpinned by



a “no limits” strategic partnership between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin—have raised skepticism in the West.

Adding to tensions, last week two

Chinese nationals were reportedly captured by Ukrainian forces while fighting alongside Russian troops. President Zelenskyy alleged that these individuals were among at least 155 Chinese fighters believed to be serving in Russia’s military. He accused Moscow of recruiting Chinese citizens via social media and other platforms, with Beijing allegedly “turning a blind eye” to these efforts.

China responded by denying any government involvement in recruitment efforts. It reiterated that any Chinese citizens found fighting in the conflict likely traveled independently and were acting without state authorization.

Allegations of Discrimination: TCS Under EEOC Investigation for Bias Against American Employees

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The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is currently investigating dozens of allegations against Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), India’s largest IT outsourcing firm, over claims of discrimination against American employees based on age, race, and national origin. The majority of complaints come from professionals over the age of 40, who claim they were disproportionately targeted in layoffs, while Indian colleagues—particularly those on H-1B visas—were retained, according to a Bloomberg report.

TCS, which employs over 600,000 people worldwide, has strongly refuted the allegations, calling them “meritless and misleading.” A company spokesperson stated that TCS maintains a strong record as an equal opportunity employer in the U.S., upholding high standards of integrity and values.

The complaints began surfacing in late 2023, prompting a growing wave of concern about the treatment of non-South Asian employees in the U.S. workplace. The EEOC’s investigation, which started under President Joe Biden and has continued under President Donald Trump, remains confidential as per



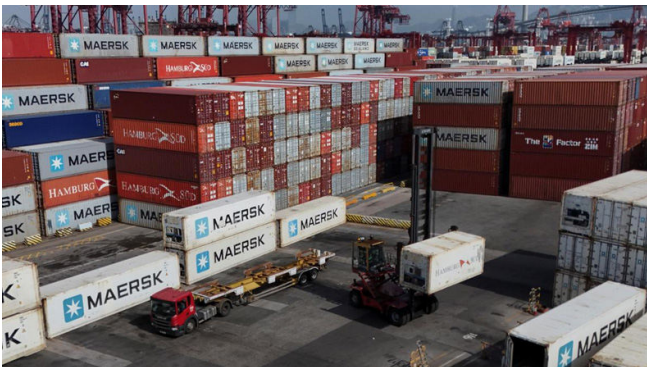
federal law. In April 2024, U.S. Representative Seth Moulton (D-Mass.) called on the EEOC to deepen its probe, highlighting concerns over TCS’s potential misuse of U.S. work visa programs, including H-1B and L-1A visas, intended to address skilled labor shortages. Moulton suggested that TCS’s practices could reflect a broader pattern of discriminatory behavior within the company. This isn’t the first time TCS has faced such scrutiny. In the UK, former employees have filed similar complaints, alleging discrimination based on age and nationality.

Further controversy arose from comments made by TCS’s global head of HR, Milind Lakkad, who reportedly suggested reducing the proportion of American employees in the U.S. workforce from 70% to 50%, stating that this would create more opportunities for Indian staff. The remark has been cited in some EEOC complaints as evidence of discriminatory intent.

U.S. Imposes New Port Fees on Chinese Ships to Revive Domestic Shipbuilding

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In a bold move to challenge China’s dominance in global shipbuilding and revive America’s declining maritime manufacturing sector, the United States announced new port fees targeting Chinese-built and Chinese-operated ships on Thursday, April 17, 2025. The decision comes amid escalating trade tensions between the two superpowers, further fueled by ongoing tariff disputes under former President Donald Trump’s trade policy framework.



U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer emphasized the strategic importance of shipping, calling it “vital to American economic security and the free flow of commerce.” The new fees, which will go into effect from mid-October, aim to incentivize investment in U.S.-built ships and reduce the country’s reliance on Chinese vessels.

The policy introduces per-tonnage and per-container charges for Chinese-linked ships docking in U.S. ports. Notably, these fees will be capped at five instances per year per ship, rather than applying at every port of call. Ship owners can qualify for a waiver if they commit to ordering American-built vessels.

The fees will differ for Chinese-built and Chinese-operated ships and are scheduled to increase progressively over the coming years. Initially, Chinese-built ships will incur fees of \$18 per net ton or \$120 per container. For a large vessel carrying 15,000 containers, the charge could amount to \$1.8 million

per visit.

U.S. shipbuilding, once a post-WWII powerhouse, has seen its global output shrink to a mere 0.1%. In contrast, China alone constructs nearly half of all ships globally, with South Korea and Japan rounding out over 95% of total civil shipbuilding, according to UN data.

Some 30 U.S. industry groups have expressed concerns over the move, warning that the fees could drive up costs for retailers already burdened by tariffs on steel, aluminum, and other imported goods. A business coalition cautioned the added financial strain could be “extraordinary.”

The new policy also targets LNG carriers, which will face fees in three years, and introduces tariffs on Chinese cargo handling equipment and ship-to-shore cranes. However, exemptions apply for Great Lakes and Caribbean shipping, U.S. territories, and bulk exports from empty vessels.

