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HYDERABAD

36° C
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VIJAYAWADA

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28° C

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URSA CLOUD

TDP Slams YCP's Allegations on URSA

- TDP accuses YCP of spreading false information against URSA.
- URSA denies all corruption claims
- URSA plans a ₹5,000 crore investment for an AI data center in AP.
- URSA promises legal action against those spreading false narratives.

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26 Killed in Terror Attack on Tourists in J&K's Pahalgam



- Terrorists targeted tourists based on their non-Muslim identities
- The attack took place in Baisaran Valley
- PM Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah condemn the attack
- The Resistance Front, claims responsibility for the attack.

TPN Correspondent | Pahalgam

A tragic terror attack unfolded in Pahalgam, South Kashmir, today, leaving 26 tourists dead and several others injured. The attack occurred in the Baisaran Valley, an area accessible only by foot or on horseback. Gunshots were heard from the upper meadows of the region, and it is believed that the terrorists targeted tourists based on their non-Muslim identities. Military helicopters have been deployed to evacuate the injured. Prime Minister Narendra Modi strongly condemned the attack and directed Union Home Minister Amit Shah to take all necessary actions. Shah, who spoke to the Prime Minister, is set to visit Srinagar to hold an urgent security review meeting with key agencies. He has also called an emergency meeting in Delhi with senior officials,

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Former AP Intelligence Chief PSR Anjaneyulu Arrested

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Former Andhra Pradesh Intelligence Chief and senior IPS officer PSR Anjaneyulu has been arrested by the Andhra Pradesh Crime Investigation Department (CID). The arrest was made in Hyderabad in connection with a harassment case filed by Mumbai-based actress Jethwani. CID officials have taken Anjaneyulu into custody for further interrogation and are transferring him from Hyderabad to Andhra Pradesh for a more detailed inquiry. The case has drawn significant attention due to Anjaneyulu's high-profile background

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Kesineni Nani Targets Brother Chinni Over USRA Land Deal

- Nani accuses MP Chinni of benami land grab in Visakhapatnam
- Claims company Ursa lacks credibility, demands probe
- Says land being acquired under guise of ₹5,728 Cr data center project

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Former MP and senior YSRCP leader Kesineni Nani has launched a scathing attack on his younger brother, TDP MP Kesineni Shivnath (Chinni), accusing him of attempting to illegally acquire a large chunk of government land in Visakhapatnam through dubious means. In a sensational claim, Nani alleged that the land grab is being orchestrated under the name of 'Ursa Clusters Private Limited', a recently formed company linked to Chinni. Speaking to reporters, Nani said the Andhra Pradesh government is preparing to allocate around 60 acres of prime land for a ₹5,728 crore data center project by Ursa Clusters—3.5 acres within the IT Park and 56.36 acres in Kapuluppada. However, he raised serious doubts over the legitimacy of the company, stating that it was registered just a few weeks ago and lacks the required financial capacity or industry experience to execute such a massive project. Nani further alleged that one of the company's directors, Abburi Satish, is a close associate and former engineering classmate of Chinni. According to him, Satish and Chinni had earlier duped the public by collecting crores of rupees under the now-defunct company '21st Century Investments, Properties Private Limited'. He claimed that a similar attempt is being made now under the name of Ursa Clusters, using



benami tactics to grab government land. He also accused MP Chinni of misusing his influence as both a Member of Parliament and as the President of the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA), claiming that the proposed land allocations are being pushed through with political and administrative backing. Nani didn't stop there—he alleged that Chinni is working hand-in-glove with illegal sand, fly ash, and real estate mafias. Calling the entire operation a "scam in the making," Kesineni Nani demanded the immediate cancellation of any land allocation to Ursa Clusters. He urged Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to order a comprehensive investigation into the background of the company, its promoters, their financial dealings, and their political links. Nani confirmed that he has officially lodged a complaint with the Chief Minister to prevent what he called a "looting of public land in the name of industrial investments."

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including the Intelligence Bureau Chief, CRPF Chief, and J&K Police Chief. Home Minister Shah has spoken with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to address the crisis. Sources report that the terror group, Lashkar-e-Taiba's offshoot, The Resistance Front, has claimed responsibility for the attack. The Special Operations Group (SoG) is carrying out a search operation in the area. The tragic attack is believed to be a targeted assault against non-Muslim tourists. The incident has left the nation in shock, with many expressing outrage at the cold-blooded nature of the attack. Among the victims were Manjunath and Pallavi from Shivamogga, Karnataka. Manjunath was killed after the terrorists confirmed his Hindu identity. Pallavi, devastated, pleaded for her life, but the terrorists spared her, telling her, "You need to be alive to tell this to Modi." The government has set up emergency helplines to assist those affected by the attack, and a swift investigation is underway to bring those responsible to justice.

Former AP Intelligence...

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and previous position in the state police force. Anjaneyulu served as the Intelligence Chief during the previous YSRCP government and is currently under suspension. The CID is expected to conduct a thorough investigation into the allegations as part of its ongoing probe. Further details on the case and the actress's complaint are awaited as the investigation progresses.

Nadendla Hands Over Antyodaya Cards to Polavaram Displaced People

TPN Correspondent | Eluru

State Civil Supplies Minister and Eluru District In-Charge Minister Nadendla Manohar visited the Polavaram R&R colony in Reddy Ganapavaram, Buttaigudem Mandal, Eluru District, where he handed over Antyodaya Anna Yojana cards to the displaced families of the Polavaram project. The initiative is aimed at providing food security to the displaced individuals, offering them 35 kg of rice free of cost each month. Minister Manohar assured the displaced people that the government would stand by them, recognizing their sacrifices. He emphasized that the coalition government would not forget the contribution of the 35,000 displaced individuals who gave up their lands for the Polavaram project. He assured that the government would take all necessary steps to improve their living conditions. Minister Manohar also announced a special plan to enhance the living conditions of the displaced people and mentioned that a survey would be conducted to provide employment opportunities for the youth of displaced families. He instructed officials to ensure that basic amenities like roads, drainage, drinking water, education, and healthcare would be made available in the rehabilitation colony within six months.

Calls arrests of PSR and Kasireddy a diversion from govt failures

- Seeks Central Aid For Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Projects
- Requests funds for Polavaram and clearances for Banakacharla

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

After returning from his foreign tour, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is actively pursuing state development matters during his visit to the national capital. On Monday, he held a crucial meeting with Union Water Resources Minister CR Patil in Delhi, focusing primarily on the Polavaram and Banakacharla irrigation projects. Accompanied by Union Ministers Rammohan Naidu and Pemasani Chandrasekhar, along with TDP MPs Lavu Srikrishna Devarayalu, Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy, Krishna Prasad, Appalanaidu, Harish Balayogi, Sana Satish, and others, Chandrababu urged the Centre to expedite financial support and necessary approvals for these major projects. During the meeting, the Chief Minister requested full central support to ensure that the first phase of the Polavaram project is completed by 2027. He stressed the importance of immediate fund release to maintain project momentum and invit-



ed Minister CR Patil to visit the Polavaram site to review the progress firsthand. Chandrababu also pressed for clearances and financial assistance for the Banakacharla project, which aims to divert Godavari floodwaters through the Polavaram project to the Penna river. He explained that the project is vital for addressing the long-standing irrigation and drink-

ing water issues in the drought-prone Rayalaseema region. The state government believes that once Banakacharla gets the green signal from the Centre, the linkage of rivers will provide lasting water security to Rayalaseema. With two major irrigation projects on the line, Andhra Pradesh is expecting a positive and prompt response from the Union Government.

TDP Slams YCP's Allegations on URSA

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has responded strongly to the allegations and false campaigns directed at URSA, a newly established company planning to set up a large AI data center in Andhra Pradesh. The response comes after controversial statements from Kesineni Nani, a former TDP leader, who accused URSA of being a "benami" company with connections to Kesineni Shivrath (Chinni), sparking backlash from both political circles and netizens. URSA, a company formed with directors from prominent American IT firms, has been making waves with its proposal to invest ₹5,000 crores in Andhra Pradesh. The company has been endorsed for its transparency and the experience of its founding team, which includes experts with decades of experience at global technology giants such as Oracle and Sun Microsystems. "Before the government gives an explanation, URSA is branded as a fake company," the statement reads, addressing the misinformation spread by certain sections of the media. URSA also refuted claims that it was receiving land at an unusually low rate, revealing that it had secured 56.6 acres at ₹50 lakh per acre and an additional 3.5 acres at ₹1 crore per acre. Furthermore, the company has spent five months studying the feasibility

of its project, receiving approval only after a thorough evaluation by state authorities. The TDP has accused the YCP of orchestrating these attacks on URSA for political reasons. "Anti-development forces are clearly at work," the TDP statement reads, referring to the opposition's attempts to derail a significant investment project that promises to create jobs and bring advanced technological infrastructure to the state. "Kesineni Nani's politics have been increasingly aligned with YCP, and his attacks on URSA seem to be politically motivated," TDP sources stated. They also criticized Nani for his attempts to create division, particularly over the progress and success of his brother Kesineni Shivrath (Chinni), who has been associated with URSA's development efforts. URSA's promoters, including Satish Abburi, Eric Warner, and Kaushik Pendurthi, have been working since 1995 in setting up successful companies, and despite URSA being newly registered, they bring vast experience in establishing global technology enterprises. They stressed that while the core infrastructure for the company is in place, the official headquarters will be set up after completing Phase 1 of the project, expected to take 12-24 months. Interestingly Satish Abburi happened to be the class mate of Kesineni Chinni which made Nani call URSA com-

pany liked to MP Sivandh. The TDP has also reiterated its support for the government's decision to approve the project after thorough investigation and analysis. With URSA's clear proposals now released, the company has vowed to take legal action against those spreading false information. "This project is transparent and has the intention of doing good for the state," said a TDP spokesperson. "False allegations against it for political gain are painful and only reflect the desperation of those trying to undermine Andhra Pradesh's progress."

URSA Clarification

Ursa Clusters has issued a clarification denying recent allegations regarding land allotments in Andhra Pradesh, specifically in Visakhapatnam. The company refuted claims that land was being allocated for just 99 paise per acre, stating that such reports are part of a campaign aimed at tarnishing its image. In a statement, Ursa Clusters provided specific details of land acquisitions, stating that in Kapulupada, 55.36 acres were acquired at a rate of Rs. 50 lakh per acre. Additionally, in Madhurwada, 3.5 acres were acquired at Rs. 1 crore per acre. The company emphasized that these transactions were carried out at market rates, countering the false narratives circulating in the media.

20 injured as Dixon Company bus overturns

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

A serious road accident occurred early Monday morning in Renigunta mandal of Tirupati district, where a private company bus carrying Dixon Technologies employees overturned near Marrigunta Circle. The incident happened on the Naidupeta-Pootalapattu main road when the bus driver attempt-

ed to avoid a tractor that suddenly veered into its path. According to initial reports, the tractor driver was allegedly speaking on the phone while driving, leading to a dangerous maneuver that forced the Dixon Company bus to swerve abruptly. As a result, the bus overturned, leaving around 20 employees seriously injured, with two of them reported to be in criti-

cal condition. The bus was transporting 45 employees to the Dixon manufacturing unit for their morning shift when the accident occurred. Locals immediately informed the police, who rushed to the spot and coordinated the rescue operation. The injured were quickly shifted to Balaji and Amara hospitals for treatment.

