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CM Revanth Reddy: Telangana Competes with Tokyo, Not Amaravati

Telangana aims for global standards
Focus on industries and job creation
Moosi riverfront revamp gets priority
Hyderabad to rival major world cities
Call for NRIs to contribute development

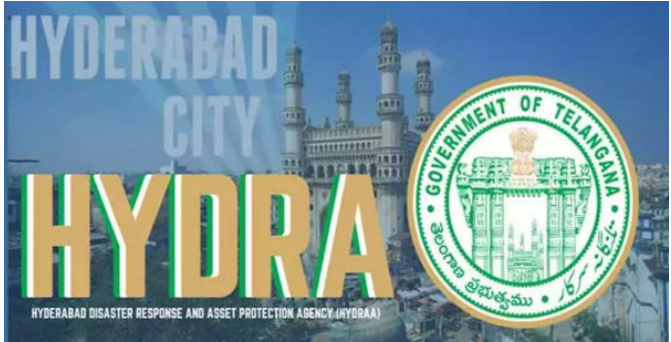
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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, currently on an official tour of Japan, made significant remarks at the “Telugu Velugu Panduga Samburalu” event organized by the Japan Telugu Samakhya. Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, CM Reddy emphasized that Telangana’s competition is not with regional cities like Amaravati, Bengaluru, Mumbai, or Chennai — but with global power-



houses such as London and Tokyo. Highlighting his government’s vision, he said the primary focus is to boost investments, expand industries, and create job opportunities in Telangana. “We’ve already achieved notable progress in IT and Pharma. Now, the time has come to attract industries and el-

to boost logistics and industrial connectivity. During his Japan visit, the CM examined Tokyo’s riverfront development, drawing inspiration for the Moosi river rejuvenation project back home. He criticized those obstructing the Moosi cleaning initiative, noting that environmental issues like Delhi’s pollution should serve as a wake-up call. “Clean rivers represent not just nature but culture and development,” he noted. He outlined four key infrastructure goals critical for Telangana’s future: Moosi River rejuvenation, Hyderabad Metro expansion, the Regional Ring Road, and Radial Roads. He invited suggestions from NRIs and appealed to them to share their ideas with the government, stressing the emotional and civic satisfaction of developing one’s homeland. “Let’s build a Telangana that can proudly stand alongside the world’s greatest cities,” he concluded.

Hydra Cracks Down : Illegal Constructions Demolished



Hydra targets illegal constructions aggressively
Hafeezpet sees massive demolition drive
Vasantha Krishna Prasad properties razed
Police secure site during operation
Public complaints trigger swift action

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The controversial Hydra Task Force has once again made headlines with large-scale demolition activities in Hafeezpet, Miyapur, amid heavy police deployment. The operation, conducted on government land in Survey No. 79, targeted what officials claim are illegal constructions by private firms and individuals, including prominent political figures. According to Hydra officials, the land in question spans 39.2 acres and is registered as prohibited government land in revenue records. A private real estate firm, Vasantha Homes, allegedly encroached on 19 acres, constructed and sold residential units. The company is also accused of beginning

fresh construction on the remaining 20 acres under the name Vasantha House Construction Company. The most high-profile casualty of this drive is TDP MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad, whose residence, office, and sheds—valued at over ₹2,000 crore—were demolished by bulldozers under strict police supervision. The Hydra team claims the constructions were unauthorized and misused land records to bypass regulations. Earlier, Hydra also razed down unauthorized sheds behind World One School in Miyapur and took down an illegal commercial structure of Scoops Ice Cream in Turkayamjal Municipality, located in Ranga Reddy district. These actions were taken following multiple public complaints and after the property owners failed to respond to prior notices. Hydra Commissioner Ranganath stated that demolitions will continue wherever encroachments on government lands are identified. “No one is above the law. Complaints from citizens are being investigated thoroughly, and strict action is being taken,” he emphasized.

KTR Fires at Revanth Reddy: BRS Will Rise Again Like a Storm

BRS boycott MLC polls announced
Massive April 27 rally planned
Revanth blamed for Hydra chaos
KCR hailed as Telangana icon
Congress-BJP alliance alleged again



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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) launched a scathing attack on the Congress government and CM Revanth Reddy, calling upon party workers to prepare for a massive show of strength

on April 27 — the BRS Foundation Day. Speaking at the preparatory meeting for the BRS silver jubilee celebrations at Telangana Bhavan with GHMC leaders and party workers, KTR described the rally as a “festival for every Telangana

home.” KTR directed that BRS flags be hoisted across all colonies and bastis in Hyderabad and urged workers to march unitedly towards the Foundation Day event. He also announced that BRS would boycott the upcoming MLC elections and issue a whip to councillors, warning of action against any defiance. Criticizing CM Revanth Reddy’s governance, KTR alleged that his “Hydra” demolition drive targeted only the poor while sparing the rich and influential. He accused Revanth of causing havoc in Hyderabad’s real estate sector and questioned the rationale behind

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Smita Sabharwal Questions Selective Action

- Gachibowli land dispute intensifies daily
- Smita reposted viral forest destruction video
- Police served notice for fake content
- Smita questions law’s equal application
- Clarifies full cooperation with authorities



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The controversy surrounding the 400-acre land dispute in Kanch Gachibowli, Hyderabad, continues to grow, drawing attention from the public, political leaders, and prominent figures. The issue gained widespread attention when videos alleging deforestation and the death of wildlife on the land went viral on social media. These videos sparked outrage and were reposted by several

public figures, including IAS officer Smita Sabharwal. Following the circulation of these videos, which the police claim to be misleading, Gachibowli police issued notices to those who shared them, including Smita Sabharwal. In response, the senior bureaucrat took to social media platform ‘X’ to share her side.

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“Tears in Her Eyes, Strength in His Heart”: Harish Rao’s Emotional Moment with Young Girl

- Child’s words move entire gathering
- Harish Rao comforts tearful student
- Girl shares her late father’s story
- Assures full support for her future
- Emotional scenes at awareness event



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In a deeply emotional moment that moved many to tears, former minister and MLA T. Harish Rao comforted a young girl during an awareness program in Siddipet, conducted under his guidance. The event, aimed at encouraging students to

stay safe and strive for a bright future, turned poignant when a student named Saathvika bravely shared her personal struggles. Breaking down in tears, Saathvika recounted how she lost her father

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Bandi Sanjay Targets Congress, BRS: Calls Them ‘Heirs of Naxalism’

- BRS, Congress accused of boycotting democracy
- AIMIM alliance called dangerous conspiracy
- Hindus enraged, warns Bandi Sanjay
- MLC elections fuel political tensions
- BJP vows GHMC electoral dominance



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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and BJP leader Bandi Sanjay Kumar launched a fiery attack on the Congress and BRS (Bharat Rashtira Samithi), accusing them of betraying democracy by distancing themselves from the upcoming GHMC Local Body MLC elections. Speaking at a BJP strategy meet in Barkatpura, he referred to both parties as “heirs of Naxalites” for choosing to abstain from democratic processes.

“Only Naxalites boycott elections. Now their successors — the Congress and BRS — are doing the same,” Sanjay said. He warned corporators of both parties that aligning with AIMIM or avoiding voting out of fear of party whips will destroy their political futures. “If you vote for AIMIM or skip the elections, your career is over,” he declared.

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As tensions rise and political ramifications unfold, Hydra's operations continue to shake the foundations of unauthorized urban development, marking a bold shift in Hyderabad's approach to land encroachment and urban planning enforcement.

Bandi Sanjay Targets Congress, BRS: Calls Them 'Heirs of Naxalism'

Calling the AIMIM-Congress alliance a "sponsored conspiracy", Sanjay accused the two of promoting anti-Hindu rhetoric and demanded transparency in Waqf properties and revenue usage. He challenged the Congress government to release a white paper on Waqf land and its financial dealings, alleging massive misuse and lack of support for poor Muslims. Referring to communal remarks allegedly made by AIMIM leaders in the past, Sanjay claimed Hindus across Hyderabad were "burning with anger" and ready to retaliate political-

ly. "GHMC has 85% Hindu population. Do you stand with those threatening to kill Hindus in 15 minutes or with the people?" he questioned. BJP's candidate Gautam Rao was announced as the MLC nominee, and Sanjay called on every BJP worker to ensure his victory. He promised that this time the saffron flag will fly over the GHMC Mayor seat. Sanjay also criticized AIM-IM's past stance on Triple Talaq and Ayodhya Ram Temple, saying the people of Telangana know who truly stands for Lord Ram and who sides with Razakars.

"Tears in Her Eyes, Strength in His Heart": Harish Rao's Emotional Moment with Young Girl

and how her mother has been toiling hard to take care of the family. Her emotional words struck a chord with the audience and left many visibly moved, including Harish Rao. Reacting instantly, Harish Rao walked up to the girl, embraced her with warmth, and offered heartfelt comfort. Moved by her pain, he too was seen wiping tears from his eyes. With reassuring words, he promised her full support and encouraged

her to stay strong and focus on her future. In a touching gesture, Harish Rao made Saathvika sit beside him for the remainder of the program, offering her strength and showing the importance of empathy and support in leadership. The moment stood out as a reminder of the human connection behind politics and power, earning widespread praise from those present and across social media.

Smita Sabharwal Questions Selective Action

She stated that she fully cooperated with the police and answered all their questions respectfully, as someone who upholds the law. However, she raised a critical concern—thousands of people reposted the same videos, yet only a few were targeted with legal notices. "Is the law equal for everyone? Or are selective individuals being targeted?" she asked, pointing to what she sees as an uneven application of justice.

Sabharwal's response has further fueled debate over freedom of expression, responsible social media usage, and the manner in which the law is being enforced in this case. Her post has drawn significant support online, with many netizens echoing her concerns and demanding clarity on why only a handful of individuals are being held accountable for sharing content already in wide circulation.

KTR Fires at Revanth Reddy: BRS Will Rise Again Like a Storm

spending ₹1.5 lakh crore on Musi river beautification when funds for welfare schemes are lacking. Highlighting BRS's past achievements, KTR reminded the crowd of the party's sweeping wins in GHMC and Assembly elections. He reiterated that under KCR's leadership, BRS fought for Telangana's formation and ensured sustained governance. Taking potshots at both Congress and BJP, KTR claimed that neither party had Telangana's interests at

heart. He accused BJP MPs of remaining silent on state issues and alleged a secret bond between PM Modi and CM Revanth Reddy. KTR concluded by declaring that digital membership drives would begin after April 27, and the party would conduct organizational elections in October. He called on the cadre to prepare for potential bypolls and district-level training sessions, affirming that the pink flag will rise once again.

Rain Alert for Telangana: Thunderstorms Expected in Several Districts

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The Indian Meteorological Department has issued a rain alert for Telangana, predicting thunderstorms with lightning and gusty winds over the next two days. From around 2 PM on Saturday, cumulonimbus clouds are expected to form, bringing sudden changes in weather and scattered rainfall across various districts. Districts likely to be affected include Mulugu, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Warangal, Hanamkonda, Mahabubabad, Jangaon, Siddipet, Yadadri



Bhuvanagiri, Ranga Reddy, Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy,

and Jogulamba Gadwal. In Hyderabad, areas such as Ghatkesar, Keesara, Dam-

maiguda, Kapra, Sainikpuri, Nacharam, Mallapur, ECIL, Cherlapally, Boduppal, Neredmet, and Yapral are expected to receive rain with thunder and lightning in the next two hours. Telangana Weatherman also indicated the possibility of hailstorms and strong winds. Although today's rainfall intensity may be slightly lower than yesterday, the public is advised to remain alert. Those traveling should plan accordingly, and residents should avoid unnecessary outdoor activities during peak storm periods.