PORTFOLIO



TRANSRAIL LIGHTING : A Promising Mid-Cap Power Sector Play with Strong Growth Visibility and Solid Fundamentals

Transrail Lighting is a good mid-cap company that merits investment. It provides comprehensive solutions to the Power and Distribution Sector which is a hot sector in India in view of the thrust being provided by the Central Government to the Power Sector especially Renewable Energy.

The Company came for IPO in December, 2024 with an issue price of Rs.432 at a Face Value of Rs.2. The present market price is Rs.475. 52-Week High of the Share Price is Rs.718. Now the share is available at 34% discount to the 52-week High. Through IPO it raised Rs.400 Crores of which Rs.250 crores will be used for working capital and about an amount of Rs.91 Crores will be used for Capex.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE:

The Company achieved a Revenue of Rs.4009 for the year ended 31-03-2024. It can achieve a Revenue of Rs.4500 Crores for the 31-03-2025 for which results are yet to be announced. Net Profit for 31-03-2024 was Rs.233 Crores with an EPS of 19.59. For the 31-03-2025, it may achieve a Net Profit of Rs.270 Crores at a NPM of 6%. This works out to an EPS of 20 on enhanced Capital and PE of 24 against the Industry PE of 28.53. All its Peers like KEC International, Kalpa-



taru Projects, Skipper, Techno Electric are quoting at above 40 PE. Another Peer Patel Engineering is quoting at about 21 PE.

PLUS POINTS :

1. As on 31-03-2024, its Return on Equity is about 20 % which indicates efficient utilization of available Funds i.e Capital plus Reserves.
2. As on 31-03-2024, its debt equity Ratio is 0.56 which will improve further with Rs.250 Crores procured by the Company through IPO for the purpose of working capital.
3. It has footprint in 58 countries.
4. It has been generating positive “operating cash flows “ from 2020 onwards suggesting sustainable business model.
5. **Visibility :** Continuous flow of orders and orders on hand provide good visibility about the business prospects of the company. It has received Orders of Rs.5700 Crores from February, 2025. All in all, Company has orders of Rs.17000

Crores which is equal to 4 times Revenue of 2024.

RISKS:

1. Company is exposed to risk of Foreign Currency fluctuations in view of some of its business interests lying outside India.

TARGET PRICE :

A reasonable target of Rs.600 is possible within 6 months/One year based on the available inputs of EPS, PE and Orders on Hand. Now there are positive tailwinds influencing the stock market. Any change in sentiment can change the tailwinds into headwinds and can delay the realisation of the target of Rs.600 within the prescribed time period.

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About 91% of Central Govt’s investment in FY25 focused on five key sectors: BOB

A recent research report by the Bank of Baroda has revealed that nearly 91% of the central government’s capital investments for the financial year 2024-25, totaling ₹6.8 lakh crore, have been concentrated in five key sectors: renewable electricity, road transport, refineries, conventional electricity, and shipping.



The most significant portion of this investment—around ₹2.7 lakh crore or 37%—has been earmarked for renewable electricity projects. These projects are expected to collectively generate at least 12,555 megawatts (MW) of power, reinforcing the government’s commitment to clean and sustainable energy.

The road transport sector also saw substantial allocations, highlighting continued efforts to boost connectivity and infrastructure. The refinery sector follows, with government-owned companies planning investments of ₹1 lakh crore to support the production of 600 MW of energy capacity.

Conventional electricity projects are set to receive investments amounting to approximately ₹99,376 crore. Notably, Bihar will host a massive project worth ₹80,000 crore under this segment, while Odisha and Chhattisgarh are also slated to receive projects of smaller scale.

The shipping sector, too, is a major beneficiary, with Gujarat emerg-

ing as the biggest winner. The state will receive projects valued at ₹58,750 crore out of the total ₹62,120 crore allocated to the sector. Other coastal states, including Assam, Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu, will also see investments in this area.

Geographically, Chhattisgarh is expected to receive the largest share of overall central investment, with projects worth ₹1.4 lakh crore. Odisha follows with ₹0.8 lakh crore, reflecting a strategic focus on eastern India.

The remaining 9% of the total investment is distributed across a range of other sectors including chemicals, steel, railways, minerals, housing, electricity transmission, commercial complexes, fertilizers, healthcare, and education.

The report emphasizes the government’s strategic emphasis on infrastructure and clean energy, aiming to boost long-term economic growth. With major state-wise investments and sector-specific focus, the central government is laying the groundwork for sustainable development and enhanced energy security across the nation.

Revenue growth of states in FY26 expected to be lower than that of FY25

Indian states are projected to witness a moderation in revenue growth in the financial year 2025-26 (FY26), primarily due to sluggish performance in non-tax revenue and central transfers, according to a recent report by ICICI Bank. The analysis is based on the budget data of 15 major states, which collectively contribute around 90% of the country’s GDP.