AP Class 10 results to be released Today

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

The long-awaited AP SSC results for 2025 will be officially released on Wednesday, at 10 am. Following the completion of the exam, the evaluation of answer sheets and the computerization of the results have been finalized, and the stage is now set for the results to be unveiled. This year, in addition to the traditional online methods, the results will also be avail-

able via WhatsApp, providing greater accessibility to students. Education department officials have confirmed the details regarding the release of results, stating that they will be made available on several platforms. Students can access their SSC Public Exam results through the following channels: Official websites: <https://bse.ap.gov.in>, <https://apopenschool.ap.gov.in> WhatsApp: By sending a message "Hi" to 9552300009 on WhatsApp, selecting Educa-

tion Services, choosing SSC Public Exam Results, and entering their roll number. LEAP mobile app: Results will be available for download through logins for both teachers and students. This year, 6,19,275 students appeared for the class 10 exams. After completing the evaluation by April 15, the results have been processed, and the final details are now being uploaded to the official portals and WhatsApp for students' easy access.

From Telugu states Sai Shivani ranks 11th, Venkatesh 15th

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3	0867282	DONGRE ARCHIT PARAG
4	0108110	SHAH MARGI CHIRAG
5	0833621	AAKASH GARG
6	0818290	KOMAL PUNIA
7	6902167	AAYUSHI BANSAL
8	6613295	RAJ KRISHNA JHA
9	0849449	ADITYA VIKRAM AGARWAL
10	5400180	MAYANK TRIPATHI
11	8200949	ETTABOYINA SAI SHIVANI
12	5809367	ASHI SHARMA
13	5912548	HEMANT
14	0818331	ABHISHEK VASHISHTHA
15	1019403	RAJNNA VENKATESH
16	6907627	MADHAV AGARWAL
17	0810414	SANSKRITI TRIVEDY
18	2604936	SAUMYA MISHRA
19	0833456	VIBHOR BHARDWAJ
20	2200688	TRILOK SINGH

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has released the final results of the Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2024, bringing joy to thousands of aspirants across the country. The announcement, made on Tuesday, confirmed the selection of 1,009 candidates for prestigious civil services including IAS, IPS, IFS, and others. The selected candidates include 335 from the General category, 109 from EWS, 318 from OBC, 160 from SC, and 87 from ST categories. These candidates will now be appointed to various civil service posts under the central government. The CSE 2024 was conducted in three stages. The preliminary exam was held on June 16, 2024, followed by the mains between September 20-29. The interviews for those who cleared the mains were conducted from January 7 to April 17, 2025. Following this exhaustive process, the final list was prepared based on cumulative performance. Candidates from the Telugu states showcased exceptional performance in this year's results. E. Sai Shivani secured an impressive 11th rank while Banna Venkatesh stood at 15th. Other high achievers include Abhishek Sharma (38th rank), Ravula Jayasimha Reddy (46th), Shravan Kumar Reddy (62nd), Sai Chaitanya Jadhav (68th), N. Chetana Reddy (110th), and Chennamreddy Sivaganesh Reddy (119th). UPSC also released the list of the top 10 rankers nationally. The toppers include Shakti Dubey, Harshita Goel, Dongre Archit Parag, Shah Margi Chirag, Akash Garg, Komal Punia, Ayushi Bansal, Rajkrishna Jha, Aditya Vikram Agarwal, and Mayank Tripathi. This year's results once again highlighted the determination and preparation of candidates from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, many of whom have overcome immense odds to achieve success at the national level.



Raj Kasireddy's Interrogation Ends at SIT Office

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The intense interrogation of Kasireddy Rajasekhar Reddy, a key figure under investigation, concluded after nearly 12 hours of questioning at the SIT (Special Investigation Team) office. The interrogation, which focused on critical aspects of the ongoing investigation, has now been completed, and Reddy is set to undergo medical tests before his court appearance. Following the interrogation, Reddy will be shifted to the government hospital for necessary medical examinations. Police personnel have been heavily deployed at the hospital to ensure security during the medical procedures. The tests will take place in Room Number 29, specifically in the Casualty Medical Officer's room, with police officers present to monitor the process. Once the medical tests are completed, the SIT officials will produce Reddy in court, where further legal proceedings are expected to take place. The situation remains under tight security as authorities continue to investigate the case.





Jagan to YCP PAC: ‘Time to Act, not Wait’

- Calls for booth-level committees and intensified public fights
- Slams govt over Visakhapatnam and capital region land deals

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

In a key internal meeting with YSR Congress Party's Political Affairs Committee (PAC) members, party chief and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy delivered a sharp message urging members to step up their efforts and intensify fights on behalf of the people. Stressing the importance of grassroots-level organization, Jagan directed the PAC to immediately begin forming booth-level committees across the state.

"Don't sit idle as if there's still time. Be active and reach out to the people at every level," Jagan said, warning that complacency will cost the party. He called on leaders to adopt a more aggressive posture in highlighting the failures of the current administration and protecting public interest.

Jagan also came down heavily on what he described as suspicious land deals under the new government. "Land worth ₹3,000 crore in Visakhapatnam has been handed over to a nameless company. Another ₹2,000 crore has gone to the Lulu Group. What transparency are they talking about?" he questioned.

He further alleged that the construction cost estimates in the capital region have been artificially inflated, raising serious concerns of misuse and favoritism. "The promises made to the people are not being implemented anywhere. This is betrayal, plain and simple," he added.

The former CM insisted that the party must expose the new government's decisions, especially those involving public assets and development promises. He urged PAC members to remain alert, reach every household, and ensure the YSRCP's voice remains strong across Andhra Pradesh.

Driver Subrahmanyam Murder Case Reopened

- Kakinada SP orders reinvestigation, report due in 60 days
- SDPO Manish Devaraj assigned to lead the probe
- State appoints senior advocate Muppalla Subbarao as special prosecutor



TPN Correspondent | Kakinada

A significant development has taken place in the 2022 murder case involving YCP MLC Anantha Uday Bhaskar, popularly known as Anantha Babu. Kakinada District SP Bindu Madhav has issued orders to reopen the investigation into the suspicious death of Subrahmanyam, a driver who worked for the MLC and whose death created a sensation across Andhra Pradesh. The SP has handed over the case to SDPO Manish Devaraj Patil, directing him to conduct a thorough re-investigation and submit a comprehensive report within 60 days. The order also allows for

the filing of an additional charge sheet, should any new evidence emerge during the investigation. To strengthen the case, the state government has appointed senior advocate Muppalla Subbarao as the special public prosecutor to present arguments on behalf of the state and offer legal counsel to the police. The case dates back to May 2022, when Subrahmanyam was found dead under suspicious circumstances. Anantha Babu himself reportedly brought the body to the victim's family, initially claiming it was a road accident. However, visible injuries on the body and strong objections from the victim's

family and Dalit groups led the police to file a case of murder. Initial investigations suggested a dispute over ₹25,000 and also hinted that Subrahmanyam might have known sensitive personal and business information about the MLC. During interrogation, Anantha Babu allegedly confessed to attacking the driver. He was arrested and later released on bail after spending some time in jail. His release was met with a celebratory welcome by local YSRCP leaders and followers. Now, the decision to reopen the case has once again brought it into the political spotlight in Andhra Pradesh.



RRR reacts to PSR's arrest: "Happy to see him on TV this morning"

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Deputy Speaker of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly and Narasapuram MLA Raghuramakrishna Raju reacted sharply to the arrest of former Intelligence Chief PSR Anjaneyulu in the Kadambari Jethwani harassment case. The senior IPS officer, who held a crucial role during the YSRCP regime, was taken into custody by Andhra Pradesh CID officials in Hyderabad and is being shifted to Vijayawada for further investigation.

Responding to the development, Raghurama said, "I felt happy seeing him on TV this morning." He alleged that PSR Anjaneyulu had committed several immoral activities while serving as the Intelligence Chief in Jagan Mohan Reddy's government. Taking a jibe at him, Raghurama remarked, "This is the same man who shot Jagan when he saw him."

Raghurama accused Anjaneyulu of playing a significant role not only in the Jethwani case but also in the attack case registered against him during the YSRCP term. He pointed out that PSR was named A2 (Accused No. 2) in that attack case and said several people had contacted him since the arrest, asking about the case's status.

He further alleged that another IPS officer, PV Sunil Kumar, was also involved in the same conspiracy and questioned why no action had been initiated against him yet. "Will Sunil Kumar also be arrested like PSR?" he asked, expressing disappointment over the lack of progress.

Raghurama said the investigation in his case is moving "at the speed of a road roller," and hoped that PSR's arrest would now give the much-needed push. He revealed that Sunil Nayak, who filed a suo motu case against him, is refusing to attend proceedings from Bihar. Meanwhile, a doctor accused of tampering with medical reports in his case is already being questioned, he added.

He reiterated his confidence that once the investigation gains momentum, it will not stop midway.

Vijayasai Reddy Calls Himself Whistleblower In Liquor Scam

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Former Rajya Sabha MP Vijayasai Reddy has made a striking statement on social media, declaring himself a whistleblower in the Andhra Pradesh liquor scam. Taking to platform X (formerly Twitter), the senior YSRCP leader distanced himself from the scandal, claiming he had no role in it and vowing to support efforts to expose the real culprits.

"My role in the AP liquor scam is that of a whistleblower. The thieves who were caught and the thieves who were not caught are dragging my name to get away with it. I did not touch any rupee. They only took off half of the clothes of the liquor thieves. I will fully cooperate in taking off the rest of their clothes," Vijayasai Reddy tweeted.

The statement comes amid an ongoing investigation by the Special



Investigation Team (SIT) into the liquor scam that allegedly took place during the previous YSRCP government. Several individuals have already been questioned in the case, and Vijayasai Reddy recently recorded his statement before the SIT as a witness. His comments gain added importance following the recent arrest of Raj Kasireddy, the prime accused in the scam. Vijayasai Red-

dy had earlier named Kasireddy as the key figure behind the entire operation, labeling him as the "mastermind" and "executor" of the illicit activities that rocked the former administration. As the investigation continues to deepen, Vijayasai Reddy's bold remarks have stirred political debate in the state, with his open declaration adding a new layer to the unfolding liquor scam probe.

Roja Termed the Arrest of PSR as Diversion Politics



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) MLA and former minister RK Roja has strongly condemned the arrest of former intelligence chief PSR Anjaneyulu, calling it a deliberate attempt by the coalition government to divert attention from its unfulfilled promises. Speaking at a media conference in Tadepalli, Roja accused the government of resorting to "dirty diversion politics" and warned that such actions will not intimidate the people or the YSRCP.

Roja remarked, "Many promises were made before the elections, including the Mega DSC signed by Chandrababu Naidu. Has that been implemented yet, or is it just a worthless piece of paper?" She further criticized the fabricated cases against YSRCP leaders, stating that these

were political moves intended to target and weaken the opposition. Challenging the government's sincerity, Roja questioned the lack of investigation into major scandals such as the fiber net and skill development scams, allegedly tied to the previous regime. She also raised concerns over the unexplained increase in the Amaravati project's tender cost, from Rs. 36,000 crores to Rs. 77,000 crores, demanding that Prime Minister Modi investigate the matter.