Telangana Gears Up for Record-Level Rabi Paddy Procurement: Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy

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The Telangana government is fully prepared to procure Rabi season paddy, with arrangements made for the purchase of up to 70.13 lakh metric tonnes out of an expected 127.50 lakh metric tonnes of produce, said Civil Supplies Minister Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy during a video conference with district collectors from the Erra Manzil Civil Supplies headquarters. Addressing the media, the Minister highlighted that Telangana has achieved a combined paddy output of 281 lakh metric tonnes from both Kharif and Rabi seasons — a rare record not just in the state but nationwide. Rabi crops were cultivated over 57 lakh acres, while Kharif was spread across 66.7 lakh acres, yielding 153.5 lakh metric tonnes. As of mid-April, 5.77 lakh metric tonnes have already been procured from 8.51 lakh metric tonnes received at procurement centres. Of this, 3.79 lakh metric tonnes were fine variety and 1.98 lakh metric tonnes coarse. Farmers are being paid a bonus of ₹500 per quintal



for fine variety rice, directly into their bank accounts. Out of 8,329 planned centres, 7,337 have been activated, equipped with grain calipers, electronic weighing machines, moisture meters, and husk removers. 17.5 crore gunny bags are being arranged, with 9.23 crore already available. The Minister emphasized strict surveillance at border check-posts to prevent illegal paddy transport, ensuring that Telangana farmers benefit from the bonus. Telangana has also signed an export agreement with the Philippines, with 1 lakh metric tonnes planned for export — 12,500 tonnes already shipped in the first phase.

“Bhoobharathi Act Will Erase Land Woes: Ministers”

- Bhoobharathi replaces outdated Dharani portal
- Officers visit villages, collect applications
- ₹500 fine rice bonus ensured
- Farmers need no middlemen help
- Bhudhaar numbers bring record clarity



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In a landmark initiative to resolve long-pending land disputes, the Telangana Government launched a comprehensive awareness program on the Bhoobharathi Act – 2025 at Gaggalapalli in Nagar Kurnool. Revenue, Housing, and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, along with Excise and Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, MP Mallu Ravi, and other public representatives, participated in the program. Minister Ponguleti described the Act as a “century-defining reform” and emphasized that it was crafted with public consultation. He stated that Bhoobharathi replaces the outdated Dharani portal, which had caused severe distress to farmers. The new Act ensures that officers reach out to village-

es to resolve land issues, eliminating the need for middlemen or bribes. Starting May 1st, applications will be collected directly from farmers at the village level. Minister Jupally lauded Ponguleti's leadership in studying national laws before shaping this Act. He criticized the previous government for creating ₹8 lakh crore debt while neglecting rural needs. Under the Indiramma Government, the focus now lies on welfare — including ₹500 bonus for fine rice and ₹2 lakh crop loan waivers. MP Mallu Ravi said Bhoobharathi would be remembered as a turning point, ensuring every eligible farmer gets rightful ownership. MLCs, MLAs, and district officials highlighted the Act's provisions like Bhudhaar numbers, appeal systems, and error correction in land records. Collector Badavath Santosh assured seamless implementation.

“Revanth’s Foreign Trips Won’t Attract Investments: Eatala Fires Satire”

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BJP MP Eatala Rajender took a sharp dig at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, stating that foreign tours alone won't bring investments. He asserted that investors trust in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strong and secure leadership, not mere international visits. Eatala was speaking as the chief guest at a One Nation One Election awareness program in the Medchal-Malkajgiri district. He slammed both the Congress and former CM KCR, calling Congress a party that destroyed democratic values through misuse of Article 356 and imposition of Emergency. He accused Congress of double standards, stating that while they toppled governments through constitutional amendments, BJP uses them to strengthen the nation. Eatala reminded that simultaneous elections were once the norm in India, held during 1951, 1957, 1962, and 1967, and criticized KCR for advancing Assembly polls in 2018 for political gain. He emphasized BJP's role in ensuring 33% reservation for wom-



en, saying no one can stop the implementation of One Nation One Election if it is for the nation's good. He lauded PM Modi's unprecedented third term bid, placing him alongside Jawaharlal Nehru in Indian political history. He declared that arrogance and corruption

will not win votes, only democratic accountability will. People are no longer swayed by rice and pensions, Eatala said, but by democratic ethics and governance. He concluded by warning that those opposing reforms for public good will be politically eliminated.



BRS Has Become a University of Lies, Says Congress Leader KK Mahender Reddy



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Political heat is rising in Rajanna Sircilla district, as Congress in-charge KK Mahender Reddy launched a scathing attack on the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). Speaking at a media meet held at the Congress party office in Sircilla town, Mahender Reddy accused BRS of building its foundation on false propaganda.

He claimed the BRS party misled the public to gain power and stated that people have not forgotten how former CM KCR, despite promising a hunger strike, was caught drinking juice during the agitation. Mahender reiterated that the formation of Telangana state was only possible due to Sonia Gandhi's commitment, crediting her decisive role in granting statehood. He praised CM Revanth Reddy's leadership, affirming that the Congress government is working sincerely to fulfill its promises despite financial constraints. He stated that the administration is guided by Sonia Gandhi's direction and Rahul Gandhi's vision.

Highlighting progress, Mahender said Revanth Reddy's foreign tours have attracted investments worth thousands of crores to Telangana. He assured that Congress remains focused on transparent governance and the upliftment of people through its welfare programs.

The political landscape in Sircilla appears to be intensifying ahead of the upcoming elections.

KTR Is Not a True Telangana Man: Mettu Saikumar Fires Back

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In a sharp political attack, Fisheries Chairman Mettu Saikumar Mudiraj made sensational remarks against BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR). Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan, Saikumar responded to the recent criticisms made by the KCR family and BRS leaders against the Congress government and CM Revanth Reddy.

He accused KCR's family of being not a 'Kalvakuntla' family but a 'Kalva-kutra' (conspiracy) family, alleging that their political rise was built on lies and deceit. Saikumar declared that KTR is not a true son of Telangana, stating that he served as a minister for 10 years under the disguise of being a Telangana supporter, while actually misleading the public.

He strongly defended CM Revanth Reddy, warning the BRS camp to stop spreading baseless accusations. "Just because KTR repeatedly says Revanth should resign, it doesn't mean he will. Revanth Reddy is not part of the Kalvakuntla family to be dictated to," he asserted. Saikumar demanded that BRS leaders speak responsibly and keep their words in check, hinting that Congress would not remain silent if the personal attacks continue.

This statement further intensifies the political war of words between Congress and BRS as Telangana's political climate continues to heat up.



Owaisi Brothers Must Reveal Truth About Waqf Board: MLA Raja Singh

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Goshamahal MLA Raja Singh launched a sharp attack on the Owaisi brothers, demanding they reveal the truth about the Waqf Board's land dealings. In a video message released on Saturday, he challenged the AIMIM leadership to speak honestly about the alleged sale and lease of Waqf properties during a public meeting if they have the courage.

Raja Singh alleged that the Owaisi family is responsible for selling, grabbing, and leasing out Waqf lands, including lands with agricultural and commercial value like shopping complexes. He questioned why the AIMIM leaders failed to remember these as "divine lands" when deals were being made.

Highlighting that the Centre has introduced a strong law to protect Waqf properties, he emphasized that Waqf lands totaling over 9.5 lakh acres generate revenue that remains unaccounted for. Singh accused the Owaisi brothers of opposing the new law only to conceal their misdeeds.

Calling on the Muslim community to awaken, he warned them not to trust the Owaisi brothers blindly, stating that continued trust could lead to further loss and exploitation.

Liquor Is Not Development

Srinivas Goud Slams Congress Over Revenue Model

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Former minister and BRS leader V. Srinivas Goud strongly criticized the Congress-led Telangana government for relying on liquor revenue as a primary source of income. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, he alleged that instead of bringing investments or industries, the government is focused on increasing liquor prices and expanding its availability to boost income.

Goud revealed that the government is planning to approve 604 new liquor brands, which could lead to a flood of spurious liquor in the market. He warned that the move to introduce tetra pack liquor—similar in appearance to fruit drinks—could result in children being misled and an increase in casual consumption across all regions.

He further said that the liquor income target of ₹50,000 crore (from the current ₹36,500 crore) shows the government's reckless approach. "If anything happens to citizens due to substandard liquor, the government should be held accountable," he said.

Goud questioned the fall in revenue from other departments like transport and stamps, and accused the government of ignoring real economic indicators like GSDP and GST collections. He called for a rethink, warning that alcohol-based governance is dangerous and irresponsible.

Touch Sonia-Rahul and BJP Will Fall: VH Warns Centre

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Senior Congress leader and former MP V. Hanumantha Rao (VH) launched a fiery counterattack against the BJP, warning that targeting Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in the National Herald case is politically and morally unjust. Speaking to the media, VH reminded that the National Herald was established during the freedom struggle to oppose British rule, and is a symbol of national pride.

He questioned the legitimacy of money laundering allegations against Sonia and Rahul, calling it a politically motivated move. "If the BJP touches Sonia and Rahul, their government will collapse," VH thundered. Drawing parallels to the past, he said the Janata Party once made the same mistake, and the BJP is now repeating it.

Turning focus to Telangana, VH praised the BC (Backward Class) caste census conducted under CM Revanth Reddy's leadership, calling it a milestone that positioned Telangana as a national role model. He lauded the government's plan to extend 42% reservations for BCs in education, employment, and politics. He appealed for a massive thanksgiving rally involving all BC communities to honor CM Revanth. VH also demanded a probe into money laundering allegations against Adani and Vijay Mallya, questioning why only Opposition leaders are being targeted.

Don't Vote in MLC Elections – KTR's Strong Directive to BRS Leaders



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BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) made a sensational statement regarding the upcoming MLC elections, directing party leaders and public representatives not to participate in the voting process. Speaking decisively, KTR urged all MLAs, MLCs, and corporators with voting rights to abstain from voting in the election.

He emphasized that no one from the BRS should cast their vote, and announced that a whip will be issued to ensure compliance. KTR further warned that strict action would be taken against anyone

violating the whip and participating in the election.

To formalize this directive, KTR has requested Talasani Srinivas Yadav and Sabitha Indra Reddy to issue the official whip to all concerned public representatives within the party.

This bold move signals a clear protest or strategic non-cooperation by BRS in the current political scenario. The announcement adds to the political heat ahead of the MLC elections, as abstention from voting could influence the outcome in key constituencies.

KTR Acting Like BJP's Pawn: TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Fires Back

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In a sharp rebuttal to BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao's recent comments, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud accused KTR of colluding with the BJP to escape corruption cases and betraying Telangana's interests. Speaking to the media, Mahesh Goud stated that the BRS looted the state for ten years, and in return for protection from the central agencies, KTR surrendered to Narendra Modi's leadership.

"Instead of questioning the BJP government over rightful funds and justice for Telangana, KTR remained silent to safeguard his party's corrupt past," he alleged. He also pointed out BRS's support for BJP bills in Parliament and questioned KTR's sudden criticism of the Congress, calling it "hypocritical and laughable."

He further said the BRS-BJP nexus was evident in the Delhi liquor scam, where KCR's daughter Kavitha was shielded. "BJP lacks strength in Telangana and is using BRS's support for local elections," he added.

Highlighting the achievements of the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government, Mahesh Kumar listed large-scale job notifications, BC reservations, women and farmer welfare schemes, and subsidized rice distribution. "Even with all this progress in just 15 months, KTR's criticism only shows his ignorance and fear of losing relevance," he concluded.



KTR Should Answer on Farmhouses, Not Just Tweet About HCU Land: BJP MP Raghunandan Rao

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BJP MP Raghunandan Rao launched a scathing attack on both the BRS and Congress parties during a press meet held at the BJP state office in Hyderabad. Addressing the issue of environmental destruction and alleged double standards, he said both parties have failed in protecting Telangana's natural resources. Highlighting the recent Hyderabad Central University (HCU) land controversy, Raghunandan stated that the Congress government's demolition of 400 acres is a continuation of the environmental violations started by the BRS regime. He pointed out that despite KTR's vocal stance on HCU, he must also explain the lifting of GO III, which allowed for construction in green zones, turning thousands of acres

into "concrete jungles."