The report highlights that total revenue growth for states is expected to decelerate to 13% in FY26, down from 16% in FY25. This is attributed to a decline in the growth of ‘Own Tax Revenue’ and a slowdown in funds transferred from the central government.

Total receipts of these states are estimated to increase by 12% year-on-year (YoY) in FY26, reaching ₹59 trillion. In comparison, the estimated growth for FY25 was 16%. Revenue receipts, which form nearly 75% of total receipts, are projected to rise by 13% to ₹43 trillion in FY26, down from 16% in FY25.

The slowdown is mainly driven by weaker growth in non-tax revenues and a reduction in the pace of central transfers. Non-tax revenue is expected to grow by only 12% in FY26, a significant drop from 23% in FY25. Similarly, transfers from the Centre are projected to increase by just 10%, compared to 18% in the previous year.

States’ Own Tax Revenue (SOTR) remains rela-

tively stable, with a projected growth of 14% in FY26, amounting to ₹23 trillion. This is on par with the growth recorded in FY25. For context, the central government’s Net Tax Revenue is expected to rise by 11% over the FY25 Revised Estimates, reaching ₹29 trillion.

As of February FY25, states had achieved 75% of their ₹38 trillion revenue target. However, non-tax revenue collections remain a concern, standing at only ₹2 trillion against a full-year target of ₹3.6 trillion.

In summary, while tax revenue growth appears stable, weaker growth in non-tax revenue and reduced central transfers may strain state finances in FY26, potentially impacting development and welfare spending across regions.



Reliance Industries to Announce Q4FY25 Results on April 25

Q3 Highlights Robust Growth in Retail and Digital Services

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), India’s largest conglomerate led by billionaire Mukesh Ambani, is set to announce its financial results for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year 2024-25 (Q4FY25) on April 25. The announcement is expected to shed light on the performance of its key business verticals—oil-to-chemicals (O2C), telecom (Reliance Jio), retail (Reliance Retail), and the energy sector.

This follows the company’s third-quarter earnings (Q3FY25), which were released on January 16. The results reflected strong performance across its digital and retail divisions. Mukesh Ambani highlighted the company’s continued momentum in customer engagement, subscriber growth, and 5G network adoption as major contributors to the digital services segment’s success.

“Robust growth in the digital services business was led by sustained subscriber addition and consistent improvement in customer engagement metrics,” Ambani noted. “This was well supported by a favorable subscriber mix, with an increasing number of users upgrading to 5G networks.”

The retail segment also demonstrated impressive growth during the quarter, driven by a surge in consumer demand during the festive season. The company successfully leveraged the increased consumption trend, with its wide-ranging offerings across fashion, grocery, and electronics playing a pivotal role.



Reliance’s oil-to-chemical (O2C) and exploration businesses have remained vital pillars of its overall performance, although the digital and retail arms have increasingly contributed to the conglomerate’s revenue diversification strategy.

The upcoming Q4FY25 results will provide insights into how the conglomerate fared in the final quarter of the fiscal year, especially amid changing macroeconomic conditions and fluctuating crude oil prices. Investors will also be closely watching for any updates on strategic initiatives, including Jio’s continued 5G expansion, retail growth, and energy transformation plans.

With its diversified portfolio and strong presence across key sectors of the Indian economy, Reliance Industries continues to play a pivotal role in shaping India’s corporate landscape. All eyes will be on April 25 as the company reveals its Q4 numbers.

Google’s Ad Tech Found Monopolistic

For the second time in less than a year, tech giant Google has been formally labeled an illegal monopolist by a U.S. federal judge. This time, the ruling targets the company’s digital advertising empire, marking a major blow to its dominance in online marketing technologies.

On Thursday, U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema, presiding in Virginia, ruled that Google unlawfully exploited its control over key parts of the online advertising ecosystem to inflate profits and entrench its market power. The judgment underscores long-standing accusations that Google has leveraged its position to undercut rivals and manipulate the digital ad marketplace in its favor.

The decision follows an earlier ruling in August 2024, which concluded that Google’s search engine operations also violated antitrust laws by suppressing competition and innovation. With both of its core revenue engines—search and ads—now under legal scrutiny, the \$1.8 trillion company faces intensified regulatory pressure and potential structural reforms.

Google’s digital advertising platform includes tools that span the full spectrum of the online ad chain—from ad creation and



auctions to placement and performance tracking. Prosecutors argued that Google’s control over both the “buy” and “sell” sides of the ad market created an inherent conflict of interest, allowing the company to steer transactions in ways that favored its own services while disadvantaging publishers and competitors.

Judge Brinkema agreed with these assertions, declaring Google’s behavior as monopolistic and abusive. Remedies could range from fines to a possible breakup of parts of its advertising business—though specific actions are still to be determined in subsequent hearings.

In response, Google defended its ad practices, claiming that its tools benefit advertisers and publishers alike through increased efficiency and reach. The company is expected to appeal the ruling.