Roja also expressed disappointment over Pawan Kalyan's silence on critical issues such as the deaths of cows in the TTD cowshed and turtles in Srikurma, questioning why the Jana Sena Party leader, who claims to defend Sanatana Dharma, failed to respond to these incidents. "His only job is to speak in favor of Chandrababu Naidu, not to address public problems," she said.

Additionally, Roja accused the TDP government of attempting to increase the number of liquor shops in the state while attempting to file cases against YSRCP MP Mithun Reddy as part of internal factional politics. She urged the government to stop its divisive actions and focus on fulfilling the promises made to the public, stressing that illegal cases will not diminish the resolve or morale of YSRCP leaders.

Ambati slams Vijayasai, warns TDP over 'illegal arrests'

TPN Correspondent | Tadepalli

Former minister and senior YSR Congress Party leader Ambati Rambabu launched a scathing attack on the Andhra Pradesh coalition government, particularly targeting former party colleague Vijayasai Reddy and the recent arrests of top officials. Speaking to the media in Tadepalli, Ambati accused the government of indulging in factional politics and making arrests to cover up its shortcomings.

Ambati criticized Vijayasai Reddy for turning against his former party and siding with Chandrababu Naidu. "He has fallen into Chandrababu's trap. I have nothing to fear from such people," Ambati said, responding sharply to Vijayasai's recent criticisms against him.

Condemning the arrest of senior IPS officer PSR Anjaneyulu, Ambati said, "He is a sincere officer who deserved to be the DGP. Arresting such a person is nothing short of cruel." Drawing parallels to the past, he claimed that the grounds on which PSR was arrested were similar to those used against Chandrababu himself earlier.

He also lashed out at the arrest of YSRCP leader Raj Kasireddy, calling it politically motivated. Ambati said the move was aimed at currying favor with certain groups and suppressing inter-



nal dissent. Referring to the Mumbai actress Jathwani, Ambati defended the earlier legal action taken, stating, "Everyone in Mumbai knows she is a blackmailer."

Ambati alleged that the arrests were part of a larger conspiracy to prevent exposure of assets worth ₹3,000 crore allegedly funneled into a private entity called 'Urs' floated by Nara Lokesh. "This whole drama is to divert attention from the corruption involving the ruling dispensation," he said.

Taking serious objection to the suspension of 11 police officers in the Gorantla Madhav case, Ambati demanded the resignation of the Home Minister. "There was no need to suspend them. This is nothing but scapegoating," he said.

Little Brains School Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Gannavaram MLA Yarragadda Venkata Rao attends as chief guest. Cultural programs with social messages impress all attendees.

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The 10th anniversary of Little Brains School was celebrated with grandeur and enthusiasm at Amma Kalyana Mandapam in Vijayawada. The event, which brought together students, parents, and the entire school staff, was marked by a vibrant cultural program that not only showcased the talent of the students but also conveyed important social messages. The Chief Guest for the occasion, Gannavaram MLA Yarragadda Venkata Rao, graced the event with his presence and extended his warm wishes to the school and its staff for their continued efforts in shaping the future of young minds. Speaking at the event, MLA Venkata Rao praised the school for its commitment to holistic education and the well-rounded development of students. He emphasized the importance of education in building a better society and expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the school in promoting values alongside academic excellence. "This is a proud moment for all of us.

Little Brains School has not only excelled academically but also created an environment where students are encouraged to engage in activities that promote social responsibility. I applaud the efforts of the school and the principal Phani Prasad in raising awareness on important social issues through the cultural programs. These initiatives truly reflect the spirit of community and progress," said MLA Venkata Rao. The highlight of the event was the cultural programs organized by the students, which included skits, dances, and musical performances, all carrying powerful social messages. From environmental sustainability to promoting gender equality, the students delivered impactful performances that resonated deeply with the audience. The programs were not only a display of the students' creative talents but also a reflection of the school's commitment to nurturing responsible citizens who are aware of the societal challenges we face today.

Parents and teachers were equally impressed by the level of participation and enthusiasm displayed by the students, as they came together to celebrate the success of the school. The event also marked a milestone for the school, recognizing the hard work and dedication of its faculty and the support of the community that has helped it grow over the last decade. "The cultural programs were not just entertaining but also thought-provoking. It was inspiring to see our children take an active role in spreading social awareness," said a parent who attended the event. Another teacher added, "The 10th anniversary celebration truly reflects our school's mission to provide a platform for students to excel not just academically, but as socially conscious individuals as well." The anniversary celebration also featured an exhibition of the students' work, showcasing their creativity and passion for addressing critical societal issues. The event concluded



with a heartfelt vote of thanks from the school principal, who acknowledged the collective effort of the staff, students, and parents in making the school's 10-year journey a success. As Little Brains School looks ahead

to the future, its commitment to fostering academic brilliance, coupled with social responsibility, continues to inspire both the young and the old, making it a beacon of hope and progress in the community.

Central Team Inspects Quality of Materials at Polavaram

TPN Correspondent | Polavaram

A central team is currently inspecting the quality of materials used in the construction of the Polavaram project. Two teams from the Central Soil and Material Research Station (CSRMS) are actively conducting quality tests on concrete and stones used in the project. On Tuesday, the teams inspected the concrete used in various sections of the project, as well as the different sizes of stones used for mixing the concrete. Areas such as the Buttress Dam, D-Wall construction zone,



and 902 Hill were among the key locations examined.

Experts Ravi Agarwal and Lalit Kumar Solanki focused on the quality of concrete and the materials mixed with it, while Sandeep Danote inspected the stones. The central team was accompanied by several officials from the Water Resources Department, including D Srinivas, M. Shriram Patel, R Durga Prasad, R V Chiranjeevi, V Jagadish, G Surendra, and John Karan. Additionally, MEIL General Manager M Gangadhar and Deputy General Manager M Murali Pammi were present to facilitate the inspections.

Third-Year Student Ends Life at Siddhartha Engineering College

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In a tragic incident, a third-year student of Siddhartha Engineering College, Kannur, was found dead in her hostel room on Monday. The student, identified as Yarragadda Khyati (20), is suspected to have died by suicide. According to initial reports, Khyati was found hanging in her room by fellow students, who immediately alerted the hostel authorities. Police were called to the scene and have since registered a case.

Authorities have shifted the body for postmortem and are conducting a thorough investigation to ascertain the circumstances that led to the incident. Police officials stated that the reasons behind her decision are yet to be confirmed and that inquiries are ongoing. The incident has caused deep shock and sadness among the students, faculty, and parents. College authorities have expressed their condolences and assured full cooperation with the investigation.



NGOs demand pending dues, PRC implementation at state executive meet

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The Andhra Pradesh Non-Gazetted Officers (APNGOs) Association held its State Executive Meeting today in Vijayawada, where several key resolutions were passed addressing the long-standing concerns of government employees. State President KV Shiva Reddy led the discussions, strongly urging the government to address unresolved issues carried forward from the previous administration and fulfill 14 pressing demands. Speaking at the meeting, Shiva Reddy highlighted that crores of rupees remain unpaid from the previous government's term. While the current administration has cleared a portion of these dues, he emphasized that the remainder should also be released without further delay. "The financial rights of employees should not be compromised due to change in governments,"

he said. A major demand reiterated at the meeting was the implementation of the long-pending Pay Revision Commission (PRC). The association insisted that a PRC commission be constituted immediately to initiate the process. "We have already lost two PRCs in the past. The salary revision is overdue, and the delay is creating anxiety among employees," he added. Shiva Reddy also pointed out that two Dearness Allowances (DAs) are pending, and urged the government to release at least one DA as a relief. The association demanded a reduction in the retirement age from the current 62 years to 60 years, referencing the earlier age limit followed by the previous administration. The issue of legal cases filed against government teachers and employees in the past also surfaced during the meeting. "We

requested the present government to withdraw the cases filed against 3,600 teachers and staff," said Shiva Reddy. Regarding contract employees, the association criticized the partial regularization initiated in 2014 under the previous regime, where only 3,000 employees were given permanent positions. They demanded the remaining 10,000 contract workers also be regularized without delay. Apart from these, concerns were raised about increased work pressure on employees due to vacant posts and inadequate support. The leadership called on the Chief Secretary to take note of the situation and respond positively to their demands. The APNGOs Association firmly stated that they would continue to advocate until their 14 demands are fulfilled, stressing that the well-being and morale of government employees must be prioritized.

AP Marketing Department's Response to True Point's Story

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The Andhra Pradesh Marketing Department has responded to the recent story published by True Point, which alleged corruption within the department. In a statement issued by the NTR District Marketing officials, the department strongly refuted the claims, clarifying that there is no scope for corruption in their operations. Officials stated that the government's initiative to buy and sell tomatoes from farmers is being carried out purely in the public interest and without any profit motive. The intervention is part of a measure to stabilize prices after tomato rates dropped sharply in regions such as Chittoor, Palamaneru, and Madanapalle. The department emphasized that all tomato transactions are being conducted transparently and strictly as per official instructions. They assured that the process is being implemented in a fair and regulated manner, leaving no room for any allegations of irregularities or corruption. The NTR District Marketing Officer urged True Point to publish their official clarification and rejection of the corruption claims to prevent any misinformation from spreading further.

Minister Anitha Defends PSR Anjaneyulu's Arrest



TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

State Home Minister Vangalupudi Anitha has firmly defended the arrest of former Intelligence Chief PSR Anjaneyulu, asserting that the action was taken strictly accord-

ing to the law and based on clear evidence. Addressing the media, Anitha stated that no bias or vendetta was involved in the arrest, which followed a complaint filed by a woman named Kadambari Jethwani.

She pointed out that certain officers under the previous YSRCP regime operated outside the legal framework to please political leaders and are now facing the consequences of their decisions. "No officer in our government has been subjected to such situations. This arrest was done transparently, unlike the political misuse of institutions we saw earlier," Anitha said. Drawing a comparison with former IAS officer Srilakshmi's experience, she stressed that accountability should not be dismissed as victimization. "It is ironic to speak about an officer's personality now when they are caught in legal complications due to their own actions," she remarked. Highlighting what she called the "peak of violence" during the YSRCP government, Anitha recalled the attacks on TDP leaders such as Atchannaidu and Pattabhi, as well as the assault on the TDP office located beside the DGP's office. "Even that was justified by the then regime. Cases were filed against journalists, social media voices,

and Amaravati women activists. The CID was misused to silence dissent," she alleged. The Home Minister also took a jab at YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, criticizing his political posturing. "Instead of addressing real public concerns, Jagan appears on the roads for every sensational incident. He should introspect the damage done during his five-year term, which began with the demolition of public structures," she stated. Refuting YSRCP's charges of political vendetta, Minister Anitha maintained that the state government is committed to maintaining law and order, and warned that strict action would be taken against anyone breaking the law. She also addressed the ongoing retrial in the driver Subramaniam murder case, stating that it was initiated following the request of the victim's family. "The law will take its course, and departmental action will be taken based on concrete evidence. We urge everyone to support the investigation process," she concluded.