He accused KTR and family of building farmhouses in restricted zones and questioned the approval of high-rise buildings under the Strategic Road Development Project (SRDP) during his tenure as municipal minister. "Where are the trees you planted around those towers?" he asked.

Raghunandan also slammed the Congress-BRS nexus, calling them two sides of the same coin, and reminded that BJP has consistently raised concerns about environmental and governance failures in both regimes. He ended by warning KTR not to mislead the public and advised him to prepare for jail time with the Bhagavad Gita—referencing KTR's own past remarks.





One Letter, ₹3,900 Crores Saved

- 12-year-old boy writes complaint letter
- Illegal construction spotted in Jubilee Hills
- HYDRA finds 39 acres encroached
- Officials demolish unauthorized buildings immediately
- Social media hails boy as hero

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In a remarkable turn of events, a 12-year-old boy from Hyderabad managed to save government land worth nearly ₹3,900 crore through a simple handwritten letter. The incident occurred in the high-value Jubilee Hills area, where the child regularly played cricket with friends on an open plot near the JRC Convention Centre.

One day, the boy noticed the land had been fenced off overnight with iron sheets and "No Trespassing – Private Property" signs. Disturbed by the sudden change, the boy returned home and wrote a letter to HYDRA (Hyderabad District Revenue Authority), explaining how their cricket space had been closed off.

HYDRA Commissioner Ranganath, upon receiving the letter, sent officials to inspect the area. At first, the land was believed to be privately owned. However, upon reviewing old records, it was revealed that the 39.2-acre land belonged to the government and was illegally encroached upon using forged documents.

The encroachers had already started constructing large sheds and offices. HYDRA teams swiftly moved in with JCBs and demolished the unau-



thorized structures. The estimated market value of the land is ₹100 crore per acre, totaling around ₹3,900 crore.

Although the boy's identity remains undisclosed, he has become a social media sensation, with netizens calling him a "super boy" and praising his civic awareness. The incident also prompted HYDRA to thoroughly review all complaint letters, regardless of the sender's age.

A small act of awareness made a huge impact — one letter saved public wealth worth thousands of crores.

Tension in Hyderabad: Youth Congress Protests Outside ED Office

- Youth Congress protests ED actions
- Protesters clash with police forces
- Police detain several protest leaders
- Sonia, Rahul named in chargesheet
- ED office targeted in Hyderabad

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Hyderabad witnessed tense moments today as Telangana Youth Congress leaders staged a protest outside the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office, condemning the inclusion of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi's names in the chargesheet related to the National Herald money laundering case. The protest was part of a nationwide call by the Congress party, which accused the central government of misusing investigation agencies for political vendetta.

As per sources, Youth Congress members arrived at the ED office in small groups as part of a pre-planned strategy to avoid early detection. Gathering in significant numbers, they raised slogans against the central government and the ED, accusing them of targeting opposition leaders unfairly. The protesters staged a sit-in right outside the ED premises, shouting slogans and displaying placards.

Tensions escalated when the protestors attempted to storm into the ED office. Police forces deployed at the location quickly intervened and blocked the group, resulting in a brief scuffle. Slogans condemning the central leadership and investigative agencies grew louder, draw-



ing the attention of bystanders and commuters.

Authorities, anticipating such unrest, had deployed a sizeable police force to manage the situation. Several Youth Congress leaders were taken into custody and transported to nearby police stations to avoid further disruption.

The incident has added fuel to the ongoing political rift between the Congress and the BJP-led central government, with the Congress alleging that dissent is being suppressed through targeted legal action.

Telangana Police Tops National Ranking



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Telangana Police has secured the top position in the country according to the India Justice Report 2025 on police rankings. Director General of Police (DGP) Dr. Jitender, IPS, proudly acknowledged the achievement, emphasizing the collective efforts of the police force across the state.

In a recent meeting with Station House Officers (SHOs) from all units, Dr. Jitender reflected on his journey in the Indian Police Service (IPS) after consulting many people during his Civil Services selection process. Despite initial reluctance towards the IPS, after 33 years of dedicated service, he expressed immense pride in serving a department now ranked No. 1 in India.

The DGP highlighted that Telangana achieved this position based on 32 key performance

indicators, including training, infrastructure, and operational standards. He urged all officers to maintain this honor through improved performance and commitment to justice. Emphasizing thorough investigations, sensitivity towards complaints, and upholding truth, Dr. Jitender reminded officers of their duty to protect the public.

Additionally, he introduced QR codes at all police stations to monitor SHO performance and emphasized the importance of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS). Additional DGP (Law & Order) Sri Mahesh M. Bhagwat and other senior officers also attended, stressing the responsibility of SHOs to maintain a good reputation within the department and with the public.

Fire Erupts at NIMS Hospital in Hyderabad

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A massive fire broke out at the NIMS Hospital in Hyderabad, creating panic among the patients and staff, especially in the emergency ward. The fire erupted suddenly, spreading chaos as both medical personnel and patients rushed out of the ward to escape the flames.

The incident occurred on the fifth floor of the hospital, with reports indicating that the emergency ward was the most affected area. Fortunately, no loss of life has been reported so far, though the situation was highly tense due to the nature of the ward and the critical condition of the patients.

Family members of the patients were reportedly in shock and expressed deep anxiety, fearing for their loved ones' safety amidst the unfolding disaster. Medical staff, along with hospital



authorities, worked quickly to evacuate those in danger and control the situation, but panic had already taken hold in the vicinity.

At this moment, further details of the fire and its cause are yet to be confirmed, and authorities are expected to investigate the incident thoroughly. Emergency services have been deployed to ensure safety and prevent further damage.

The hospital is expected to release a statement once the situation is fully under control, with patients being relocated to safer areas for treatment.

Ganja Seizure: 2.301 Kg Confiscated in Hyderabad

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In two separate cases, the Hyderabad Police successfully seized a total of 2.301 kilograms of ganja. The first incident occurred within the Golconda Excise Police Station limits, where the Special Task Force (STF) team conducted a raid at the Vijay Nagar Colony. During this operation, 1.3 kilograms of ganja were confiscated. In this case, the STF arrested a person named Mohammad Bin Bashir, while two other individuals,



Hamid Mahamood and Javed, are still absconding. Authorities also seized a bike and a cellphone from the accused.

In the second case, the Enforcement team in the Rangared-

dy district, particularly in the Quthbullapur area, seized 1.010 kilograms of ganja. The arrested individual was handed over to the Quthbullapur Police Station for further legal action.

Assistant Commissioner R. Kishan confirmed the details of this case.

The authorities have initiated proceedings in both cases, registering the relevant charges against the accused. This series of seizures highlights the ongoing efforts by law enforcement agencies to combat illegal drug trafficking and ensure the safety of the public. Investigations are continuing, with authorities tracking down the remaining suspects involved in these narcotic-related activities.

Lavanya Files Complaint Over Threats and Inaction

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In a recent development, Lavanya, a resident of the Narsingh Police Station area, filed a complaint alleging that some individuals attempted to assault her at her residence last night. According to Lavanya, this was not the first incident, as she claimed that her complaints about Raj Tarun and his parents were not being acted upon by the police.

Lavanya expressed her frustration and claimed that despite repeatedly asking for justice, the authorities had failed to take action. She accused the police of inaction after she had lodged a complaint against



Raj Tarun and his family, but no case was registered, leaving her feeling helpless and vulnerable.

In an emotionally charged statement, La-

vanya went as far as to threaten to end her life outside the police station if the authorities continued to ignore her plea for justice. She stated that she felt a constant threat to her life and wellbeing, and the police had not responded appropriately to ensure her safety. This alarming situation has drawn attention to the issue of police accountability and the need for immediate action in cases of harassment and threats. The police are yet to respond to Lavanya's allegations, and it remains to be seen how they will address the serious concerns raised in her complaint.

All Safe in NIMS Fire, Confirms Minister Damodar

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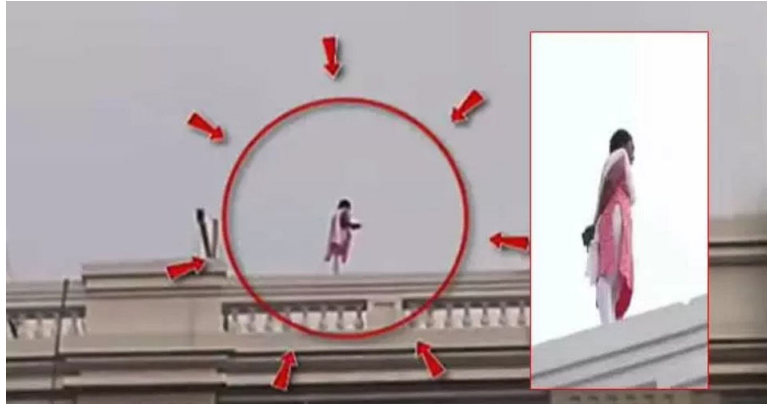
A minor fire accident occurred at the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) in Punjagutta on Saturday afternoon, creating panic among patients and staff. The incident took place on the fifth floor of the Emergency Department, where thick smoke was seen billowing out of the windows.

Responding promptly, firefighters arrived at the scene and managed to control the flames before they could spread further. Fortunately, no casualties or injuries were reported in the incident.

Telangana Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha reacted to the situation by contacting the NIMS Director and collecting detailed information. He confirmed that all patients were safely evacuated and there was no major property damage. The Minister emphasized the increased risk of fire accidents during the summer season and advised hospital authorities and staff to stay vigilant during this time. He praised the swift response of the emergency teams and reiterated the importance of safety protocols in hospitals. The incident, though alarming, was handled efficiently without harm, bringing relief to patients, their families, and staff. Officials have assured that measures will be reviewed and strengthened to prevent such incidents in the future.



Young Woman Causes Panic at Banjara Hills – Threatens to Jump from AIG Hospital Building



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A young woman created a stir on Saturday morning at AIG Hospital in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. She climbed to the top of the hospital building and threatened to jump, causing panic. Noticing this, the hospital staff immediately informed the police.

Upon receiving the information, the Banjara Hills Police quickly arrived at the scene and made serious attempts to bring the woman down. Despite repeated requests from both the police and hospital staff to come

down and share her concerns, the woman remained silent and continued to stand on the building. Photos and videos of the incident have gone viral on social media.

According to initial reports, the woman is believed to have been working as a contract employee at the hospital. It seems that she was recently terminated from her job, which led to her emotional distress and the subsequent suicide threat. The police and hospital staff are continuing their efforts to ensure her safety. Further details are awaited.

Justice for Disha, But Not for Malleshwari?



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BRS leader RS Praveen Kumar has questioned the Telangana government over the delayed investigation in the suspected suicide of Malleshwari, a young woman from Nidamanur mandal in the erstwhile Nalgonda district. Speaking to the media, he expressed serious concern over the slow pace of the case and lack of arrests of other accused individuals. Drawing a sharp contrast, RS Praveen recalled the Disha case, where the accused were killed in an encounter, and asked, "Was there one kind of justice for Disha and another for Malleshwari?" He criticized the Rachakonda police, stating that Malleshwari's parents' statements have not been recorded by a magistrate, and no efforts have been made to collect key digital evidence like WhatsApp messages or call records. RS Praveen further alleged that Saroornagar police have not even visited the girl's village or family, raising serious doubts about the functioning of the police system and Home Ministry under the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government. He demanded immediate action and a fair investigation, urging authorities to deliver justice without bias. This marks another politically charged moment in the state, highlighting growing pressure on the Congress government over law enforcement accountability.

SIT Grills YSRCP MP Mithun Reddy for 8 Hours in Liquor Scam Case

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YSRCP MP Mithun Reddy concluded his interrogation by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in connection with the high-profile liquor scam case. The MP was questioned for nearly eight hours, from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM, at the SIT office on Saturday. Sources reveal that the officials gathered key information during the prolonged session. After recording his formal statement, the SIT took Mithun Reddy's signature on the deposition. Though the questioning concluded for now, there is a likelihood that the MP might be summoned again for further clarification.