This latest setback adds to Google’s growing list of antitrust battles globally, including regulatory scrutiny in the European Union and other markets. As governments and courts grow more aggressive in policing Big Tech, this ruling may set a precedent for further legal action targeting concentrated power in the digital economy.

Budapest Students’ Priceless First Bite of Pani Puri

Indian street food struck again — this time, melting hearts far from home. A heartwarming video of Budapest-based students trying pani puri for the very first time at a university’s International Day event has gone viral, capturing their candid reactions of curiosity, surprise, and delight. Shared on Instagram by a student participating in the event, the video quickly took over social media, garnering over 4.8 million views and 2 lakh likes. The highlight? A group of students, many trying Indian food for the first time, took on the spicy, tangy challenge of pani puri — also known as golgappa, puchka, or batase depending on which corner of India you’re from. From hesitant crunches to wide-eyed expressions and laughter-filled moments, the video radiates joy. The Indian stall, which also offered bhel puri and traditional sweets, saw the longest queue at the event, with pani puri clearly stealing the show. Some students reached for water after feeling the heat, while others excitedly asked



for seconds, declaring their new-found love for the beloved Indian snack. As the video spread, pani puri enthusiasts worldwide flooded the comments with their love for the snack. One user wrote, “No Indian snack develops such an intense craving like pani puri.” Another joked, “I bet you made it mild — no way they can handle full Indian street spice!” Users also celebrated the universality of food, with comments like “Divided by countries, united by pani puri” and “Now they know what real taste is!” This isn’t the first time pani puri has gone global — similar clips from Korea and the U.S. have gone viral before. But as this latest video proves, no matter where you’re from, the burst of flavors in a pani puri can win over just about anyone.



NASA Predicts Earth’s End in 1 Billion Years

Scientists from NASA and Japan’s University of Toho have delivered a sobering prediction: Earth will become uninhabitable in approximately 1 billion years. Their findings, based on supercomputer simulations and advanced climate models, suggest that the combined forces of solar heat and environmental degradation will ultimately render the planet unsuitable for life.

According to the study, the Sun’s energy output will steadily increase over time. Eventually, this thermal intensification will lead to extreme surface temperatures on Earth, triggering massive ocean evaporation and atmospheric collapse. As the Sun expands into a red giant in the distant future, it may even engulf inner planets, including Earth.

While this timeline stretches far beyond any human lifespan, researchers emphasize that the process of planetary decline is already underway. Signs such as global warming, erratic climate patterns, and rising sea levels all reflect a gradual march toward long-term instability.

“The Earth won’t just explode one day,” one scientist explained. “It will slowly become less and less hospitable until no complex life can survive.”

This forecast isn’t meant to induce panic, say scientists, but to underscore the importance of long-term planetary planning — including space exploration. Mars, for instance, is being looked at with renewed interest as a potential

long-term habitat for humanity, though it is far from being Earth’s twin.

The research also aims to push the boundaries of astrophysical and planetary science, helping scientists better understand the life cycles of planets, both within and beyond our solar system.

The Daily Star News first reported on the collaborative study, which is being closely watched by the global scientific community. While the 1-billion-year timeline gives Earth a considerable buffer, researchers warn against complacency. Human-induced environmental issues could accelerate certain tipping points, making Earth increasingly difficult to live on even sooner.

Rajasthan Cop’s Dance Wins the Interne



A woman police officer is capturing hearts online after her lively dance performance on the iconic Bollywood number “Jai Jai Shiv Shankar” went viral. The performer, Sub-Inspector Teena Sogarwal, showed that even those in the line of duty can let loose and celebrate with spirit.

The moment unfolded during celebrations for Rajasthan Police Foundation Day, a formal occasion that turned delightfully festive thanks to Sogarwal’s performance. Dressed in elegant traditional attire, the sub-inspector took to the stage with grace and confidence, dancing with infectious enthusiasm to the 70s hit originally picturized on Rajesh Khanna. The video, widely shared on social media, shows the officer grooving joyfully as a crowd of fellow police personnel

and dignitaries cheer her on. Among the audience were Superintendent of Police Mamta Gupta, District Collector Shubham Chaudhary, and several senior officials, all seen applauding the performance with broad smiles and appreciative claps. While the video sparked waves of appreciation, it also highlighted a softer and more relatable side of the police force—one that resonates with the public and boosts community connection. Events like these, especially on occasions like Police Foundation Day, play a key role in breaking stereotypes and building rapport between officers and citizens. Sub-inspector Teena Sogarwal’s joyful performance did exactly that — with a dance that continues to spread smiles across the internet.