Energy Minister Gottipati Urges Centre’s Support for AP’s Power Sector

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

In a significant move aimed at strengthening Andhra Pradesh's power sector, Hon'ble Minister for Energy, Sri Gottipati Ravi Kumar, along with AP Chief Secretary Sri Vijayanand, met with Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Shripad Naik, during the 4th meeting of the Group of Ministers (GoM). The meeting focused on addressing various critical issues in the power sector, with the Minister urging the Union Government to extend its support to the

state. Sri Gottipati Ravi Kumar emphasized the urgent need for the early financial sanction of the Green Energy Corridor (GEC) project, which is essential for enhancing the state's renewable energy evacuation infrastructure. He stressed that the GEC would significantly aid in integrating green power into the national grid, aligning with both state and national clean energy goals. Additionally, the Minister called for comprehensive financial and technical support for establishing the Renewable Energy Management Zone



(REMZ) in Andhra Pradesh, which would optimize the forecasting, scheduling, and management of renewable energy resources across the state. Further, Sri Gottipati Ravi Kumar appealed for an exemption of the NP Kunta Solar Park from the newly introduced General Network Access (GNA) charges. He highlighted the strategic importance of the NP Kunta Solar Park in the state's renewable energy initiatives and emphasized that the exemption is crucial for the park's operational viability. The Minister reiterated that

these proposals are pivotal for advancing Andhra Pradesh's energy transition and contributing to India's national climate commitments and clean energy objectives. In response, Shri Shripad Naik expressed a positive outlook and assured that the proposals would receive favorable consideration. This interaction marks a significant step in securing policy and financial backing from the Centre, which will enable Andhra Pradesh to enhance its energy sector and contribute to India's sustainable energy future.

Union Leaders Felicitate Rakesh Kiran, Discuss Workers' Issues



TPN Correspondent | Chittoor

Union leaders from Tirupati district, Narayanavanam, and Kranthi Pioneer Swinning met and felicitated Rakesh Kiran, the active secretary of the Joint Chittoor District YSRCP, at his office. The leaders discussed various union-related issues during their meeting. Speaking to the union leaders, Rakesh Kiran addressed the problems facing workers in many factories in the Satyavedu constituency. He emphasized that, in the lead-up to May Day, the YSRCP would inquire about these issues and fight for the rights of poor workers. Rakesh Kiran also criticized the coalition government for its lack of attention to the problems of workers since coming to power. He pointed out that the poor have been neglected, and the coalition government has not taken adequate responsibility to support them. The program was attended by union leaders from the Satyavedu constituency, along with YSRCP party members.

Dalit leaders felicitate TG Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha



TPN Correspondent | Gudivada

Several prominent leaders from the Dalit community in Gudivada extended a warm welcome to Telangana State Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha during his visit to the town for a private event held at Rajendra Nagar. Community leaders Kancharla Sudhakar, Ponguleti Jayaraju, Addanki Manikyala Rao, Kalapala Baburao, Kodamala Gangadhar, Dondapati Rambabu, Appikarla Adam Smith, and others greeted the Minister with a bouquet of flowers in a gesture of respect and goodwill. The leaders expressed happiness over the Minister's visit and briefly interacted with him, appreciating his efforts towards the upliftment of marginalized communities and improvements in the healthcare sector. Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha thanked the Dalit representatives for their kind gesture and said he was committed to addressing the concerns of oppressed communities across the Telugu states.

detailed investigation into the fraudulent transaction. The key accused in the case have been identified as Devarapalli Chitti Babu, Immidisetty Srinivas, and Kotha Sumati. Police say the trio allegedly prepared a fake will, a forged marriage certificate, and falsified signatures of various govern-

ment officials to manipulate property ownership records. The matter came to light when Sub-Registrar Revanth noticed discrepancies in the submitted documents during routine verification and promptly filed a complaint.

Based on his report, Macha-

varam police booked the case under the relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS): Sections 318(4), 340(2), 336(3), 338, and 61(1) read with 3(5)BNS. The accused are believed to have carried out this fraudulent act with the intention of seizing prime property using

the forged legal papers. The investigation is currently underway to identify the extent of the fraud and any additional persons involved in the racket. Police sources revealed that the documents used were of high sophistication, including fabricated seals and signatures, raising concerns about wider

forgery networks. Authorities are also examining whether the same group may be involved in similar scams in other locations. Further action will be taken based on the forensic examination of the documents and interrogation of the accused.

ED Notices to Mahesh Babu

Tollywood hero summoned for questioning on April 27

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Tollywood superstar Mahesh Babu has received Enforcement Directorate (ED) notices in connection with a real estate fraud case involving the Surana Group and Sai Surya Developers. The actor has been summoned to appear for questioning on the 27th of this month. According to ED sources, Mahesh Babu received a total of ₹5.9 crore from Sai Surya Developers for promotional activities. Of this, ₹3.5 crore was allegedly paid in cash and ₹2.5 crore through RGS transfer. The ED is now investigating the legitimacy of this remuneration. The probe stems from FIRs filed

by the Telangana Police against Sai Surya Developers owner K. Satish Chandra Gupta and Surana Group director Narendra Surana. They are accused of duping buyers by selling plots in unauthorized layouts, selling the same plot to multiple individuals, and providing false registration assurances. ED officials believe that many people were influenced to invest in Sai Surya Developers' projects because of Mahesh Babu's promotional involvement. While the actor is not accused of direct involvement in the scam, the ED is scrutinizing the payments made to him as part of the broader investigation. It is also known that Mahesh



Babu's wife and children appeared in an advertisement for Sai Surya Developers, which further boosted the company's image among the public. The ED recently conducted two days of raids and inspections at the offices of Surana Group and

Sai Surya Developers. The notices to Mahesh Babu are part of the agency's ongoing effort to trace financial transactions and determine the extent of promotional influence in the alleged fraud.

Kesineni Nani's Allegations Baseless: Gaddi Krishna Reddy

TPN Correspondent | A. Kondur

Speaking at a media conference held at the Tiruvur constituency MLA office, Telugu Desam Party's A. Kondur mandal president Gaddi Krishna Reddy came down heavily on former MP Kesineni Nani for the recent allegations against Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni). He said the allegations made by Nani regarding the land allotment in Visakhapatnam were completely false and baseless, and demanded an immediate public apology. "We strongly condemn the remarks made by Kesineni Nani garu. Our MP Kesineni Chinni garu has a great heart and has always served the people, even when not in power," said Gaddi Krishna Reddy. He emphasized that MP Chinni had carried out several service activities across the united



Krishna district, organizing health camps and food canteens even during challenging times. Highlighting one such instance, Gaddi Krishna Reddy mentioned the dire condition of kidney patients in A. Kondur mandal. "During the previous government, which neglected these suffering families,

Chinni garu stood by them. He gave ₹10,000 in cash and medicines to every single kidney patient and supported each affected family personally," he said. He questioned how anyone could target such a person with false accusations and reiterated that there is no truth in the claims made by Kesineni Nani. "It is not right to level baseless charges against someone who has been so selfless in his service to the public. Nani garu should stop this and apologize immediately," he demanded. Reddy concluded by saying that spreading misinformation against a sitting MP without any proof is unacceptable and cautioned against such attempts to defame leaders who are committed to public service.

Student hits Lecturer with Shoe for Seizing Phone

TPN Correspondent | Vizianagaram

A disturbing incident that has rocked the academic community in Andhra Pradesh took place at Raghu Engineering College near Dakamarri on the Visakhapatnam-Vizianagaram National Highway. A female engineering student assaulted a female lecturer with a sandal after the latter confiscated her mobile phone during class. The video of the attack, recorded by another student, has now gone viral and is drawing widespread criticism on social media. According to reports, the incident occurred when the lecturer noticed the second-year student using her mobile phone during class. As per college rules, the lecturer took the phone away. Enraged by this, the student began verbally abusing the lecturer

with offensive language. Things escalated quickly as she removed her sandal and struck the lecturer in front of stunned classmates. Despite the efforts of fellow students to calm her down and stop the attack, the student persisted with the assault. The situation was brought to light when another student recorded the incident on his phone and the video began circulating widely online. The video has sparked public outrage, with many netizens expressing concern over the growing indiscipline in educational institutions and the safety of teachers. There is widespread condemnation of the student's behavior, which many see as a grave insult to the teacher-student relationship.



College authorities are yet to release an official statement regarding disciplinary action against the student. Meanwhile, public pressure is mounting for strict measures to be taken to prevent such incidents from recurring in academic institutions.

₹7 crore Property Grabbed with Fake Documents

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In a shocking land scam, property worth around ₹7 crore has been illegally transferred using forged documents in Vijayawada. Acting on a complaint filed by Joint Sub-Registrar Revanth, Machavaram police have registered a case and launched a

Constitutional Responsibilities ignored

India’s Rights-First Culture: A Dangerous Imbalance

Codify Fundamental Duties into Law

India’s Fundamental Duties (Article 51A) are not enforceable by law—unlike rights.Parliament can and should pass legislation making certain duties legally binding (like respecting national symbols, not damaging public property, etc.).

Introduce a “Citizenship Responsibility Act”

Make basic civic behavior a prerequisite for government schemes or subsidies.Include mandatory civic education modules (in schools, and for government job applicants.Establish penalties for inciting unrest under the false claim of “constitutional rights.”

Rights Are Not Absolute.

The misuse weakens democracy rather than strengthening it. The Constitution of India grants Fundamental Rights, but each comes with reasonable restrictions to protect: National sovereignty,Public order,Morality. The rights of others But in reality, what do we often see? Freedom of speech” is used to spread misinformation.Right to protest” turns into arson and destruction of public property. Right to privacy” is weaponized to avoid accountability. Responsibilities Are Forgotten India’s Article 51A of the Constitution lists Fundamental Duties, such as: Respecting the Constitution, Safeguarding public property,Upholding unity and integrity, Developing scientific temper ,Promoting harmony and the dignity of womenYet none



of these duties are enforceable in a strict legal sense. They remain symbolic, not binding—and that’s part of the problem. The opposition, media, and even civil society rarely speak about responsibilities. The narrative is one-sided: “My rights! My rights!” — but never “My duty as a citizen.”


The Culture of Lawbreaking as Heroism

India has unfortunately cultivated a dangerous trend:Breaking the law is often seen as “resistance”, “bravery”, or even “revolutionary.” Whether it’s illegal encroachments, blocking highways, public violence, or defyingcourt orders—these are applauded by some political actors and justified in the name

What Needs to Change?	
Political Culture of Selective Constitutionalism Opposition parties (and sometimes ruling ones too) tend to cherry-pick the Constitution:	
What They Promote	What They Ignore
Freedom of Speech	Respect for public order and harmony
Right to Protest	Duty to safeguard public property
Right to Equality	Duty to renounce divisive practices
Right to Education	Duty to value and use that education responsibly
They provoke agitation but not awareness, emotion but not education	

of constitutional rights. This erodes respect for law, democratic institutions, and national discipline.

public benefits (like subsidies or schemes) to basic civic behavior. Enact a Citizenship Responsibility Act that makes



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destruction of public property, communal hate speech, and organized defiance of law p Legal & Legislative Reforms Enforce duties through legislation. For example:Link certain unishable even in the name of “rights.” Make recovery of damages mandatory from protest organizers in case of violence or public loss.