This SIT session follows a similar one conducted with former MP Vijay Sai Reddy, who was questioned the previous day. The investigation team is said to be digging deeper into the alleged irregularities and connections involving multiple individuals. Mithun Reddy had earlier stated that he is ready to cooperate fully with the investigation and attend questioning whenever summoned. Reports suggest that he may address the media shortly, shedding light on his side of the story. The liquor scam has stirred significant political and legal interest in the state, and more developments are expected as the probe continues.



Illegal Cellar Digging Continues Despite Tragic Deaths: GHMC Officials Allegedly Complicit



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In a shocking revelation, illegal cellar digging is still being carried out in the Sircilla-5 zone under the jurisdiction of the GHMC Town Planning Department, despite tragic incidents in the past. Recently, three workers died when a cellar collapsed during excavation in LB Nagar, but authorities seem to be turning a blind eye to the ongoing violations. The illegal digging is happening near Ratnadeep Supermarket in Arundaya, LB Nagar, right in front of Godavari Hotel, where a construction contractor is excavating a cellar 20 feet deep on a 30-foot-wide road. The construction appears to be happening without any necessary permits, raising serious concerns about safety and legality.

Even more alarming are accusations that GHMC Town Planning officials are allegedly receiving large bribes to ignore these illegal activities. After public complaints about the dangerous construction work, the contractor briefly halted the digging. However, sources claim that after bribing the authorities, the construction resumed immediately. Additionally, the contractor has been reportedly misleading both the public and officials, displaying a false "CPPA Official" designation on his phone to intimidate anyone questioning his actions. Citizens are demanding immediate action from the authorities to halt the illegal construction and take strict measures against those involved.

TDP MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad Responds to Hydra Demolition Action

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TDP MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad has made a strong statement regarding the recent demolition of properties associated with him by Hydra officials. He expressed his shock and disappointment, revealing that the authorities conducted demolitions without providing any prior notices or information. Speaking to the media, Vasantha Krishna Prasad stated that the demolitions were carried out without any formal warning or communication, which he described as unfair and unjust. The MLA further revealed that Telangana



CM Revanth Reddy had assured him that he would meet him as soon as he returns from his foreign trip. Vasantha Krishna

Prasad expressed confidence that CM Revanth Reddy would ensure justice is served in his case. He questioned the timing of the demolitions, asking why the Hydra officials chose to carry out such actions on a day when the court was on leave. The TDP MLA also strongly criticized the behavior of the authorities, accusing them of deliberately tarnishing his personal reputation with their actions. His remarks have sparked widespread discussion across both Telugu states, drawing attention to the ongoing political and legal battles related to demolitions and property rights.

Former MP Anjan Kumar Yadav's Strong Words Against BJP Leaders



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In a fiery speech, former Member of Parliament Anjan Kumar Yadav launched a scathing attack on BJP leaders, particularly Union Minister Kishan Reddy and BJP State President Bandi Sanjay, accusing them of distorting history and misleading the public. Yadav criticized Bandi Sanjay for calling the Gandhi family "duplicate Gandhis," saying, "You have no shame in making such comments." He further condemned Sanjay's remarks as disrespectful and warned that such insulting language would not be tolerated. He went on to draw parallels between BJP leaders and Ravana, accusing them of wearing the guise of Ram while being akin to Ravana in their actions. He emphasized that the Gandhi family was instrumental in the freedom struggle, with many members laying down their lives for the country's independence. Yadav also slammed BJP for making derogatory remarks about Ambedkar, accusing Amit Shah of insulting Ambedkar, while Kishan Reddy performed an abhishekam (ritual bath) for a political agenda. He called out BJP leaders for collaborating with the MIM secretly, alleging they were making phone calls in the dead of the night. Referring to Gandhi's assassination, Yadav pointed out, "It was your people, Godse, who killed Gandhi." He also reminded the public of his party's role in saving the Bhagyalakshmi Temple during difficult times. He took a swipe at Modi, who allegedly criticized the formation of Telangana, stating that even Rahul Gandhi, a devotee of Lord Shiva, had visited many temples in the state. Yadav's comments reflect the ongoing political tension between Congress and BJP, with accusations flying over historical figures and party alliances.

SCCL's Expansion Begins with Odisha Mine Launch, CBSE Approval for School Adds to Milestone



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Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has successfully launched its first expansion project outside Telangana by commencing operations at the Naini coal mine in Odisha, marking a major milestone in the company's history. Speaking on the occasion, SCCL CMD N. Balaram

stated that the successful start of operations in Odisha has boosted confidence that SCCL can expand to other states and even countries. He acknowledged the support of the Telangana CM, Deputy CM, Union Coal Minister, Odisha CM, and various officials for making this a reality. The CMD highlighted that SCCL would not

limit itself to coal but would explore other minerals and diversify into thermal and renewable energy sectors. Leaders of trade unions including Janak Prasad and Rajkumar lauded the CMD's leadership and the government's proactive efforts. They termed the Naini project as a defining chapter in Singareni's expansion story. In another major development, SCCL's Ramagundam-2 area high school received CBSE affiliation (Code: 3630560) starting this academic year for classes 1 to 8. This was made possible by Balaram's efforts to introduce central syllabus education for workers' children. CBSE officials inspected the facilities and approved the school for its infrastructure and teaching standards. CMD Balaram also announced plans to establish more CBSE schools, including one in the Singareni Thermal Power Plant premises, ensuring quality education and holistic development for children in coal belt areas.

Telangana Allocates ₹516 Cr for Rural Sanitation under Swachh Bharat Mission

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In a significant move to enhance sanitation in rural Telangana, the state government has sanctioned ₹516.40 crore under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin). Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Seethakka signed off on the release of funds on Saturday. Of the total amount, 60% will be borne by the central government, and 40% by the state government. The funds will be used to improve

rural infrastructure and implement sanitation programs. Notably, 1,90,166 Individual Household Latrines (IHLs) will be constructed at a unit cost of ₹12,000, amounting to ₹228.19 crore. In addition, 410 Common Sanitation Complexes will be built in rural areas with ₹3 lakh allocated per unit, totaling ₹12.30 crore. For the first time, the government will establish 100 plastic waste management units in rural regions, with ₹64 crore allo-

cated (₹64 lakh per unit). District Collectors have been tasked with identifying suitable locations for these facilities. Further, soak pits and water management sheds will also be developed. These efforts aim to significantly enhance sanitation standards and promote better public health in rural areas. The initiative reflects the government's commitment to creating a cleaner, healthier Telangana.



Pakistan-Bangladesh Diplomatic Reset Faces Stiff Demands from Dhaka

While the Indian media has been closely tracking the extradition of 26/11 Mumbai terror attack accused Tahawwur Hussain Rana, a striking silence continues to echo across Pakistani media on the issue. The Pakistani press has largely ignored this significant development, both last week and in the days since. Instead, attention in the region has shifted to another important diplomatic story — the Pakistani Foreign Secretary’s high-stakes visit to Bangladesh. The visit, part of a broader diplomatic outreach, marks a fresh attempt by Islamabad to realign relations with Dhaka. The press in both Pakistan and Bangladesh has noted the significance of this engagement, welcoming the potential thaw in ties between the two countries, long strained by historical grievances and recent geopolitical shifts. However, the diplomatic reset is proving to be far from smooth. The interim government in Dhaka, led by Muhammad Yunus, has made it clear that any meaningful reconciliation must address past injustices. During the high-level meetings, Bangladesh demanded a formal apology from Pakistan for the 1971 genocide, a long-standing request that Islamabad has so far resisted. Additionally, Bangladesh has pressed for the settlement of financial claims dating back to the partition of East and West Pakistan. Dhaka is demanding \$4.52 billion as its share of the pre-1971 assets and dues, a figure that includes foreign exchange reserves, pension liabilities, and other unresolved financial commitments.



This strong stance by Bangladesh underscores that while diplomatic outreach is welcome, it cannot bypass accountability for history. Analysts in Dhaka have noted that public sentiment in Bangladesh remains deeply rooted in the memories of the 1971 Liberation War and the atrocities committed during that time. As such, any forward movement in bilateral relations will require more than symbolic gestures.

While Pakistani media has chosen to spotlight the visit in the context of regional realignment, its relative silence on the historical reckoning and Bangladesh’s firm demands signals a reluctance to fully confront the past. As both nations navigate this diplomatic balancing act, the road to reconciliation appears to hinge on whether Pakistan is ready to acknowledge and address the wounds of history.

When Cricket Meets Cinema: KL Rahul, 'Kantara', and the Contradictions of IPL Identity



Last week, a viral Instagram reel showcased Indian cricketer KL Rahul performing a bat gesture inspired by the Kannada blockbuster *Kantara*. Set to the film’s evocative background score, Rahul’s move—drawing a circle with his bat and striking it into the ground like a sword—signaled a symbolic claim over the turf. “Just a tiny reminder that this ground, this home, this turf is where I have grown up; and this is mine,” Rahul declared in a post-match interview.

The gesture, cinematic and emotive, became an instant hit online, especially because it came during the Indian Premier League (IPL)—a cultural juggernaut where cricket and entertainment collide. Rahul, a Bengaluru native, made the move on the very ground associated with the Royal Challengers Bangalore, despite playing for Delhi Capitals. In a poetic twist, the local boy claimed enemy turf with a film refer-

ence deeply rooted in Karnataka’s cultural landscape.

This moment reflects the layered identity of the IPL. Franchises are often melting pots, where players from across India and abroad team up under city names that don’t necessarily reflect their roots. Fans don’t support teams because of geography; they follow stars like Dhoni or Shah Rukh Khan. Home ground, in this context, becomes an aesthetic rather than an emotional anchor.

Rahul’s celebration, then, was more than a cricketing highlight—it was an act of affective marketing. It used cinema’s language to inject meaning into an otherwise brand-driven tournament. By invoking *Kantara*—a film centered around indigenous rights and resistance to corporate encroachment—Rahul created an ironic but powerful image of reclaiming space in a franchise-dominated game. In doing so, he offered fans a moment of emotional geography in a sport that often lacks rootedness. The gesture blurred the lines between sport and spectacle, city and celebrity, identity and branding—making it a moment only the IPL could produce. And perhaps that’s why we’re still talking about it.



The Growing E-Waste Crisis: A Global Challenge Demanding Urgent Action

Have you ever wondered where your old smartphone ends up after being discarded? That tiny gadget, packed with precious metals and toxic substances, often doesn’t just disappear — it lands in hazardous dumpsites or is dismantled unsafely in developing nations. As technology rapidly advances, electronic devices are discarded at alarming rates, contributing to a mounting e-waste crisis.

E-waste refers to discarded electronics like smartphones, computers, and televisions. Global e-waste generation hit 62 million tonnes in 2022 and is projected to reach 82 million tonnes by 2030. Although Asia produces the highest volume, Europe and Oceania have the highest per capita rates — 17.6 kg and 16.1 kg, respectively — highlighting the global imbalance in waste generation and management.

Buried within this waste are valuable metals like gold, silver, and platinum, worth \$9.6 billion in 2022 and expected to grow to \$13.6 billion by 2029. Yet, only 22.3% of e-waste is formally recycled. The rest is often handled informally or ends up in landfills, where it poses severe environmental and health hazards.

In places like Ghana, Guiyu (China), and Seelampur (Delhi), informal e-waste recycling has created toxic wastelands. Children and adults alike, lacking protective gear, burn wires or use acid baths to extract metals — exposing themselves to toxic chemicals such as lead, mercury, and cadmium. These practices have been linked to respiratory diseases, developmental disorders, stillbirths, and even cancer.

Despite global agreements like the Basel Convention, loopholes allow wealthier countries to export unrepairable electronics to poorer nations. India, a top e-waste producer and importer, continues to struggle with inadequate formal recycling systems, making illegal dumping and unsafe processing common.