Indian Travel Vlogger’s Passport Woes Go Viral

A viral video by Indian travel vlogger On Road Indian has triggered widespread discussion on social media about the global challenges faced by Indian passport holders. In a candid Instagram reel, the content creator vented his frustration, saying, “This thing I have, it has no value,” while holding up his Indian passport. The vlogger shared personal anecdotes about being denied entry into multiple countries, including a recent experience with Jordan. “They saw the Indian passport and just denied entry,” he said. He also noted that countries like Egypt now demand invitation letters, while even China offers Indian citizens only a 24-hour visa-free transit, compared to the 10-day allowance for other nationalities. India currently ranks 85th on the Henley Passport Index 2025, which measures the global travel freedom of citizens based on the number of destinations they can access



without a prior visa. Indian passport holders currently have visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 62 countries. In his video, the vlogger pointed out that despite having sufficient funds, a clean travel history, and proper documentation, he’s still met with suspicion at immigration

counters. “They love names like Amitabh Bachchan and Shah Rukh Khan, but when it comes to actual documents, they never trust us,” he remarked. The video has racked up more than 8 million views in just two days, with netizens flocking to the comments section to share their views. While many supported the vlogger’s stance and called it a “bitter truth,” others blamed the behavior of certain Indian tourists for the poor treatment abroad. One user commented, “This is the reality many don’t want to talk about. Global mobility is a real issue.” Another said, “Honestly, some Indians act so entitled while traveling, it ruins things for others.” The viral video has sparked a broader conversation on India’s global image, passport strength, and the need for better diplomatic engagement to improve mobility for Indian travelers.

Australian CEO Faces Backlash After Using AI

A young Australian entrepreneur has come under fire for a flashy social media post in which he used AI to craft a self-congratulatory message about flying first class with his father. The CEO, Jake Bass, claimed the luxurious Emirates flight cost \$50,000, and shared images showing his father reclining in a private pod, enjoying gourmet food, and sipping drinks in a lavish setting.

While the visuals screamed opulence, it was the tone and the AI-generated motivational narrative that irked netizens. “470 passengers. Only 2 in First Class — us,” Bass wrote. Reflecting on the flight, he added, “What made our journey so different from the 468 behind us? Then I

saw the pilot adjust our course by just 1° to avoid turbulence... That’s when it clicked: Just a slight change in direction... changes everything.” The post, designed to be inspirational, was seen by many as tone-deaf and elitist — especially amid growing concerns over wealth inequality and the superficial use of AI for personal branding. Critics didn’t hold back. Some called the post “cringe-worthy,” while others accused Bass of using AI to fabricate humility. “There’s nothing motivational about flaunting privilege,” one user wrote. Another added, “AI or not, this reeks of ego.” Despite the criticism, Bass seemed



unfazed. In a follow-up post, he addressed the backlash by saying, “If people are upset, it means I’m doing something right.” While some followers praised him for his success and ability to take his father along for the ride, the overwhelming sentiment was skepticism over the performative nature of the post. Others questioned the ethics of using AI tools to generate emotionally manipulative content for clout. The incident has reignited debates about authenticity in influencer culture, the responsible use of AI, and how much is too much when it comes to online self-promotion.



IPL Turns 18: A Look at the Eventful Journey of the World’s Biggest Cricket League

The Indian Premier League (IPL), which began in 2008, has evolved into a global cricketing phenomenon, transforming the shortest format of the game and offering overseas players a chance to experience Indian conditions. The inaugural season featured eight city-based franchises: Mumbai Indians (MI), Chennai Super Kings (CSK), Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), Rajasthan Royals (RR), Delhi Daredevils (now Delhi Capitals), Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), Kings XI Punjab (now Punjab Kings), and Deccan Chargers

(DCH). Rajasthan Royals won the first IPL title. The IPL blended cricket with entertainment, captivating fans worldwide. Notable moments include Brendon McCullum’s 158 off 73 balls for KKR in the inaugural match and the rise of stars like Yusuf Pathan and Shane Watson. The league expanded over the years, with new teams like Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) and Gujarat Titans (GT) joining in 2022. CSK and MI are the most successful franchises, each winning five titles.

KKR has won thrice, while RR, SRH, and GT have each claimed one title. Individual records highlight Virat Kohli as the top run-scorer with 8,252 runs, while Yuzvendra Chahal leads among bowlers with 211 wickets. David Warner holds the record for most Orange Caps, and Dwayne Bravo, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, and Harshal Patel share the most Purple Caps. KKR clinched their third IPL title in 2024, showcasing a dominant performance over Sunrisers Hyderabad in the final at Chennai’s MA Chidambaram Stadium.

Raiza Dhillon Finishes Fifth in Women’s Skeet Final at ISSF World Cup

Paris Olympian Raiza Dhillon delivered a commendable performance, finishing fifth in the women’s skeet final at the ISSF World Cup, marking her first appearance in a World Cup final. The young shooter, a former junior world silver medallist, scored 26 hits before bowing out midway in the 60-shot final. Raiza had a solid start, hitting 19 of her first 20 targets, but couldn’t sur-



pass China’s Jiang Yiting, the eventual fourth-place finisher. Despite her efforts, she was at a disadvantage due to the highest bib number. India continued its strong run in the competition, sitting second in the medals tally with two golds, one silver, and one bronze, behind China. Teammates Ganemat Sekhon and Darshna Rathore finished ninth and 15th respectively.