Civic Education

Mandatory constitutional education in schools, colleges, and for first-time voters. National campaigns: “My Nation, My Duty” alongside “My Rights, My Pride.” Political Reforms All parties, especially opposition, must be held accountable for promoting responsible civic behavior. ECI and courts must issue stricter guidelines on protests, demonstrations, and public be-

havior.

Global Examples: Rights are Earned by Duty

Singapore: Civic discipline is strictly enforced—responsibilities come before rights.

Japan: Social order and respect for institutions are deeply embedded in culture.

China: Citizens are expected to act in national interest before demanding privileges (although this comes with authoritarian controls, the sense of national responsibility is non-negotiable). India does not need authoritarianism, but it does need accountable freedom.

In India Rights Are Being Misused as Shields for Lawbreaking

Illegal encroachments defended as housing rights.Rioting mobs treated as peaceful protestors.Fake narratives and communal provocation circulated under “free speech.”Selective outrage against police or military, but silence on duty toward national unity.

Final Thought: A Responsible Democracy is a Strong Democracy

Rights without duties are like freedom without direction. Democracy isn’t just about speaking up—it’s about showing up with discipline. India must remember: you don’t build a nation by breaking laws—you build it by upholding them.

JD Vance in India: Charm, Symbolism, and Subtle Diplomacy

JD Vance’s visit to India may not have ushered in any blockbuster announcements, but its symbolic and strategic weight should not be underestimated. Ostensibly a family visit—thanks to the Vice President’s Indian American wife, Usha Vance, who hails from Andhra Pradesh—the trip was carefully curated, featuring only the most high-profile northern Indian destinations like Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur. Despite skipping her native South, the Vance family’s presence alone offers a curious blend of diplomacy and personal narrative.

Amid Delhi’s April heat, this tightly scheduled tour prioritized must-do moments like a visit to the Taj Mahal and a warm encounter with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Whether detailed trade talks happened or not, the visit has been framed as a success by Vance’s office. Photos of PM Modi bonding with the Vance children echo his trademark style of blending personal warmth with political messaging, a strategy used with other global leaders, from China’s Xi Jinping to Italy’s Giorgia Meloni.



While such optics are often viewed as domestic image-building, they also play into the broader narrative of India’s rising profile in U.S. politics. Indian Americans are an influential voter bloc, and both Democrats and Republicans are keen to highlight their desi connections. Vance’s trip, intentionally or not, reinforces that appeal.

Behind the smiles and sightseeing, the real diplomatic work may have been carried out by Ricky Gill, Senior Director for South and Central Asia at the U.S. National Security Council. A seasoned policy figure, Gill likely advanced discussions on trade tensions and China policy. India remains Washington’s key partner in countering Beijing, though how far New Delhi will lean in that direction remains uncertain.

In a world of unpredictable policy shifts in Washington, India treads carefully. Perhaps the most practical outcome of this visit would be for Vice President Vance to quietly persuade the President to retire the “tariff king” jibes—at least until real progress on trade is made.



Pope Francis’s Legacy: Will the Next Conclave Carry His Reforms Forward?

Before he became Pope, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was a devotee of La Virgen Desatanudos — Mary, the Untier of Knots. The image is fitting for a pontiff who inherited a Church entangled in centuries of theological, financial, and political complications. Over his 12-year papacy, Pope Francis did more than just project a humble image; he took a scalpel to the internal workings of the Vatican.

He pursued an ambitious reorganization of the Vatican bureaucracy, transforming the outdated Congregations into more collaborative Dicasteries. He elevated laypeople and even a nun to leadership roles — a radical shift from the traditionally cardinal-dominated hierarchy. His reformist agenda extended to the Vatican Bank, long plagued by scandals. Francis, who had tackled similar corruption in Buenos Aires, brought the same no-nonsense approach to Rome, using audits and administrative reshuffles to clean house.

Yet his reforms were not universally welcomed. Conservatives within the Church pushed back, especially over his openness to gay Catholics, softened stances on divorced believers, and re-

strictions on the Latin Mass. Some saw these moves as threats to tradition. Pope Benedict XVI, who resigned in 2013 and lived nearly a decade longer, remained a symbolic anchor for these dissenting voices. Francis treaded carefully to maintain peace with the emeritus pope, but also sidelined key conservative figures like Cardinal Raymond Burke and Benedict’s secretary, Cardinal Georg Gänswein.

Now that Francis has passed, the College of Cardinals—over 100 of whom were appointed by him—will gather to elect the next pope. But loyalty to Francis doesn’t guarantee unity. Disagreements over his legacy could splinter his bloc and open the door to a compromise candidate.

While Francis reformed with patience and humility, the conclave may reveal whether those changes have truly taken root. Will the Church continue the path he forged, or will it revert to old patterns? The Vatican, for all its spiritual authority, is still a political arena. And in the shadow of its grandeur, intrigue remains ever present — even as the Church decides who will untie its next set of knots.

India, Saudi Arabia Eye Energy Partnership

India and Saudi Arabia are stepping up their cooperation in the energy sector, with plans to jointly develop refinery and petrochemical projects, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi revealed during his two-day visit to the Gulf nation. Speaking to Arab News, Modi highlighted the evolving nature of the bilateral relationship, which has expanded from oil trade to deeper strategic and investment-oriented engagements. "India and Saudi Arabia are exploring joint projects in refineries and petrochemicals," he said, emphasizing the potential for energy security and economic growth through these collaborations.

During his arrival in Jeddah, Modi was received by Makkah Region Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Mishal bin Abdulaziz. The visit marks a significant moment in strengthening ties between one of Asia's fastest-growing economies and one



of the world's top oil exporters. Beyond hydrocarbons, Modi also pointed to forward-looking initiatives that align with global energy transition trends. "We are now working on feasibility studies for electricity grid interconnectivity between India

and Saudi Arabia and the wider region," he noted, underscoring ambitions for a transnational energy framework that could support renewable integration and grid stability across regions. The cooperation reflects a

broader transformation in India-Saudi relations, which has seen increased engagement in sectors such as infrastructure, defense, and technology in recent years. Saudi Arabia is already a key energy partner for India, supplying a significant portion of its crude oil needs. However, both nations are looking to move beyond buyer-seller dynamics to long-term investment and technology partnerships. Modi's visit also includes high-level meetings with Saudi leadership and Indian diaspora engagements. The outcomes are expected to reinforce the India-Saudi Strategic Partnership Council, launched in 2019 to institutionalize bilateral cooperation. As both countries pursue economic diversification and energy transition goals, their growing collaboration could play a pivotal role in reshaping energy flows and fostering sustainable development in the region.



VP Dhankhar Defends Criticism of SC Ruling

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday defended his recent comments criticizing the Supreme Court for what he termed as judicial overreach, asserting that Parliament remains the supreme authority under the Constitution. His remarks come in the wake of the apex court's landmark ruling that directed the President of India to act within three months on bills forwarded by state legislatures.

Addressing a gathering at Delhi University, Dhankhar reiterated his concerns, stating, "There is no visualisation in the Constitution of any authority above Parliament. Parliament is supreme."

Referring to the court's directive to the President, he said, "We never bargained for democracy for this day. President being called upon to decide in a time-bound manner — and if not, the bill becomes law — this raises serious constitutional questions."

He questioned the notion of constitutional offices being merely ceremonial. "I find it conceivably intriguing that some have recently reflected that constitutional offices can be ceremonial, ornamental. Nothing can be far distanced from a wrong understanding of the role of everyone in this country — constitutional functionary or a citizen," Dhankhar remarked.

His comments follow the Supreme Court's recent decision — a first in India's constitutional history — to impose a time frame for the President's assent on gubernatorial referrals, a move aimed at addressing delays in legislative processes. However, Dhankhar, along with several political observers, viewed it as a potential overstep by the judiciary into the executive domain. The Vice President's statements have sparked sharp reactions from legal experts and opposition leaders, who accused him of undermining judicial independence. Some critics labeled his remarks as "unconstitutional," arguing that constitutional checks and balances are essential to maintain democratic harmony. This ongoing debate highlights the evolving dynamics between the judiciary and executive, raising critical questions about constitutional interpretation, balance of power, and institutional boundaries in India's democracy.



Shakti Dubey Tops UPSC 2024 Exam

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- 1,009 candidates qualify for services
- Exam held in three stages
- Final merit list now released

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has declared the final results of the Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2024, with a total of 1,009 candidates qualifying for appointment to prestigious services such as the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS), Indian Police Service (IPS), and various Group 'A' and Group 'B' Central Services. Shakti Dubey has secured the All-India Rank 1, emerging as the topper of this year's examination. The announcement brings an end to months of anticipation for thousands of aspirants across the country. The UPSC CSE selection process

comprises three rigorous stages—the Preliminary Examination, held on June 16, 2024; the Main Examination, conducted between September 20 and 29, 2024; and the Personality Test (Interview), which took place from January 7 to April 17, 2025. Candidates who cleared all stages have now been recommended for various top-level posts in the central administration. Of the 1,009 candidates selected, the category-wise breakdown includes 335 from the General category, 318 from Other Backward Classes (OBC), and 87 from the Scheduled Caste (SC) category. A total of 241 candidates have been



recommended on a provisional basis, while the result of one candidate has been withheld for undisclosed reasons. The final merit list has been prepared by evaluating performance across all three stages. The Civil Services Examination is considered one of the most competitive and prestigious examinations in India, opening pathways to ad-

ministrative roles that directly impact governance and public service. Candidates can view their results and the merit list on the official UPSC website. The success of over a thousand aspirants this year once again underscores the importance of dedication, discipline, and perseverance in India's elite civil service journey.

Usha Vance Exudes Quiet Luxury in Jaipur



On a cultural stop in Rajasthan following a high-profile meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Usha Vance, Second Lady of the United States, turned heads with her signature minimalist elegance. Accompanied by Vice President JD Vance and

their three children, Usha visited the historic Amber Fort in Jaipur, blending diplomatic grace with chic travel fashion. Radiating understated sophistication, Usha Vance embraced the concept of quiet luxury, opting for a crisp white button-down shirt

paired with a printed A-line midi skirt. The shirt, with its rolled-up sleeves and fitted silhouette, brought classic tailoring into a breezy, resort-inspired aesthetic. Her earth-toned skirt—featuring soft browns and beiges with a delicate print reminiscent of

Amber Fort's intricate frescoes—added depth to the ensemble. The pleated construction gave the look movement, while the mid-rise waist and calf-length hemline offered a practical yet stylish choice for exploring Jaipur's royal architecture.