To tackle the crisis, a multi-layered approach is needed: strict enforcement of laws like Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), adoption of circular economy practices, and technological innovation. AI and robotics can improve sorting, while modular product designs and blockchain can enhance transparency and accountability in recycling. Ultimately, addressing e-waste requires not just better infrastructure, but a cultural shift in how we consume technology. Public awareness, sustainable consumption habits, and international cooperation are essential for aligning tech innovation with environmental responsibility.

Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2025: Reform, Rights, and Religious Autonomy Under Scrutiny

The recently enacted Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025—now law following Presidential assent—has triggered a wave of legal challenges in the Supreme Court. Petitioners argue that several provisions infringe upon religious autonomy and personal freedoms under the Constitution.

Waqf, a permanent dedication of property for Islamic religious or charitable purposes, is managed through state Waqf Boards overseeing over 8.72 lakh properties across India. However, governance concerns and underutilization persist, with the Sachar Committee (2006) noting dismal annual earnings from vast waqf assets.

The amendments introduce stricter conditions under Sections 3(r) and 3A, mandating that donors be practising Muslims for at least five years and legal owners of the prop-

erty. Critics argue this five-year rule lacks reasonable justification under Article 14’s equality clause and sets a precedent not imposed on other religions.

Controversially, the long-standing provision of “waqf by user”—granting waqf status through prolonged religious use—has been repealed. Now, only documented waqfs with valid Waqfnamas are recognised, raising concerns about the fate of undocumented heritage sites. A digital registry (Section 3B) aims to streamline waqf property records, though prior efforts have struggled due to poor state-level implementation.

Governance reforms expand board representation to include two non-Muslims, two women, and backward Muslim communities. Yet, critics see this as infringing Ar-



ticle 26, which guarantees the right of religious groups to manage their

own affairs. However, courts have historically allowed state regulation

of secular aspects of religious institutions, as seen in the Shirur Mutt (1954) and Pookoya Thangal (1993) rulings.

The most debated change is the repeal of Section 40, which had empowered Waqf Boards to declare properties as waqf. Now, waqf claims must follow due legal process. Repealing Sections 107, 108, and 108A curtails indefinite claims, imposes a 12-year limitation period, and demands proof for evacuee properties.

While critics see these changes as curtailing religious freedoms, the state defends them as necessary reforms. Echoing historic moves like the abolition of Privy Purses, the amendments prioritize public interest and accountability. The challenge now lies in balancing faith, rights, and governance in a rapidly modernizing legal landscape.



Marathi Mandatory, Others Optional: Fadnavis

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Saturday reaffirmed that Marathi will remain a compulsory subject in the state, while learning other languages, including Hindi and English, will be optional and based on personal choice. Speaking to the media, CM Fadnavis said, “Marathi language is compulsory in Maharashtra; everyone should learn it. Additionally, if you wish to learn other languages, you can do so. Opposition to Hindi and promotion of English is surprising. If someone opposes Marathi, then it will not be tolerated.”

The remarks come in the wake of the state government’s decision to implement the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 by introducing Hindi as a third language from Class 1 in all state board schools, alongside Marathi and English. The decision, approved by the School Education Department on April 16, was confirmed by Rahul Ashok Rekhawar, Director of the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT).

However, the move has sparked political backlash. Senior Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar voiced strong opposition, warning the government against imposing Hindi. “You can keep it optional, but you cannot impose it. At whose behest are you trying to impose this language on the state?” he questioned. Wadettiwar emphasized the emotional and cultural significance of Marathi as the mother tongue, and insisted that introducing Hindi compulsorily infringes on the linguistic rights of the Marathi-speaking population. “There should be no coercion against the rights of the Marathi people — this is our demand,” he stated.

Fadnavis, however, maintained a firm stance, underlining that Marathi holds a non-negotiable status in the state’s identity and educational framework. He also expressed concern over what he described as a growing preference for English and unexpected resistance to Hindi. The government’s decision is aligned with the NEP 2020’s vision to promote multilingualism and provide students with exposure to multiple languages from early education stages. While Marathi and English will continue as core subjects, Hindi will now be part of the foundational curriculum.

PM Modi to Visit Saudi Arabia

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Saudi Arabia from April 22 to 23 at the invitation of Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman. This will mark PM Modi’s first visit to the Kingdom in his third term, following earlier visits in 2016 and 2019. According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), the visit reflects India’s commitment to strengthening its multifaceted ties with Saudi Arabia. The two nations elevated their relationship to a Strategic Partnership in 2010, and it has since expanded across various domains, including trade, defence, energy, technology, and people-to-people ties.

The visit comes on the heels of Mohammed bin Salman’s participation in the G20 Summit in New Delhi in September 2023, where he also co-chaired the first meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council. The PM’s visit is also significant amid ongoing US-Iran nuclear talks, the Hamas-Israel conflict, and ahead of US President Donald



Trump’s anticipated visit to the Kingdom. India and Saudi Arabia have maintained consistent high-level engagements. Since 2024, 11 Indian ministerial visits have taken place, and the Saudi Foreign and Industry Ministers visited India in late 2024 and ear-

ly 2025. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar also co-chaired the first India-GCC Ministerial Meeting in Riyadh in September 2024.

Saudi Arabia is India’s fifth largest trading partner. In FY 2023-24, bilateral trade stood at \$42.98

billion. India exported goods worth \$11.56 billion, including engineering items, rice, textiles, and chemicals, while imports worth \$31.42 billion primarily included crude oil, LPG, fertilizers, and plastics. Saudi Arabia is India’s third-largest source of crude oil and LPG, supplying 33.35 MMT of crude oil in 2023-24. Indian investments in Saudi Arabia have reached \$3 billion, while Saudi investments in India total around \$10 billion across sectors like IT, telecom, pharmaceuticals, construction, and consultancy.

Defence cooperation has also grown, highlighted by naval exercises like ‘Al Mojed Al Hindi’ and the 2024 ministerial visit by MoS Defence Ajay Bhatt for the World Defence Show in Riyadh. With a 2.7 million-strong Indian community in the Kingdom, ties remain deeply rooted. Over 100,000 Indians migrated to Saudi Arabia for employment in the past year, strengthening the socio-economic bond between the two nations.

Tripura CM Meets Amit Shah, Nadda

Tripura Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP National President J P Nadda in New Delhi on Friday to discuss key development and health sector initiatives in the northeastern state. Taking to social media, CM Saha shared details of his meeting with Amit Shah, saying, “Met Hon’ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Ji in New Delhi. Discussed key development initiatives of our state government and sought his valuable guidance and support from the Centre for further progress.” The meeting is part of Saha’s continued engagement with the central leadership to accelerate ongoing projects in Tripura and push for enhanced cooperation in various sectors, including infrastructure and security. Following his discussion with the Home Minister, Dr Saha also met Union Health Minister and BJP chief J P Nadda. In



the meeting, the Chief Minister briefed Nadda about the development of super-specialty healthcare services in Tripura’s government-run hospitals. He sought the Union health ministry’s support to further enhance medical infrastructure and address key healthcare challenges in the state.

According to officials close to the Chief Minister’s Office, the talks also covered expanding telemedicine access, deploying more specialist doctors in remote areas, and improving patient care facilities under centrally sponsored schemes. Later, Dr Saha also held a meeting with BJP General Secretary B

L Santosh, where party organizational matters and preparations ahead of future electoral challenges were reportedly discussed. The interactions reflect Saha’s efforts to balance governance with political strengthening in the state. The Chief Minister’s visit comes at a crucial time, as the state gears up for the implementation of several central schemes and awaits additional support for critical infrastructure and social development projects. His outreach to the party’s top brass is seen as part of a larger strategy to align Tripura’s governance goals with the central government’s priorities. Tripura has witnessed increased focus on development, particularly in healthcare and connectivity, under Saha’s leadership. The state government has been actively collaborating with the Centre to bring in investments and improve the quality of life for its residents.

India Slams Bangladesh Over Hindu Leader’s Killing

India strongly condemned the recent abduction and murder of Hindu minority leader Bhabesh Chandra Roy in Bangladesh, describing it as part of a “pattern of systematic persecution” of Hindu minorities under the country’s interim government.

Bhabesh Chandra Roy, 58, was a prominent Hindu community figure and the vice-president of the Biral unit of the Bangladesh Puja Uddhapan Parishad. According to The Daily Star, Roy was abducted from his home in Dinajpur’s Biral last week and later beaten to death. His wife, Shantana, said Roy had received a phone call around 4:30 PM, possibly from his attackers, and was taken away by four men within half an hour.

In a sharply worded statement posted on X (formerly Twitter), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal expressed India’s distress over the incident. “We have noted with distress the abduction and brutal killing of Shri Bhabesh Chandra Roy, a Hindu minority leader in Bangladesh. This killing follows a pattern of systematic persecution

of Hindu minorities under the interim government even as the perpetrators of previous such events roam with impunity,” he said.

India urged the interim Bangladeshi government, led by Muhammad Yunus, to uphold its responsibility to protect all minority communities. “We condemn this incident and once again remind the interim government to live up to its responsibility of protecting all minorities, including Hindus, without inventing excuses or making distinctions,” Jaiswal added.

The murder has sparked concerns over the safety of minorities in Bangladesh, particularly as such incidents have occurred repeatedly without accountability. Human rights

observers and diaspora groups have frequently raised alarms over rising attacks against religious minorities, especially Hindus, in recent years. India’s statement adds diplomatic pressure on Dhaka, which is already facing scrutiny over political instability and its handling of minority rights during the transition under the interim leadership.

Roy’s death is the latest in a string of targeted attacks that have raised questions about the rule of law and minority protection mechanisms in Bangladesh. As of now, no arrests have been reported in the case. India continues to monitor the situation and has reiterated its call for justice and equal rights for all communities in the region.

Naveen Patnaik Re-Elected BJD Chief

Veteran leader and former Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik was unanimously elected as the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) president for the ninth consecutive time on Saturday. The announcement was made by PK Deb, the returning officer for BJD’s organisational election, during the party’s state council meeting held at Sankha Bhawan, the party’s state headquarters.

At 78, Patnaik continues to lead the regional party he founded, remaining its only presidential candidate. Addressing the gathering after his re-election, Patnaik urged party workers to actively counter the alleged misinformation being spread by the ruling BJP, especially on social media. “We conceded defeat in the last assembly election by a narrow margin, despite securing more votes. The reason was our failure to effectively counter the false narrative. Creating such narratives has become the main strategy against us,” Patnaik stated. He emphasized the need to strengthen BJD’s digital presence, noting, “Without technology, we cannot reach out to the people. We must use it to share truth and facts.”

In a veiled reference to the BJP, Patnaik remarked, “No one should underestimate the organisational strength of the BJD. The spirit of our workers remains unshaken—they



are our greatest strength.” He expressed confidence that BJD workers would counter propaganda and continue spreading the party’s message across Odisha. Patnaik hailed the 2000–2024 period, during which the BJD was in power, as a “golden age” for the state. He also reaffirmed that the ideology of his father, Biju Patnaik, continues to be the guiding force behind the party.

Reiterating the party’s core mission, Patnaik said, “Whether in power or not, the BJD has always been committed to serving the people of Odisha. Our focus remains on the welfare and empowerment of women, farmers, youth, workers, and tribal communities.” Patnaik concluded his address with the chant “Jai Jagannath,” affirming the party’s resolve to fight for the pride and rights of the Odia people.

"Must Be Allowed To Do My Job": Trump's MS-13 Tattoo Photo Sparks Debate

- Abrego Garcia was deported despite a court ruling protecting him.
- Critics say deportation lacked due process and endangered his safety.
- Social media and lawmakers question Trump’s actions and image authenticity.

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U.S. President Donald Trump has ignited a fresh controversy after posting a black-and-white image on his social media accounts that he claims proves the gang affiliation of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, a 29-year-old man recently deported to El Salvador. The photograph, which shows the tattooed knuckles of a man bearing the letters “MS-13,” is now under intense scrutiny amid allegations that it may have been digitally altered.



never cited tattoos as evidence of gang membership. Attorney General Pam Bondi recently stated he was identified by a gang alias “Chequeo” and street name “Chele,” but no physical proof, such as tattoos, was included.