India Sends 56-Member Squad to Asian U-15 & U-17 Boxing Championships in Jordan

India has sent a 56-member contingent for the Asian U-15 & U-17 Boxing Championships taking place in Amman, Jordan from April 17 to May 1. The team, consisting of 30 U-15 and 26 U-17 pugilists, is backed by coaches and officials and departed for Jordan on April 17. The preliminaries begin April 19, following the draw on April 18. This is the first event endorsed by both the Olympic Council of Asia and World Boxing, and is seen as a crucial step towards India’s long-term Olympic aspirations, including the 2036 Games. Notable names include Sahil Duhan and Devansh (2024 Asian Junior medalists), and Tikam Singh (SGFI 2024 gold medallist) in the U-17 boys’ squad. In the U-17 girls’, Samiksha Singh, Anshika, and Khushi Chand lead the charge.



Among U-15 boxers, Ravi Sihag and Trushna Mohite stand out. The Interim Committee of the Boxing Federation of India ensured smooth participation, overcoming recent hurdles. The event offers a promising platform for India’s future boxing champions to shine on the international stage.



Haryana Sports Minister Inaugurates First Global Indian Pravasi Kabaddi League in Gurugram

Haryana Sports Minister Gaurav Gautam officially declared the first edition of the Global Indian Pravasi Kabaddi League (GI-PKL) open at Gurugram University. The 13-day league began on Friday with exciting men’s matches and will run until April 30, featuring franchise teams with players from across Asia, Europe, and Africa. The opening ceremony was graced by several dignitaries, including D.

Suresh (IAS), Kanthi D. Suresh (President, HIPSA), and Ashok Das. The league is hosted by the Holistic International Pravasi Sports Association (HIPSA) and aims to give kabaddi global visibility and gender inclusivity. Minister Gautam lauded kabaddi’s cultural significance in Haryana and praised HIPSA’s efforts. Kanthi D. Suresh emphasized the importance of women’s participation in the franchise format.

In opening matches:

- Punjabi Tigers edged past Tamil Lions (33-31)
- Haryanvi Sharks beat Telugu Panthers (47-43)
- Marathi Vultures crushed Bhojpuri Leopards (42-21)

Women’s matches start April 19, with Marathi Falcons vs Telugu Cheetahs. The finals for both men and women will be held on April 30, marking a new era for kabaddi.

Fatima Sana Backs Pakistan to Remain Unbeaten in Women’s Cricket World Cup 2025 Qualifier



Pakistan’s skipper, Fatima Sana, expressed confidence in her team’s ability to remain unbeaten in the ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup 2025 Qualifier after their dominant 87-run victory over Thailand secured their qualification for the prestigious tournament. With their place confirmed in the ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup 2025, set to be held later this year in India, Pakistan has stayed unbeaten throughout the qualifiers. Fatima Sana, after the win, shared her optimism for finishing the qualifier with a perfect record, stating, “We have qualified, and the main credit goes to our team. They supported me a lot and gave me the opportunity to captain this side. Hopefully, we will try to win the final match as well.” Pakistan posted a total of 205/6 after a slow start in their innings, thanks to a resilient knock from Sidra Amin and strong lower-order contributions from Fatima Sana.

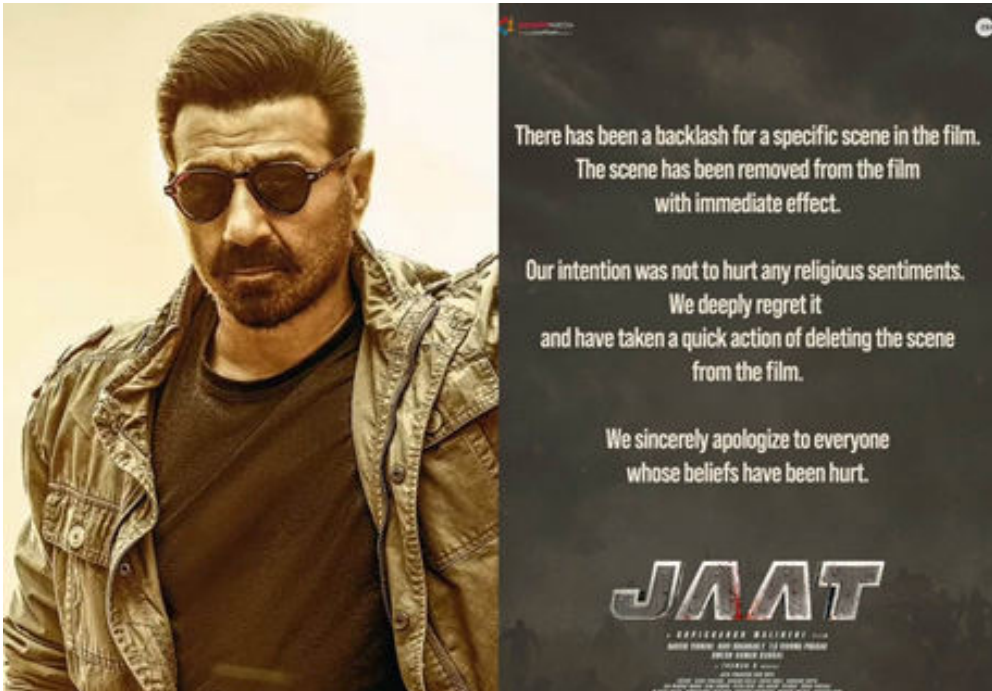
Vandana Katariya Receives PM Modi’s Praise as She Bids Farewell to International Hockey