Completing the look, Usha kept it relaxed yet polished with brown flat sandals, oversized sunglasses, and subtle makeup. Her salt-and-pepper hair, worn loose and naturally styled, enhanced the effortless appeal of the outfit—embodying a blend of casual comfort and quiet confidence. JD Vance, too, opted for a subdued, diplomatic look in a grey blazer over a navy shirt, complemented by beige trousers and tan dress shoes—a smart ensemble in harmony with the setting and occasion. Their three children added a pop of youthful charm to the day's visual story. Youngest daughter Mirabel captured hearts in a floral top and sea-green shorts, perfectly channeling the cheerful spirit of the outing. This appearance by the Vance family not only highlighted the importance of soft diplomacy and cultural engagement but also showcased how **fashion

Pahalgam Terror Attack: 1 Dead, TRF Claims Responsibility

A terrorist attack in the Baisaran Valley near Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, left one tourist dead and at least seven others injured on Tuesday. The Resistance Front (TRF), a Pakistan-linked terror outfit, has claimed responsibility for the assault that has shocked the nation and raised fresh concerns over tourist safety in the Valley.

The attack occurred in Baisaran, a scenic meadow popularly known as "Mini Switzerland", which is accessible only on foot or horseback. The unidentified gunmen, reportedly dressed in camouflage, opened indiscriminate fire on a group of domestic tourists. A survivor recounted the horror, stating her husband was shot in the head, underlining the brutality of the incident.

Local residents were instrumental in the immediate rescue, using ponies to evacuate the injured from the remote location. Security forces quickly cordoned off the area and launched a massive search operation. Medical teams rushed the wounded to hospitals in nearby towns for treatment.

The TRF, considered a shadow group of Lashkar-e-Taiba, later took responsibility for the attack. The incident has drawn widespread condemnation. Former J&K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti denounced the violence, emphasizing Kashmir's tradition of hospitality towards tourists. BJP leader Ravinder Raina blamed the assault on Pakistan-backed terrorists and vowed stern action.



"Carried Friendly Exchanges": China Condoles Death Of Pope Francis

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China’s foreign ministry extended condolences on Tuesday following the death of Pope Francis, who passed away at the age of 88. The pontiff, known for his reformist approach and global outreach, had a complex but evolving relationship with China during his 12-year tenure leading the Roman Catholic Church.

“In recent years, China and the Vatican have maintained constructive contact and carried out friendly exchanges,” foreign ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun said. He emphasized that China is open to “making joint efforts with the Vatican to promote the continued improvement of China-Vatican relations.”

Diplomatic ties between China and the Holy See were severed in 1951 after the Communist takeover, creating a deep rift in China’s Catholic population. Chinese Catholics were forced to align either with the state-sanctioned Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association or with underground churches loyal to the pope. This division affected millions of believers in the country.

However, a significant turning point came under Pope Francis. In 2018, the Vatican and Beijing reached a historic provisional agreement allowing both parties a role in appointing bishops in China. The move aimed to bridge the gap between the state-approved and underground Catholic communities and foster unity within China’s estimated 12 million Catholics.

Despite the breakthrough, tensions resurfaced when Beijing unilaterally appointed bishops in 2022 and 2023—most notably in Shanghai—prompting expressions of “regret” from the Vatican. These actions were seen as violations of the delicate 2018 agreement. Nonetheless, both sides agreed to renew the deal again in 2024, signaling a continued willingness to engage in dialogue.

Pope Francis consistently voiced admiration for China and had expressed a strong desire to visit the country, calling it “a great country” and “a promise and a hope for the Church.” Though a papal visit never materialized, his diplomatic overtures marked a notable shift in Vatican-China relations.

With his passing, both Beijing and the Vatican now face the challenge—and opportunity—of carrying forward the fragile progress made under his leadership, navigating the complex intersection of faith, diplomacy, and geopolitics.

Pope Francis’s Funeral to Be Held Saturday at St Peter’s Square

- **His body will lie in an open casket in St. Peter’s Basilica from Wednesday to Friday**
- **Honoring his wishes, he’ll be buried in St. Mary Major Basilica in a single wooden casket.**
- **World leaders, including Donald Trump and Emmanuel Macron, are expected at the funeral.**

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Pope Francis’s funeral will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 10:00 AM local time (08:00 GMT) in St Peter’s Square, the Vatican has confirmed. The date was set following a meeting of cardinals in Vatican City on Tuesday to discuss the funeral arrangements.

Ahead of the funeral, the late pontiff’s body will lie in an open casket inside St Peter’s Basilica beginning Wednesday morning, allowing mourners from around the world to pay their respects. The body is currently in the chapel of the Santa Marta residence, where Pope Francis lived throughout his papacy. A procession from Santa Marta to the basilica will begin at 09:00 on Wednesday, led by Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the acting camerlengo, who temporarily oversees the Vatican between papacies.

Following a moment of prayer, the procession will move from Saint Martha’s Square through St Peter’s Square and into the basilica. Once inside, Cardinal Farrell will conduct a Liturgy of the Word before



opening the basilica to the public. Viewing hours will be from 11:00 to midnight on Wednesday, 07:00 to midnight on Thursday, and 07:00 to 19:00 on Friday. In line with Pope Francis’s wishes, there will be no private viewing for cardinals, and his coffin will not be placed on a pedestal.

Saturday’s funeral will be presided over by Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, dean of the College of Cardinals. Clergy from around

the world—including patriarchs, bishops, and priests—will participate in the service. By 08:30, bishops will gather in the Constantine Wing, priests in St Peter’s Square, and cardinals in Saint Sebastian Chapel.

The service will conclude with final commendations and valediction, followed by a nine-day mourning period. Pope Francis requested to be buried in St Mary Major Basilica, making him the

first pope in over a century not to be buried in the crypt beneath St Peter’s Basilica. He also asked to be buried in a single wooden casket, reflecting his desire for simplicity.

World leaders, including U.S. President Donald Trump and French President Emmanuel Macron, are expected to attend. Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday at age 88, following a stroke, after years of declining health. Following the funeral, a conclave of cardinals will convene to elect a successor. The dean of the College of Cardinals has 15 to 20 days to summon the cardinals to Rome once the Pope is buried.

Pope Francis died of a stroke on Monday less than 24 hours after appearing in a wheelchair at St Peter’s Square to lead an Easter address in front of thousands of worshippers.

His death followed a period of ill health that saw him spend five weeks in hospital with double pneumonia. Born in Argentina, he was elected the first ever Latin American pope in 2013.

US Slaps Massive Tariffs on Southeast Asian Solar Imports Amid Anti-Dumping Probe

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In a dramatic escalation of its trade offensive, the Trump administration has imposed steep new tariffs on solar imports from Southeast Asia, with duties reaching as high as 3,521%. The move follows a yearlong investigation by the U.S. Department of Commerce, which concluded that manufacturers in Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Thailand were unfairly benefiting from Chinese government subsidies and dumping solar products in the American market at artificially low prices.

These new tariffs come on top of an existing 10% baseline tariff previously imposed by President Trump, marking a significant tightening



of trade restrictions that have already disrupted global solar supply chains. The latest action particularly targets Chinese firms that had relocated operations to Southeast Asia in an attempt to skirt earlier trade barriers set during Trump’s first term.

The most severe penalty was levied on Cambodia, with tariffs soaring

to 3,521%, largely because the country ceased participating in the Commerce Department’s investigation. Vietnam and Thailand face duties of up to 395.9% and 375.2%, respectively. Meanwhile, Malaysia will see a comparatively lower—but still substantial—tariff of 34.4%.

In 2024 alone, the United States imported nearly \$13 billion worth of solar equipment from these four Southeast Asian nations, highlighting the significant potential impact of these measures on both supply and pricing in the U.S. solar industry. Proponents of the new tariffs argue that the move is a crucial step toward reviving American solar manufacturing. Tim Brightbill, lead counsel for the coalition of domestic solar companies behind the petition, called

the outcome “a decisive victory for American manufacturing.” He emphasized that the probe confirms long-standing concerns about unfair competition from Chinese-backed firms operating offshore.

The Biden administration initially launched the investigation in response to a petition by the American Alliance for Solar Manufacturing Trade Committee, which represents companies like First Solar, Hanwha Q Cells, and Mission Solar Energy. These new tariffs add to an already complex tariff structure, with levies on some Chinese imports reaching 245%. In response, China has announced retaliatory tariffs of up to 125% on U.S. goods, setting the stage for further trade tensions in the months ahead.

'Justice will be done': FBI Director Kash Patel on arrest of Indian terrorist Harpreet Singh in US

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In a significant breakthrough, the FBI has confirmed the arrest of Harpreet Singh, a gangster-turned-terrorist with alleged links to Pakistan’s ISI and the Khalistani terror group Babbar Khalsa International (BKI). Singh, also known by aliases Happy Passia and Jora, was apprehended on April 18 in Sacramento, California, through a joint operation conducted by the FBI and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Enforcement and Removal Operations (ICE ERO).

Kash Patel, the Indian-American FBI Director, announced the arrest in a public post on social media platform X, stating: “CAPTURED: HARPREET SINGH, part of an alleged foreign terrorist gang here illegally in the United States, who we believe was involved in planning multiple attacks on police stations both in India and the United States.” Patel emphasized the coordinated efforts between U.S. agencies and Indian counterparts, adding, “Justice will be done.”

Singh has long been on the radar of Indian law enforcement agencies for his role in orchestrating a series of violent acts in Punjab. He is accused of conspiring in multiple attacks on police installations and working closely with Pakistani



intelligence and Khalistani separatist elements to destabilize the region. Indian authorities had earlier issued a Red Corner Notice through Interpol in connection with Singh’s activities.

Sources suggest Singh entered the U.S. illegally and had been operating under the radar while continuing to maintain links with extremist networks abroad. His arrest represents a major victory in the ongoing counterterrorism collaboration between India and the United States.

Singh’s apprehension is expected to further deepen security cooperation between Washington and New Delhi, especially as both nations confront transnational threats fueled by extremist ideologies and foreign interference. Indian officials have praised the FBI’s swift action and are reportedly pursuing his extradition.

WE WILL HAVE DIRECT TALKS WITH UKRAINE: PUTIN

Russian President Vladimir Putin has signaled a possible shift in his stance toward Ukraine, saying on Monday that he is open to engaging in bilateral talks with Kyiv—marking the first such openness in years. His comments come as the United States intensifies pressure on both Russia and Ukraine to move quickly toward a peace agreement. This week, officials from the U.S., Europe, and Ukraine are set to gather in London after Washington warned that it might pull back its diplomatic efforts unless tangible progress is made. Speaking to reporters, Putin said discussions around ending strikes on Ukrainian civilian infrastructure could be held directly with Ukrainian leaders. “We have a positive attitude towards a ceasefire,” Putin stated, referencing Russia’s short-lived Easter truce, which lasted 30 hours and was marred by mutual accusations of violations. “We are always open to peace initiatives and hope that representatives of the Kyiv regime feel the same.” Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has called on Russia to extend the truce and halt air and drone strikes on civilians, alleging deliberate targeting by Moscow. Putin acknowledged that some recent Russian strikes may have hit civilian facilities, but insisted



they were being used for military operations. “That’s what we need to look into. It could be examined bilaterally through dialogue,” he added. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov later confirmed Putin’s willingness to consider direct talks with Kyiv, as reported by Russia’s Interfax agency. Ukraine and Russia haven’t held direct negotiations since the early weeks of the war in 2022. Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio has warned that American support for negotiations could end within days without signs of progress. Former President Donald Trump echoed that sentiment, saying he would need to see “enthusiasm to end it” from both sides.