Abrego Garcia’s deportation has sparked legal and human rights concerns. Having fled El Salvador as a teen to escape gang threats, he built a life in Maryland, supporting his family and working in construction. He was previously granted permission to remain in the U.S. after an immigration judge ruled deportation would endanger him.

Despite that protection, he was swiftly deported in March 2025 while shopping with his son, raising serious questions about due process and the legal grounds for his removal. Critics argue the photo may be an attempt to justify a controversial deportation that violated a standing court order.

U.S. However, social media users and tech experts quickly raised red flags about the authenticity of the image. Observers pointed to inconsistencies in lighting, typography, and pixelation, suggesting the tattoo might have been digitally superimposed. “MS-13

looks like it was typed onto the photo,” one user commented. Former Minnesota state senator Linda Higgins posted: “Hey Old Man, @realDonaldTrump, have someone teach you about Photo-shop.” Further complicating the narrative, U.S. government court filings on Abrego Garcia’s case



Indian Student Harsimrat Kaur Randhawa Killed by Stray Bullet in Canada Family Seeks Repatriation

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Tragedy struck the family of 21-year-old Harsimrat Kaur Randhawa, an Indian student studying in Canada, after she was fatally shot by a stray bullet during a violent clash in Hamilton, Ontario. Her grieving family from Dhunda village in Punjab’s Tarn Taran district has urged the Indian government to expedite the repatriation of her body.

Randhawa had moved to Canada two years ago for higher studies and was enrolled at Mohawk College. On the evening of April 17, she was on her way out for her daily routine when she became an innocent victim in a shooting incident. According to Hamilton Police, a gunfight erupted between occupants of two vehicles near Upper James Street and South Bend Road East. Randhawa, caught in the crossfire, was struck by a bullet in the chest.

Emergency responders rushed her to a local hospital, but she was declared dead shortly after arrival. “Through surveillance footage, it appears that the passenger of a black Mercedes SUV opened fire at a white sedan. One of the bullets tragically hit Ms Randhawa,” police said. The same gunfire also penetrated a nearby residence, though no injuries were reported in the home.

The Hamilton Police Service is investigating the case as a homicide and has appealed for dashcam and surveillance footage from the area between 7:15 pm and 7:45 pm.

The Consulate General of India in Toronto expressed deep condolences on social media and confirmed that it is coordinating with Canadian authorities while providing support to the family. “We are deeply saddened by the tragic death of Indian student Harsimrat Randhawa. A homicide investigation is currently underway,” the statement read.

Mohawk College issued a statement expressing sorrow over the loss. “Our thoughts are with her family and friends. We are committed to supporting those affected within our college community,” the college said, while refraining from disclosing details of her academic background due to privacy concerns.

As investigations continue, Randhawa’s family remains devastated and hopes for swift assistance in bringing their daughter home.



India Condemns Killing of Hindu Leader in Bangladesh

Tensions Rise Amid Political Backlash

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India has strongly condemned the abduction and killing of Bhabesh Chandra Roy, a prominent Hindu minority leader in northern Bangladesh, sparking diplomatic tension between the two countries. The Ministry of External Affairs issued a sharply worded statement, criticizing the Muhammad Yunus-led Bangladeshi interim government for its failure to protect religious minorities.

“We have noted with distress the abduction and brutal killing of Shri Bhabesh Chandra Roy,” the statement said. “This incident reflects a disturbing trend of persecution against Hindu minorities in Bangladesh. The interim government must act decisively to safeguard all communities without excuses or bias.”

Roy, 58, was kidnapped from his home in Basudebpur village in Dinajpur district and was later found dead. Reports say he was lured outside by a phone call, after which four men on motorcycles abducted him. He was allegedly taken to a nearby village and assaulted before being returned in an unconscious state. He was declared dead upon arrival at a local hospital.

The murder has ignited political fire in India. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s recent meeting with Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus, calling it ineffective in securing safety for religious minorities. “There have been 76 attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh in the past two months alone, resulting in 23 deaths,” Kharge said.

The BJP responded sharply, accusing Congress of playing politics with foreign policy. “Mr Kharge’s remarks are irresponsible,” said BJP spokesperson Charu Pragya. “India’s relationship is with Bangladesh as a nation, not individual regimes. Why is Congress silent about attacks on Hindus in West Bengal?”

"Honour To Speak With PM Modi, Will Visit India Later This Year": Elon Musk

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World’s richest man and tech entrepreneur Elon Musk announced that he will be visiting India later this year, following a teleconference with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Musk, the CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, described it as an “honour” to speak with the Indian Prime Minister.



Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), PM Modi confirmed the virtual interaction, stating, “Spoke to @elonmusk and talked about various issues, including the topics we covered during our meeting in Washington DC earlier this year. We discussed the immense potential for collaboration in the areas of technology and innovation. India remains committed to advancing our partnerships with the US in these domains.”

Their earlier in-person meeting took place during Modi’s official visit to the United States in February 2025, where Musk was joined by his three children. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, discussions during that meeting focused on enhancing cooperation between Indian and American entities in fields such as space exploration, artificial intelligence (AI), sustainable development, and emerging technologies. Musk currently serves as the head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) under the Trump administration, where he is leading a controversial push to cut federal expenditures and streamline government operations.

His growing influence in U.S. policy circles has added further weight to his global engagements. Musk’s upcoming visit comes at a critical time as his satellite internet venture, Starlink, seeks final regulatory approvals to operate in India. Starlink has already partnered with major Indian telecom companies, including Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel, to roll out its services across the country.

Earlier this week, senior Starlink executives, including Vice President Chad Gibbs and Senior Director Ryan Goodnight, met with Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal to discuss their plans for investment and expansion. Goyal wrote on X, “Met a delegation from @Starlink... Discussions covered Starlink’s cutting-edge technology platform, their existing partnerships & future investment plans in India.”

Earthquake of Magnitude 5.8 Jolts Afghanistan-Tajikistan Border

Tremors Felt in J&K and Pakistan

TPN Correspondent | Afghan

On Saturday, April 19, 2025, an earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale struck the Afghanistan-Tajikistan border region, according to the German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ). The tremor originated at a depth of 92 kilometers, adding to a series of recent seismic events in the region.

The quake triggered tremors across neighboring countries, including India and Pakistan. In India, officials confirmed that the earthquake was felt across Jammu and Kashmir. Despite the noticeable shaking, no reports of casualties or structural damage were reported from the region, providing relief to residents and authorities.



at a slightly higher magnitude of 5.9. It sent shockwaves through various regions, including the capital Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar, Rawalpindi, and several areas in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The tremors were especially strong in districts such as Lower Dir, Bajaur, Malakand, Nowshera, Dir Bala, Shabqadar, and Mohmand. Panic gripped residents as people rushed out of homes and buildings in fear.

However, as with Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan too has not reported any loss of life or sig-

nificant damage to property so far. Emergency services remain on alert as aftershocks are a possibility following quakes of this magnitude and depth.

This latest quake marks the second significant seismic event in the region within a week. Just days earlier, on April 12, 2025, a 5.5 magnitude earthquake rattled Pakistan’s capital and parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab provinces. These repeated tremors have heightened public anxiety and highlighted the region’s vulnerability to seismic activity, given its proximity to the active tectonic boundaries of the Hindu Kush mountains.

Seismologists continue to monitor the situation closely and have urged residents in quake-prone areas to remain cautious and be prepared for aftershocks. While no major damage has occurred, these frequent tremors serve as a reminder of the need for stronger disaster preparedness and resilient infrastructure in the region.

Unimech Aerospace: A High-Potential Engineering Powerhouse Riding on Expansion and Sector Tailwinds

Another mid-cap company which merits investment with a long time horizon is UNIMECH AEROSPACE. It is an Engineering Solutions Company specializing in manufacturing and supply of critical parts for Aerospace, Defence, Energy and semi-conductor Industries.

IPO : It came for IPO in December, 2024 with an issue price of Rs.785. The issue was something of a sensation with the share of the Company having been listed at a huge premium. The issue was oversubscribed 175 times. It was listed at Rs.1491.00 The price touched a high of Rs.1523.00 and now at available at Rs.1048.00 at a huge discount.

Financial Performance : It came for IPO in December, 2024 and declared quarterly results for December quarter on 14-02-2025. It achieved quarterly EPS of 3.37 and nine-months EPS of 11.73.



The full year EPS will be around Rs.15. The projected NP of Rs.70 Crores (nine months' net profit of Rs.54 Crores Plus March quarter Net Profit of Rs.16 Crores) is nearly three times of its Capital.

It has a Face Value of Rs.5 and a Capital of Rs.25.43 Crores. At current market price and estimated EPS of 15, PE works out to 70. The sector PE is 47. With expansion plans in full swing, Profits and EPS will register higher levels in future

in effect reducing the PE to lower levels from the present high level of 70.

PLUS POINTS :
1.The full story of the company is yet to unfold with many expansion plans in pipeline.
2.Expansion is planned in two phases with the first phase almost complete and second phase likely to be completed within a year. The first phase of expansion will almost double the Capacity.
3.The Company is exploring op-

portunities in emerging Sectors like nuclear power, semiconductor technologies and domestic defence sector.
4.The IPO was backed by Anchor investors lile Goldman Sachs, Kotak Mahindra Life, ICICI Mutual Fund, Tata Mutual Funds etc.
5.It has secured Pre-IPO funding of Rs.250 Crores and Post-IPO funding of another Rs.250 Crores - which will support the company's expansion plans and its inorganic growth (Mergers and

PORTFOLIO



Acquisitions).

RISKS :
1.Despite the share price coming down to Rs.1048 from a high of Rs.1523, the valuation of the Company is on highside with a PE of 70. But the expansion plans in pipeline will have a positive impact on PE in future.
2.The Company is dependent on big Companies of USA, Germany and United Kingdom for its business. At present 90% is sourced from these three countries. Exposure of the Company is very much limited in the do-

mestic market. Any geopolitical risks (For example the Trump factor) can upset the future plans of the Company.

Note : Staggered buying (SIP method) is suggested to take care of volatility in the market. Lumpsum buying should be avoided.

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TVS Unveils 2025 Apache RR 310 with Advanced Tech, Launch Control & OBD-2B Compliance



TVS Motor Company has launched the 2025 edition of its flagship super-premium motorcycle, the Apache RR 310, packed with several advanced features and updated to meet the stricter OBD-2B emission norms. Priced at ₹2,77,999 (ex-show-room India), the upgraded model continues to strengthen TVS's presence in the high-performance sports motorcycle segment.

In a press release issued on Friday, the Chennai-based two- and three-wheeler manufacturer announced that the 2025 Apache RR 310 would be available in three built-to-order (BTO) customization options. These options aim to offer riders a more personalized and track-focused experience.

The motorcycle is powered by a 312.2cc engine, delivering 38 PS at 9,800 rpm, and supports four distinct riding modes: Track, Sport, Urban, and Rain. These modes allow the rider to adapt the motorcycle's performance according to different road and weather conditions.

Among the latest features introduced in this model are Launch Control, Cornering Drag Torque Control, and a Gen-2 Race Computer — technology upgrades that are usually reserved for much more expensive sportbikes. Other notable additions

include new 8-spoke alloy wheels and segment-first sequential turn signal lamps, emphasizing the bike's sporty design and performance credentials.

The inclusion of OBD-2B (On-Board Diagnostics) compliance ensures that the bike meets the latest emission standards, further aligning with India's push for cleaner and greener mobility. This system helps monitor and control emissions more efficiently, offering both environmental benefits and improved engine diagnostics for riders.

Vimal Sumbly, Head of Business – Premium at TVS Motor, expressed pride in the continued evolution of the Apache RR 310 since its debut in 2017. “The 2025 Apache RR 310 integrates cutting-edge technologies to push the boundaries of track performance while enhancing everyday rideability,” he said. “With features like Launch Control and Drag Torque Control, it delivers an exhilarating yet refined experience that appeals to both spirited racers and passionate enthusiasts.”