Vandana Katariya, the former Indian hockey star, received heartfelt appreciation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi as she bid farewell to her international career. In a special letter, PM Modi lauded Vandana for her remarkable contributions to Indian women’s hockey and praised her for taking the sport to new heights globally. Vandana, who is celebrated for her dedication and leadership, expressed gratitude for the letter, sharing her overwhelming emotions on social media. She thanked the Prime Minister for his words of encouragement, which she described as a constant source of inspiration. In his letter, Modi congratulated Vandana for a career filled with milestones, acknowledging her role in keeping the Indian flag flying high in various international competitions. He also highlighted her incredible journey from humble beginnings to becoming the most-capped player in the history of Indian women’s hockey, noting her hard work, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the sport.





Mythri Deletes Controversial Scene in ‘Jaat’



Sunny Deol’s latest film Jaat, directed by Gopichand Malineni, stirred controversy over a scene that offended the Christian community. The scene showed Randeep inside a church, beneath a crucifix, while chaos and intimidation unfold around praying worshippers. Following backlash, the film’s producers, Mythri Movie Makers, issued a public apology and confirmed the removal of the scene.

In a social media post, Mythri stated,

“There has been backlash for a specific scene in the film. The scene has been removed with immediate effect. Our intention was never to hurt any religious sentiments. We sincerely apologize to everyone whose beliefs have been hurt.”

The swift action by the makers helped calm tensions, showing their sensitivity toward religious sentiments and ensuring the film’s success isn’t overshadowed by controversies.

Sachein Re-Released to Celebrate 20 Years

Thalapathy Vijay’s beloved romantic comedy Sachein, originally released on April 14, 2005, has made a nostalgic return to theatres, marking its 20th anniversary in style. Co-starring Geneelia D’Souza and Bipasha Basu, the film has been re-released as part of a special summer celebration.

Ahead of its re-release, the makers shared a commemorative poster on X, announcing the “20th year celebration” of the fan-favorite movie. The response has been overwhelming, with over 90,000 tickets sold across more than 675 shows,



showing Sachein still holds a special place in viewers’ hearts.



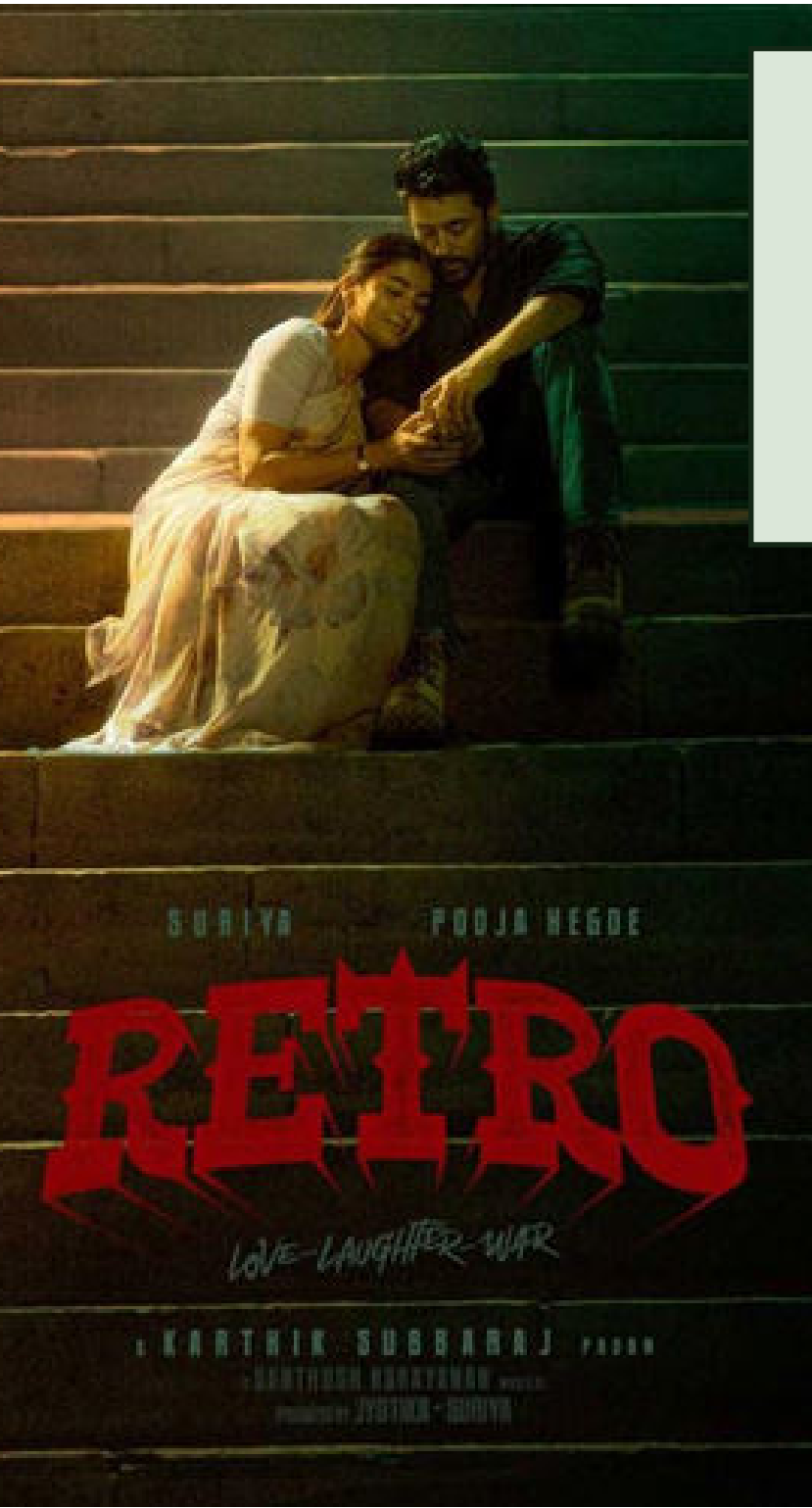
Urvashi Rautela’s Temple Comment Sparks Backlash