Sensex, Nifty Continue Winning Streak Backed by Banking & FMCG Sectors

Despite mixed signals from international markets, domestic stock markets gained for the sixth consecutive session. They ended with moderate gains on Tuesday. The concerns over the differences between US President Donald Trump and the US Fed Chairman did not affect the Indian markets. On the other hand, the weakening dollar, attractive valuations of domestic company shares, and the start of company results filled positive sentiment among investors. Overall, bank and finance shares supported the indices. It is noteworthy that Nifty rose by 41 points and Sensex rose by 187 points today.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 79,408 in the previous session, opened at 79,728 on Tuesday. It touched an intraday low of 79,253. It reached an intraday high of 79,824. Finally, it closed at 79,595 with a gain of 187 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,185, touched a low of 24,072 and a high of 24,242. It closed at 24,167, up 41 points. The Nifty Bank rose 342 points to settle at 55,647.

In the Nifty50, 22 companies gained and 28 lost. ITC, Hindustan Unilever, HDFC Bank, Jio Finance, Mahindra & Mahindra were the top gainers. IndusInd Bank, Power Grid, Hero Moto, Infosys, Wipro were the biggest losers. Realty, FMCG, consumer durables, and healthcare indices were strong today. PSU bank, pharma, auto, private bank, and metal indices were weak. Oil and IT indices lost ground.

Market breadth on NSE turned in favor of buyers today. Out of 2986 shares traded, 1834 gained and 1059 lost. 71 shares touched their 52-week high and 11 shares touched their 52-week low. 155 shares touched the upper circuit and 46 shares touched the lower circuit.

Jefferies downgraded Bajaj Auto and Hero Moto. Eicher and TVS Motor maintained their buy ratings. Demand for pharma and FMCG shares increased. Jindal Stainless and AB Energy started a new solar project in Odisha's Jajpur. India has stood strong in global markets after Trump's suspension of tariffs. HG Infrashares rose 5% after it became a qualified bidder for the Gujarat battery storage project. 360

One and UBS Wealth Management signed a deal. Cholamandalam Finance shares fell 3% after CLSA cut its target. 10 lakh shares changed hands in M&M Financial. 20 lakh shares changed hands in ITC.

ITC Limited

ITC reported a net profit of ₹5,020 crore in Q4 FY24, which fell short of market expectations. The company faced challenges due to increased competition from regional players offering lower-priced products, impacting its market share. While the FMCG segment (excluding cigarettes) experienced modest revenue growth, the paperboards and agri-business segments saw declines, attributed to cheaper Chinese imports and restrictions on agricultural exports. Higher input costs also contributed to increased expenses. The company declared a dividend of ₹7.50 per share for FY24.



Jio Financial Services (JFS)

In Q1 FY25, JFS reported a consolidated net profit of ₹313 crore, marking a 5.72% decline year-on-year. Interest income decreased by 19.8% to ₹162 crore, while total income saw a marginal increase to ₹418 crore, driven by higher net gains on fair value changes. The company has introduced new products, including loans against mutual



funds and digital insurance for vehicles, and launched the beta version of the "Jio-Finance App." Additionally, JFS is expanding into areas like loans against property and securities.

Hindustan Unilever (HUL)

HUL reported a 2.7% increase in net profit for Q1 FY25, totaling ₹2,538 crore. This growth was driven by a 4% rise in underlying volumes, supported by price reductions and a recovery in the home care segment. Sales grew by 1.6% to ₹15,166 crore. Notably, rural markets outpaced urban growth for the first time in five quarters, aided by easing commodity prices.



Colgate-Palmolive India



Colgate-Palmolive India reported a 33% increase in net profit for Q1 FY25, reaching ₹364 crore. Sales rose by 13% to ₹1,486 crore, with domestic net sales growing by 13%. The company attributed this performance to price hikes and strong demand, particularly in rural markets, which outpaced urban growth for the second consecutive quarter. The toothpaste segment experienced double-digit growth, driven by high-single-digit volume increases.

Gold Surges to Record Highs in 2025, Doubling in Less Than Three Years



Gold is on a historic rally in 2025, breaking record after record. Since the start of the year, the yellow metal has surged by 23%, and over the past 12 months, it has climbed a staggering 50%. The price per ounce has now reached \$3,470 as of April 22, marking a 100% jump from \$1,704 on October 10, 2022—an extraordinary rise in just under two and a half years.

This ongoing rally surpasses previous surges in both pace and magnitude. A similar spike was witnessed in 2020, but that upward trend was relatively short-lived. Interestingly, on the same date in 2020—April 22—gold was trading around \$1,700. Prior to that, from September 2018 to September 2020, gold had risen from \$1,200 to \$2,000, a notable gain, though it didn't manage to double in that timeframe.

In India, gold prices are reflecting the global rally. The spot rate today stands at Rs 99,000 per 10 grams, a 100% increase from Rs 50,000 recorded in July 2022. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), the October contract breached the Rs 1 lakh mark for the first time, reaching a high of Rs 1,00,500 per 10 grams—a gain of Rs 1,666 or 1.69% in a single day. Meanwhile, the MCX spot price on April 22 is Rs 98,874, with an intraday peak of Rs 99,358.

Several factors are fueling gold's relentless ascent. The most recent is political tension in the U.S., where President Donald Trump's criticism of Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell has unnerved investors, prompting a flight to safe-haven assets. Colin Shah, MD of Kama Jewelry, attributes the latest highs to this rising tension over Fed rate policy.

Beyond that, a range of macroeconomic concerns continue to support gold's bullish trend: geopolitical unrest, global trade disputes driven by Trump's tariffs, a weakening U.S. dollar, and a sell-off in U.S. Treasuries. Amid these uncertainties, gold remains a preferred store of value for risk-averse investors.

Flipkart to Shift Domicile from Singapore to India, Paving Way for Potential IPO

In a significant strategic shift, Walmart-owned e-commerce giant Flipkart announced on April 22, 2025, that it will relocate its domicile from Singapore to India. The move is widely seen as a precursor to a much-anticipated public listing in the Indian market.



Currently headquartered in Singapore, Flipkart has revealed its intention to realign its holding company structure with its operational base in India. In a statement, the company said, "Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce platform, proudly based and operating in India, has shared its intention to relocate its holding company from Singapore to India."

The company described the decision as a "natural evolution" of its journey, emphasizing the alignment of its corporate structure with India's fast-growing digital economy. "This move represents a natural evolution, aligning our holding structure with our core operations, the vast potential of the Indian economy, and our technology and innovation-driven capabilities to foster digital transformation in India," the statement added.

Flipkart, which has long been preparing for a public listing, has now taken a key step toward making that a reality by bringing its corporate base home. The shift is expected to enhance the company's ability to comply with domestic regulations and ease the pro-

cess of listing on Indian stock exchanges.

"As a company born and nurtured in India, this transition will further enhance our focus and agility in serving our customers, sellers, partners, and communities to continue contributing to the nation's growing digital economy and entrepreneurship," Flipkart said.

This move is likely to resonate positively with Indian regulators and investors, as it reflects a growing trend among major Indian-origin tech firms to anchor their operations more firmly within the country. Analysts believe it will also help Flipkart strengthen its brand as a truly Indian company while gaining strategic advantages in navigating the local market and capital ecosystem.

With this relocation, Flipkart not only prepares itself for a potential IPO but also signals its long-term commitment to the Indian market, reinforcing its role as a key player in the country's digital and retail transformation.

India Imposes 12% Safeguard Duty on Steel Imports to Protect Domestic Industry

In a significant move to protect the domestic steel industry from a surge in low-priced imports, the Indian government on April 21, 2025, imposed a provisional safeguard duty of 12% ad valorem for 200 days on five key steel product categories. These include Hot Rolled Coils, Sheets and Plates; Hot Rolled Plate Mill Plates; Cold Rolled Coils and Sheets; Metallic Coated Steel Coils and Sheets; and Colour Coated Coils and Sheets, whether or not profiled.



The decision follows recommendations from the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), the investigative arm of the Commerce Ministry. In its findings, the DGTR identified a sharp and significant increase in steel imports, particularly from China, Japan, South Korea, and Vietnam, which posed a serious threat to India's domestic producers.

According to the notification issued by the Department of Revenue, the safeguard duty will apply to imports priced below the government-set thresholds, ranging from \$675 to \$964 per tonne on a cost-insurance-freight (CIF) basis. Imports priced at or above these levels will be exempt.

The investigation into these imports began in December 2024 following a complaint filed by the Indian Steel Association on behalf of major steel producers such as ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India, JSW Steel, Jindal Steel and Power, and Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). The DGTR's re-

port highlighted that import volumes had nearly tripled—from 2.29 million tonnes in FY22 to 6.61 million tonnes during the investigation period (October 2023–September 2024).

Union Steel Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy welcomed the safeguard duty, stating that it would offer "critical relief" to domestic producers, particularly small and medium enterprises, and help restore market balance.

However, the move has drawn criticism from MSME exporters and engineering sector stakeholders. FIEO President S.C. Ralhan argued the duty would raise steel prices to around ₹6,000 per tonne, hurting export competitiveness, especially when the U.S. already imposes a 25% tariff on steel.

Despite the concerns, industry leaders hailed the decision as a necessary step to safeguard India's steel sector and promote self-reliance under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

Delta Flight Engine Catches Fire, Evacuated

A Delta Air Lines aircraft preparing to depart from Orlando International Airport caught fire on Monday, prompting the emergency evacuation of all passengers on board. The incident occurred just before Flight DL1213 was scheduled to take off for Atlanta.

The Airbus A330 aircraft had 282 passengers, 10 flight attendants, and two pilots on board. Fortunately, no injuries were reported.

According to Delta and airport officials, the fire originated in the tailpipe of one of the plane's two engines while it was still at the ramp. Airport emergency crews, including the rescue and firefighting team, responded swiftly to the scene.

Visuals shared widely on social media platforms showed smoke and visible flames coming from the aircraft's engine. Passengers were evacuated using emergency slides as a precaution. Delta confirmed that flight crews followed established safety procedures immediately after the fire was detected.

In a statement, Delta said, "Flight crews evacuated the aircraft after flames were seen in the tailpipe of one of the engines. We commend the quick response by our flight and ground teams in ensuring the safety of everyone on board."



The airline added that all passengers were safely moved away from the aircraft and were being accommodated accordingly.

Orlando International Airport authorities also confirmed the situation was swiftly brought under control, and normal operations resumed shortly after the aircraft was cleared from the ramp area.

While investigations are underway to determine the cause of the fire, early reports suggest it may have been a tailpipe flare-up — a rare but known occurrence in aircraft engines.

This incident comes at a time of heightened attention to airline safety, and Delta reiterated its commitment to ensuring the highest standards in operational procedures and passenger security.

Passengers praised the cabin crew's professionalism and quick action during the evacuation, describing the experience as "frightening but efficiently handled."

AI Agents by CozmoX Reshape Workforces

CozmoX, a UAE-based artificial intelligence startup, has unveiled a new generation of AI-powered agents designed to transform corporate workforces. The company claims these AI bots can handle the workload of up to 100 employees, helping businesses save both time and money.