With this latest update, TVS Motor continues to raise the bar in India's performance motorcycle segment, combining race-bred engineering with everyday usability and tech-focused innovation.

India Confident in Sourcing Rare Earth Alternatives Amid China Export Curbs: Vaishnaw

Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has expressed confidence that India's electronics manufacturing sector will successfully find alternative sources for critical rare earth elements and magnets, following China's recent export restrictions on some of these essential materials. China currently holds a near-monopoly in the rare earth market and recently curtailed exports of elements such as gallium, germanium, and antimony — all vital to the production of electronics, defense equipment, and renewable technologies. Speaking to the media on Friday after inaugurating VVDN Technologies' Mechanical Innovation Park in Manesar, Gurugram, Vaishnaw acknowledged China's dominant position in the rare earth supply chain but reassured that India is prepared to navigate the challenge. “Whatever we have had discussions with the industry so far, the industry feels that they will be able to figure out alternatives to this, because the entire world has been preparing for diversifying value chains since Covid



struck,” the minister said. Rare earth elements are critical for the functioning of high-tech components found in smartphones, electric vehicles, wind turbines, and military hardware. China's decision to limit exports has prompted concerns globally, especially among countries seeking to reduce dependency on Chinese supply chains. Vaishnaw emphasized that Indian manufacturers, along with global players, have been working towards building resilient and diversified value chains since the disruption caused

by the COVID-19 pandemic. As countries across the world reevaluate their sourcing strategies, India is actively exploring alternate partnerships, local production capacities, and collaborative technology development to secure long-term supply stability. The inauguration of VVDN Technologies' new Mechanical Innovation Park marks a step forward in India's ambition to bolster domestic electronics and hardware manufacturing. VVDN, a key player in India's electronics ecosystem, focuses on designing and producing components for telecommunications, consumer electronics, and automotive sectors. As India pushes for self-reliance under its “Make in India” and “Atmanirbhar Bharat” initiatives, the search for alternative sources of critical minerals and the development of indigenous manufacturing capabilities is gaining urgency. Vaishnaw's comments underscore the government's commitment to supporting the industry in navigating global supply challenges and emerging stronger and more self-reliant.

India's Pharma Exports Hit Record \$30 Billion in FY25, Driven by Strong March Surge

India's pharmaceutical industry achieved a historic milestone in FY25, with annual drug and pharma exports reaching a record \$30.47 billion, surpassing the fiscal target of \$29.38 billion. The achievement was driven by a remarkable 31% year-on-year surge in March, according to official trade data. Exports in FY25 were 9.39% higher than FY24's \$27.85 billion, marking the first time Indian pharma exports crossed the \$30 billion mark. Raja Bhanu, Director General of the Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council (Pharmexcil), confirmed the landmark, emphasizing the sector's resilience in the face of global economic and geopolitical challenges. **March: A Standout Month** March alone contributed \$3.68 billion, the highest monthly export figure for the fiscal year and a 31.21% increase over March 2024. Other strong performances came in January, with exports rising 21.47% to \$2.59 billion, and May, with 10.63% growth. February was the only month to register a slight decline of 1.52%.



The robust end to FY25 came amidst concerns over the U.S. potentially imposing a 26% reciprocal tariff, which had exporters rushing shipments. Although the proposed levy was later postponed for 90 days, pharmaceuticals were not included in the list of targeted goods.

Key Product Categories

From April to February, drug formulations and biologicals dominated exports, contributing over \$20.11 billion—roughly 75% of total pharma exports—registering a nearly 9% YoY increase. Bulk drugs and drug intermediates followed at \$4.32 billion, a modest rise of 1.4%. Vaccine exports, howev-

er, declined 4.2% to \$1.04 billion. Other growing categories included surgicals (up 5.16%) and Ayush and herbal products (up 6.17%).

U.S. Remains Top Destination

The U.S. continued to be India's largest pharma export market, accounting for more than one-third of total exports. Shipments to the U.S. rose 14.29% to \$8.95 billion. Other major markets included the U.K., Brazil, France, and South Africa, though the latter saw a 1.78% dip in imports. However, exports to some key markets such as the UAE, Turkey, Sri Lanka, Netherlands, and China saw double-digit declines, highlighting the need for continued diversification and market development. Despite global headwinds, India's pharmaceutical sector showcased strong momentum, and experts believe the industry's valuation could grow 150% to ₹10 lakh crore, especially with increased collaboration between industry and academia.

Meloni-Musk Meeting Sparks Meme Fest

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni has been trending online after her unexpected interaction with tech mogul Elon Musk during a high-profile visit to the United States. The meeting took place at the White House on Thursday, where Meloni was on an official visit that included meetings with U.S. President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance.

While her diplomatic engagements were part of the official agenda, what truly caught the internet’s attention was her warm exchange with Musk. A short video shared by Meloni on social media showed the two greeting each other with a friendly hug, followed by a brief conversation. She captioned the video: “Happy to see my friend Elon Musk again in Washington.”The clip quickly went viral, with online users zeroing in on Musk’s expressions during the interaction. Several viewers claimed that the Tesla and SpaceX CEO appeared to blush while greeting the Italian PM, sparking a flurry of memes and humorous commentary on various social media platforms.Adding to the internet buzz, Meloni’s meeting with the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) chief during her visit further fueled speculation and satirical posts online. The acronym “DOGE,” humorously reminiscent of the Dogecoin meme, only amplified the meme wave surrounding the visit.



The combination of high-level diplomacy, a tech billionaire, and viral body language made the brief encounter a trending topic across platforms like X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, and Reddit. Hashtags like #MeloniMusk, #BlushingElon, and #DOGEPolitics began trending, as users created fan edits, reaction videos, and fictional dialogues for the viral clip.While the meeting had no official announcement or agenda tied to it, its social media afterlife has made it one of the most talked-about moments of Meloni’s Washington visit. For now, the internet seems more fascinated by Elon Musk’s expressions than any political statement from the visit itself.

Drunk Woman Disrupts Haridwar Traffic

A video capturing a chaotic scene on a Haridwar highway has gone viral, showing a woman allegedly under the influence of alcohol causing a disturbance. Dressed in a red salwar kameez, the woman was seen standing in front of moving vehicles and attempting to stop them, leading to a brief traffic jam on the otherwise busy road.



The incident, though undated, appears to have taken place in the evening and was first shared by a user named @priyarajputlive on X (formerly Twitter), who claims to be a journalist. The caption accompanying the video read, “A video of a woman has surfaced in Haridwar, where she is seen creating a ruckus on the road under the influence of alcohol.”In the clip, the woman can be seen walking erratically, speaking loudly, and positioning herself directly in the path of oncoming vehicles, forcing drivers to halt or swerve. Her behavior drew the attention of passersby and motorists, some of whom recorded the scene on their phones.The disruption caused by the woman lasted several minutes and resulted in a temporary traffic blockade. It remains unclear whether any law enforcement officials were called to the scene or if the woman was eventually removed

from the road.

The video has sparked widespread reactions on social media. While some users expressed concern over the woman’s safety and questioned the lack of immediate police presence, others criticized the act as irresponsible and dangerous, especially on a highway.As of now, no official statement has been released by the Haridwar police or local administration regarding the incident. The video continues to circulate widely online, drawing mixed reactions ranging from amusement to alarm.The incident serves as a reminder of the potential dangers of public intoxication and the need for swift response from authorities in such situations to ensure public safety.

Dr. Dog Rinku Transforms Special Education



At Saraswati Kendra, a school for children with special needs in Chennai, an unlikely but beloved figure is making a remarkable impact—Dr. Dog Rinku. This friendly Golden Retriever is not just a pet, but an essential part of the school’s innovative approach to education through animal-assisted therapy.Rinku plays a therapeutic role for children with learning disabilities, autism, and dyslexia. As psychologists at the school explain, Rinku is used as a “bridge” to help children open up emotionally and socially—an often difficult task in special education environments.The therapy sessions are structured but flexible, focusing on the child’s individual needs. Some students interact with Rinku by brushing, feeding, or simply hugging him, while others are guided to follow instructions involving the dog. These activities build confidence, patience, and social skills without the pressure of a traditional learning setup.

“For many of our students, Rinku creates a non-judgmental space where they feel safe to express themselves,” says one of the school’s therapists. “His presence reduces anxiety, improves mood, and even helps with language development.”

Teachers and parents have noticed significant changes. One parent shared that her child, who rarely spoke, began using simple words and phrases while engaging with Rinku. Others have reported improvements in classroom participation and emotional regulation.The initiative is part of a broader movement in India to incorporate alternative therapies into special education. While still relatively new, animal-assisted therapy is gaining popularity for its success in fostering emotional well-being and developmental progress.At Saraswati Kendra, the sight of children giggling and playing around Rinku is now a daily occurrence. The joy he brings, paired with the therapeutic benefits, has made him an irreplaceable member of the school.With wagging tail and gentle eyes, Dr. Dog is helping rewrite the rules of special education—one paw at a time.

New Frog Species Named After Assam College

A dedicated 21-year-long scientific study has led to the discovery of a new frog species—Leptobrachium aryatium—from the Garbhanga Reserve Forest on the outskirts of Guwahati. What makes this discovery special is that the species has been named after Arya Vidyapeeth College, one of Assam’s premier educational institutions.The newly discovered amphibian is a testament to the ecological richness of the Garbhanga Reserve Forest, a biodiversity hotspot now facing increasing threats due to urban encroachment and habitat destruction. Researchers say the species exhibits its unique morphological and genetic traits, setting it apart from other Leptobrachium species found in the region.



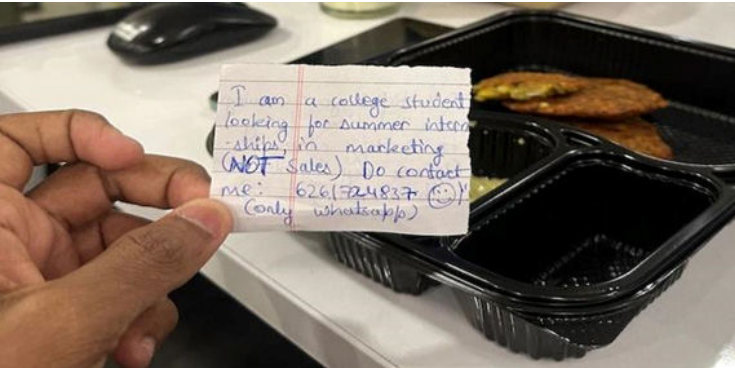
known as “Sharabbhati”, a term locally associated with the brewing and sale of country liquor. In 2022, in an effort to uplift the area’s image, local authorities renamed it Aryanagar to reflect the prestige of Arya Vidyapeeth College, situated nearby.“This discovery is not just about a frog. It’s about community pride, the role of education in changing perceptions, and the urgent need to conserve threatened ecosystems,” said a

senior member of the research team.

The frog was found in leaf litter and undergrowth near perennial streams in the forest. Its call, nocturnal behavior, and physical characteristics were recorded in detail over the course of two decades, leading to the conclusive classification as a new species. The team hopes that the spotlight on Leptobrachium aryatium will bring much-needed attention to the Garbhanga forest’s fragile ecosystem. They also urge conservation efforts to protect it from urban expansion, logging, and infrastructure projects.By blending scientific achievement with regional history, the naming of Leptobrachium aryatium represents a unique convergence of biology, education, and local culture—an inspiring example of how science can honor and uplift communities.