Actress Urvashi Rautela has stirred controversy with her recent claim that a temple has been built in her name near Badrinath in Uttarakhand. In an interview, she said, “There is a temple named after me in Uttarakhand. If anyone goes to Badrinath, they should visit my temple too.” She also mentioned Delhi University students garlanding her photo, calling it “shocking but true.”

Her remarks have triggered backlash on-

line and reportedly angered priests and devotees in Badrinath, who view the comparison with a sacred site as disrespectful. Social media users have trolled her heavily, calling her statements self-glorifying and inappropriate.

This isn’t the first time Urvashi has made headlines for controversial statements, but this one has clearly hit a religious nerve, with many demanding more sensitivity while referencing places of worship.



Suriya’s “Retro” Promises Stylish Mayhem

The trailer for Retro, starring Suriya and Pooja Hegde, is out, offering a loud, stylish glimpse into a chaotic world. Directed by Karthik Subbaraj, the film showcases Suriya in a gritty role as a man battling between love and violence. Despite promising peace to his partner, he’s drawn back into a violent life, transforming into a fierce force.

The trailer introduces a dynamic ensemble including Jayaram, Prakash Raj, and Joju George, with intense action and eccentric characters. Backed by Santhosh Narayanan’s thumping score and cut by Premam director Alphonse Puthren, the trailer keeps major plot points under wraps while building intrigue.

Produced by Sithara Entertainments, Retro hits screens on May 1st, teasing a bold, action-packed experience with Suriya in top form.

Kesari 2 Unfolds Jallianwala Bagh Truth

The Untold Story of Jallianwala Bagh hit theatres today, diving deep into one of India’s darkest chapters. Directed by Karan Singh Tyagi, this powerful courtroom drama stars Akshay Kumar as advocate Shankaran Nair, who takes on the British Empire by filing a case against General Dyer for the 1919 massacre. R. Madhavan plays the British lawyer defending Dyer, while Ananya Panday assists Kumar as a young advocate.



The film is gripping, emotionally charged, and well-executed, showcasing how courtroom drama can effectively portray historical tragedies. Akshay delivers a commanding performance, while Madhavan and Ananya shine in their roles. The narrative is

tight, impactful, and rooted in historical accuracy, making it a compelling watch. Tyagi’s direction ensures the haunting past feels personal and powerful on screen.

Karan Johar Admits Doubts About Anushka

Anushka Sharma, though absent from films since 2018, remains one of Bollywood’s most loved stars. She debuted in 2008 with Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi, opposite Shah Rukh Khan, under Yash Raj Films. But surprisingly, filmmaker Karan Johar once confessed he initially opposed her casting.

During the 18th MAMI Mumbai Film Festival in 2016, while promoting Ae Dil Hai Mushkil with Anushka, Karan candidly shared that he

urged Aditya Chopra not to cast her. He said, “I completely wanted to murder Anushka Sharma’s career. When Adi showed me her picture, I said, ‘No, don’t sign her.’ I had someone else in mind.”

Despite his doubts, Anushka proved her critics wrong and quickly became a leading star. Karan later admitted he was glad she was cast, calling her a phenomenal talent who carved her path through sheer skill and charm.