Zomato Agent’s Creative Internship Pitch Goes Viral

In a unique blend of hustle and hope, a Zomato delivery agent has captured the internet’s attention with an unconventional approach to landing a summer internship. The agent slipped a handwritten note inside a customer’s food order, requesting an opportunity in marketing—and the move is now winning hearts online. On the reverse, the student humbly added, “Sorry for the terrible handwriting.”The note was discovered by an employee at Shopflo, a tech startup, who had placed a food order during a late-night shift. Touched by the boldness and sincerity of the gesture, the employee shared a photo of the note on LinkedIn, calling it one of the most original internship applications they had ever received. The post quickly gained traction, with pro-



fessionals and entrepreneurs lauding the delivery partner’s determination and creativity. Some even offered to connect the student with internship opportunities in marketing, fulfilling the exact request made in the note.“This is the kind of initiative you can’t teach in a classroom,” wrote one LinkedIn user, while another commented,

“Skills can be trained, but this kind of drive is rare.”

In an era where most internship applications go through impersonal digital portals, this handwritten note cut through the noise—literally landing in the hands of potential employers. The story not only reflects the perseverance of young job seekers but also highlights the changing ways in which people are trying to stand out in competitive job markets.The identity of the student has not yet been publicly confirmed, but judging by the internet’s enthusiastic response, their marketing internship might be just around the corner.The story is a reminder that sometimes, a little paper note can make a big impression.

Woman’s Viral Husband Checklist Sparks Debate

A dating app conversation has triggered a fiery online debate after a woman’s highly specific checklist for a future husband went viral. The list, shared by a man who matched with her on the platform Hinge, outlines 18 “non-negotiable” requirements — including a minimum salary of \$300,000, physical fitness, and discipline.

The man, intrigued by the woman’s dating profile, messaged her saying, “I just read your profile. Tell me about the checklist.” She replied with, “Wanna see it?” and upon his enthusiastic “Of course I do!”, she sent a detailed list of what she considered the “bare minimum” for a life partner.He later posted a screenshot of the exchange on Reddit, under the caption, “She sent me a list

of her requirements. One of them includes a salary of \$300k+.”

The post quickly gained traction, with users divided in their reactions. Some applauded the woman for knowing what she wants and refusing to settle. “She has standards, and that’s okay,” one user commented. Others, however, found the list excessive or unrealistic, especially the salary expectation. “She’s describing 0.1% of the population,” another user noted. The debate spilled onto other social media platforms, sparking broader conversations about modern dating expectations, gender roles, and the increasing commodification of relationships. While the identity of the woman remains anonymous, her list has sparked reflection



for many — whether as inspiration to set clearer boundaries or as a cautionary tale on expecting too much too soon.As dating apps continue to reshape how people approach love and partnership, this viral checklist is a reminder of how personal preferences can become public discourse in an instant.



Buttler, Prasidh Star in GT's 7-Wicket Win Over DC

Jos Buttler's explosive unbeaten 97 and Prasidh Krishna's 4/41 powered Gujarat Titans to a convincing 7-wicket win over Delhi Capitals, taking them to the top of the points table with 10 points.

Chasing 204, Buttler anchored the innings with a 54-ball knock, adding a vital 119-run stand with Ruth-erford (43). Despite cramps, Buttler punished Delhi bowlers, especially Mitchell Starc, whom he smashed for five consecutive boundaries.

Earlier, Prasidh led a disciplined bowling show, dismissing key batters including KL Rahul and Karun Nair. Despite handy contributions from Axar Patel (39) and Stubbs (31), Delhi managed only 203/8.

Buttler's elegant yet powerful stroke play and Prasidh's incisive bowling proved match-winning. Titans sealed the chase in 19.2 overs, finishing at 204/3. The victory gave them a superior net run rate (0.98) over Delhi's 0.58.

Jitu Rai's Mentorship Sparks Suruchi Singh's Golden Run in Shooting



Teen shooting prodigy Suruchi Singh has taken the international shooting circuit by storm, clinching three ISSF World Cup gold medals in quick succession. The 18-year-old's natural talent got a critical boost when she received key tips from pistol legend Jitu Rai during a national camp.

Already impressive in domestic competitions, Suruchi needed guidance to convert her form into international success. Jitu, now a national team coach, fine-tuned her technique and helped her tackle pressure on the world stage. "He noticed my hand tilted slightly left while aiming and helped me correct it," Suruchi said from Lima, where she won two World Cup golds recently.

A former Army man like Suruchi's father, Jitu has known her since 2019 and praised her strong mental game and technical precision. "She remains steady under pressure and has great temperament," he noted.

Suruchi, trained at the Dronacharya Academy in Bhiwani, remains grounded despite her meteoric rise. "Regardless of the tournament, I will continue to work hard and shoot well," she said, showing maturity beyond her years. Her journey signals the arrival of India's next big pistol star.

India Ends Asian U18 Athletics Championships 2025 with 11 Medals in Dammam



India concluded its campaign at the Asian U18 Athletics Championships 2025 in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, with a total of 11 medals — 1 gold, 5 silver, and 5 bronze.

The country's only gold came on the final day from Himanshu in the boys' javelin throw, whose opening throw of 67.57m earned him top honours. It marked India's first-ever gold in boys' javelin at this championship.

Among early performers, Nitin Gupta won silver in the 5000m race walk, finishing just 0.01s behind the winner. In the girls' events, Tannu secured silver in 400m, while Aarti stood out with two bronze medals in the 100m and 200m sprints, clocking personal bests.

Nischay also impressed, winning silver in shot put (19.59m PB) and bronze in discus (58.85m). Devak Bhushan clinched silver in high jump (2.03m), and the boys' medley relay team won silver, setting a new national youth record of 1:52.15.

India's medal tally dropped compared to 2023's 24 medals, but strong performances show promise for the future.

Bangladesh Qualify for Women's World Cup 2025 After West Indies' Agonizing Exit

Bangladesh have secured the final spot in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, set to be held in India, after West Indies suffered a heartbreaking loss to Thailand in the final match of the qualifiers in Lahore.

Both teams were level on points, making it a high-stakes decider. For West Indies to qualify, they needed to chase Thailand's target of 167 in just 10.1 overs. A slightly extended scenario allowed 11 overs, but only if they finished with a six after leveling at 166.

However, West Indies couldn't meet the demanding run rate, missing out narrowly. Their failure opened the door for Bangladesh, who capitalized on the net run rate advantage to book their ticket to the World Cup.

It's a historic and emotional qualification for Bangladesh, while West Indies are left rueing missed chances.



Arunachal CM Pema Khandu Inaugurates 4th State Games with Grand Ceremony

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated the 4th Arunachal State Games 2025 with a spectacular opening ceremony at the Golden Jubilee Stadium in Yupia on Friday evening.

Addressing athletes from across the state, Khandu praised their hard work and determination, which has helped position Arunachal Pradesh as a rising sporting powerhouse. He highlighted the state's recent achievement at the 38th National Games, where it stood 2nd in the Northeast, bagging 13 medals.

Khandu expressed confidence that Arunachal would aim for a top 10 finish at the 39th National Games in Meghalaya, reaffirming the state government's commitment to supporting athletes at every level.

He also emphasized the ongoing 'Mission Olympics' initiative, which ensures top-tier training for athletes at national training centres, empowering them to shine at national and international platforms.



Shriyanka Sadangi Reaches First World Cup Final in Shooting, Finishes Eighth

India's Paris Olympian Shriyanka Sadangi made her first-ever ISSF World Cup final appearance in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) event in Lima, Peru. She became the latest Indian shooter to make the final during the ongoing South American leg of the ISSF Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun World Cup.

Shriyanka qualified seventh with a score of 588, narrowly ahead of Ashi Chouksey (9th) and Sift Kaur Samra (11th), both scoring 587. In the final, Shriyanka started strong but gradually faded, exiting after the 10th shot of the Standing position round, placing eighth overall with a score of 400.7.

Sagen Maddalena of the USA, a silver medalist at Paris, claimed gold, pushing the USA to the top of the medal table with three golds and six medals. India stood second with two golds, a silver, and a bronze.

The day proved challenging for India's men's team. Aishwary Tomar, Niraj Kumar, and Chain Singh finished 17th, 18th, and 19th respectively in the men's 3P, missing the final by a slim margin.

Despite the tough competition, Shriyanka's performance was a notable milestone for Indian shooting.





Pooja Hegde Shines on ELLE Cover

Pooja Hegde stuns on the latest ELLE Digital Cover, exuding elegance and edge in a bold fashion spread. Styled in a cream bralette, a dramatic black-silver ensemble, and a sheer skirt, Pooja makes a strong statement—both in style and spirit. Opening up about her upcoming Tamil film *Retro* with Suriya, she describes it as a transformative experience. Shot on Viper Island, the film demanded intense emotional and physical effort,

including a 15-minute single-take sequence blending action, dance, and drama. “That moment reignited my belief in cinema’s magic,” she reveals. Marking over a decade in the industry, Pooja speaks of newfound confidence in choosing meaningful roles. *Retro*, releasing on May 1, promises to showcase her in a powerful new light—both as an actor and a woman reclaiming her voice.

Kalyan Ram Stuns With Bold Climax



Nandamuri Kalyan Ram’s latest film, *Arjun Son of Vyjayanthi*, hit cinemas worldwide on April 18 and opened with a strong Rs 5.15 crore gross on day one. Co-starring National Award-winning actress Vijayashanthi, the emotional action drama is drawing attention not just for its performances but for its shocking climax. The final 20 minutes have become the film’s biggest talking point, with fans

and critics praising Kalyan Ram’s courage to take on such a bold, unprecedented ending in Indian cinema. Social media is buzzing with discussions, and even industry insiders are applauding the daring storytelling. Directed by Pradeep Chilukuri and produced by Ashok Vardhan Muppa and Sunil Balusu, the film features music by Ajaneesh Loknath of *Kantara* fame. *Arjun Son of Vyjayanthi* is redefining narrative choices in Telugu cinema.

Mahesh Babu’s High-Octane Boat Fight



Mahesh Babu has officially begun shooting for his much-anticipated global adventure film, *SSMB29*, helmed by master storyteller SS Rajamouli. Starring opposite him is international icon Priyanka Chopra, making this project even more buzzworthy. The latest update reveals that the duo will soon film a high-octane boat chase sequence, which promises to be one of the film’s major highlights. Designed as part of a massive action block, this scene

will be shot on a grand scale with heavy VFX integration, pushing the boundaries of Indian cinema.

Known for his visionary approach, Rajamouli is leaving no stone unturned in making *SSMB29* a cinematic spectacle. Music for the film is being composed by MM Keeravani, ensuring another powerful soundtrack to elevate the visuals. Fans can expect an epic blend of action, drama, and adventure.

AR Rahman Embraces AI in Music



AI is reshaping global industries, and music is no exception. Indian cinema, too, is embracing this shift, with legendary composer A.R. Rahman at the forefront. Speaking out on the use of AI-generated voices of deceased singers, Rahman expressed concern: “Some songs are so filthy, yet they use popular

voices—who takes responsibility?” Amid this, Rahman also unveiled his cutting-edge project—a global virtual music band as part of the metahumans initiative. The band features six AI-driven virtual musicians, each representing a different culture, reflecting Rahman’s vision of diversity in the dig-

ital age. On a recent YouTube show, the Oscar-winner shared how he’s exploring Unreal Engine to craft this virtual experience. As AI-generated music enters the Indian scene, Rahman’s fusion of creativity and tech signals a bold new chapter in the evolution of sound.



Shine Tom Chacko Arrested After Escape Video

The Malayalam film industry is once again under scrutiny amid rising drug-related controversies. Actor Shine Tom Chacko, who recently made headlines for escaping a drug raid, has now been arrested by Kochi police under the NDPS Act.

Following a four-hour interrogation,

Chacko was booked under Sections 27 (consumption of narcotic substances) and 29 (abetment and conspiracy). The arrest comes after a video of his dramatic escape from a hotel—where a drug raid was underway—went viral.

When questioned about the escape, Chacko claimed he mistook the officers

for ruffians and fled out of fear, unaware they were police.

Although the charges are bailable, the incident has intensified the ongoing investigation into substance abuse in the industry. Notably, Shine Tom Chacko was acquitted earlier this year in a separate 2015 drug case.