CozmoX is led by UAE-based Indian CEO Alok Kumar, with co-founder Nuha Hashem emphasizing the efficiency of their AI systems. In a conversation with Khaleej Times, Hashem said that the AI agents are trained on company data and can be deployed in less than a day. "Using data from the past 10 years, we can create one AI employee who can handle tasks typically done by a hundred people," she explained.

These AI agents can carry out functions across multiple departments, including customer support, sales, debt collection, and auditing. They are multilingual, capable of holding conversations in nearly 80 languages, making them ideal for international operations.

CozmoX has already partnered with over 50 companies in the UAE. Some of their clients, including hospitals and public sector organizations, have reported monthly savings between \$30,000 and \$100,000 after adopting the technology. The AI agents are also scalable, with the ability to make



10,000 calls per day — a task that would typically require a large human workforce.

CEO Alok Kumar envisions AI agents becoming a norm in the corporate world. "We're not just offering ready-made agents. We also provide the infrastructure for companies to build their own bots to handle routine, manual tasks," he said.

Despite the impressive capabilities, Kumar and Hashem stress that these AI systems are meant to augment, not replace human employees. They believe AI will enable people to focus on more strategic and creative responsibilities.

With automation on the rise, CozmoX's AI innovation signals a significant shift in how businesses approach efficiency, productivity, and workforce management.

Elon Musk Reacts to X's Milestone

Tech mogul Elon Musk reacted with a simple "Cool" as X — formerly Twitter — surged to the top spot on India's Apple App Store in the news category. The brief response came after X user @DogeDesigner posted a video celebrating the app's achievement with the caption, "BREAKING: X is now the #1 news app on the AppStore in India." Despite the minimal reaction, Musk's post sparked a flurry of replies ranging from enthusiastic praise to pointed criticism. One user joked, "Mom said stop wasting time on X... now I tell her I'm watching the news," while another called for the app to be geo-blocked in India.

X's rise in India marks a notable comeback for the platform, which has undergone major changes since Musk acquired it in 2022 for \$44 billion. Following the acquisition, Musk rebranded Twitter as X and significantly downsized its workforce, causing an initial dip in ad revenue. However, advertisers



have recently begun returning, especially with Musk's growing influence in the Trump administration, where he now heads the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

In March 2025, Musk's AI venture xAI announced the acquisition of X in a \$33 billion all-stock deal. The merger aims to consolidate the platforms' data, compute power, and personnel to enhance Musk's AI chatbot, Grok. Musk shared the news in a post, stating, "xAI and X's futures are intertwined. Today, we officially take the step to combine the data, models, compute, distribution, and talent."

Despite controversies and staffing upheavals, X appears to be regaining traction globally, with India emerging as a key market. Musk's brief yet viral response reflects his signature online style — concise, cryptic, and widely discussed.

As X continues to evolve under Musk's leadership, its growing dominance in countries like India may signal a broader global shift in how users engage with news and digital media.

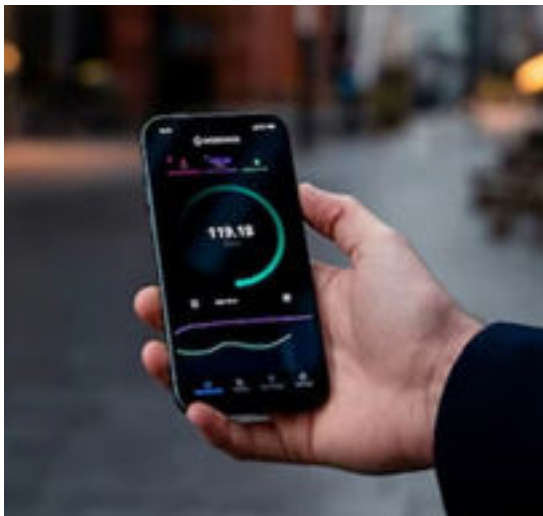
China Launches Blazing Fast 10G Broadband

In a major leap for global internet infrastructure, China has launched the world's first commercial 10G broadband service in Sunan County, Hebei province. This ultra-fast network, rolled out jointly by Huawei and China Unicom, promises download speeds of up to 9,834 Mbps (nearly 10 Gbps) and upload speeds touching 1,008 Mbps. Even more impressive is its minimal latency—just 3 milliseconds—ideal for real-time applications.

This development positions China at the forefront of next-generation broadband technology, while much of the world—including India—is still expanding 5G coverage. The new service runs on 50G-PON (Passive Optical Network) technology, a significant upgrade over existing fiber-optic systems, enabling faster and more efficient data transmission across long distances.

What does this mean in practical terms? Downloading a 20GB 4K movie, which would take around 7-10 minutes on a typical 1Gbps connection, can now be done in under 20 seconds. This opens up new possibilities for 8K streaming, cloud gaming, AI-driven smart homes, AR/VR applications, and lag-free remote work or education.

According to reports, this is not just a tech showpiece but a fully



commercial rollout available to residents of Sunan County. The government sees this as a model for nationwide deployment, especially in urban centers where smart infrastructure and high-speed internet are vital to digital transformation.

For India, which is still deploying its 5G infrastructure and fiber broadband to semi-urban and rural regions, China's 10G rollout presents a stark contrast and highlights the growing tech gap. However, experts believe this could also act as a catalyst for faster tech adoption and innovation in other countries.

With this achievement, China has set a new benchmark in internet speed and connectivity, and the rest of the world is now watching closely.

Stray Cow, Bull Trap Woman Indoors



In an unusual and alarming encounter with stray animals, a woman in Faridabad, Haryana, found herself trapped inside her own home when a cow and bull barged into her bedroom, forcing her to hide in a cupboard for two hours.

The incident took place in Dabua Colony's C-Block and involved a woman named Sapna, who was alone at home during the time. According to reports by the Hindustan Times, Sapna was offering morning prayers when the stray animals entered through an open gate and made themselves at home in her bedroom.

The situation quickly escalated when the bull climbed onto her bed, while the cow remained calmly standing in the room. Fearing for her safety, Sapna acted fast and locked herself inside a cupboard, staying hidden and silent to avoid provoking the animals.

As odd noises emerged from the house, neighbors grew curious and soon realized what had happened. Attempts to drive the animals out using shouting, sticks, water, and even firecrackers failed miserably. The uninvited guests appeared entirely unfazed by human efforts to move them.

The bizarre standoff finally ended thanks to a creative neighbor who brought his pet dog to the scene. The dog's aggressive barking spooked the bull and cow, prompting them to flee the house after nearly two hours of chaos.

The incident sheds light on the growing concern over stray animal intrusion in residential areas, especially in densely populated neighborhoods. It also sparked humorous reactions online, with many finding the image of a bull lounging on a bed both absurd and surreal.

Gold Hits ₹1 Lakh, Memes Explode

Gold prices in India surged to an all-time high on Tuesday, April 22, breaching the ₹1 lakh mark per 10 grams. The sharp spike, fueled by global market trends and economic uncertainties, has made gold more precious than ever—literally. Retail prices, including GST, have already crossed ₹1 lakh in major cities, setting off both serious financial conversations and a wave of laughter online.

The record price quickly became meme fodder on social media. From nostalgic Bollywood clips to hilarious desi-parent reactions, netizens had a field day. One user shared a throwback scene from a Shakti Kapoor movie, joking, "Shakti Kapoor is the best stock market analyst. Predicted gold to hit 1 lakh decades ago."

Another meme showed a worried father saying, "Shaadi toh simple court mein hi hogi (The wedding will be a simple court one now)," capturing how the soaring prices are making Indian parents reconsider extravagant wedding jewelry plans.

The surge in gold rates is being attributed to a mix of factors including global geopolitical tensions, inflation fears, and a shift toward safe-haven assets like gold. Experts say prices could remain elevated in the coming months, especially with upcoming festivals and wedding season boosting demand.

The price jump also sparked real-world concerns, particularly among middle-class families and jewelers. While some customers are rushing to buy before rates rise further, many are postponing their purchases, hoping for a correction.

Despite the economic implications, it's the memes that have taken center stage for now. From gold being treated like a new form of cryptocurrency to families joking about downgrading wedding functions, the internet's humor engine has turned India's gold rush into a moment of comic relief.

As the price of gold glitters more than ever, Indians are laughing through the shock—one meme at a time.



Jyothi Yarraji Wins Gold in 100m Hurdles at National Federation Senior Athletics

At the National Federation Senior Athletics Competition 2025 in Kochi, Kerala, Olympian Jyothi Yarraji clinched the gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles with a time of 13.23 seconds, surpassing the 2025 Asian Championships



qualification mark of 13.26s. Pragyan Prasanti Sah took silver with 13.40s, while Nithya Ramraj secured bronze at 13.42s. In the men's pole vault, Dev Meena set a new national record of 5.35m, winning gold. M Gowtham (5.15m) and Reegan G (5.10m) won silver and bronze, respectively.

Earlier, Sachin Yadav dominated the men's javelin event, with a throw of 83.86m, securing gold. Yash Vir Singh and Sahil Silwal won silver and bronze. This competition saw impressive performances across events, setting the stage for future international qualifiers.

Chennaiyin FC Set for Super Cup Clash with Mumbai City

Chennaiyin FC will kick off their Kalinga Super Cup 2025 campaign with a high-stakes round-of-16 clash against Mumbai City FC at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, on Wednesday. The tournament winner secures a 2025-26 AFC Champions League Two Qualifying Play-off berth.

Head coach Owen Coyle has named a strong squad featuring Connor Shields, Wil-

mar Jordan Gil, Daniel Chima Chukwu, and top Indian talent like Irfan Yadwad and Jiteshwar Singh. Gil, last year's top scorer, is one goal behind Sunil Chhetri in the Super Cup's all-time charts. Chennaiyin enters the tie on the back of a 5-2 win over Jamshedpur FC and three weeks of intense training, including a friendly against East Bengal FC.



With no major injury concerns, Coyle emphasized the importance of the AFC spot,

while Shields highlighted the team's readiness to bounce back.

Bhojpuri & Tamil Teams Shine in GI-PKL as Telugu, Punjabi Share Spoils



In the ongoing Global Indian Pravasi Kabaddi League (GI-PKL) at Gurugram University, Bhojpuri Leopardess and Tamil Lioness registered dominant wins, while Telugu Cheetahs and Punjabi Tigress played out a thrilling tie.

Bhojpuri Leopardess defeated Haryanvi Eagles 37-26, powered by Sindhuja's all-round brilliance. She completed 6 out of 8 raids, scoring 7 raid points. Bhojpuri dominated with 19 raid points, 13 tackle points, and enforced four all-outs.

In the second match, Tamil Lioness thrashed Marathi Falcons 44-23, displaying tactical superiority with 24 raid points and three all-outs. The Falcons faltered defensively as the Lioness cruised to victory.

The league, featuring top women's kabaddi talent, runs till April 30 with matches at Gurugram University. The GI-PKL continues to highlight regional pride and the growing global appeal of kabaddi.

Mumbai City FC's ISL 2024-25 Season Review: A Fall from Grace



After a stellar 2023-24 ISL campaign where they finished second and lifted the ISL Cup, Mumbai City FC entered the 2024-25 season with high expectations. Once hailed for their fluid attacking football and star-studded squad, the Islanders endured a turbulent season marked by struggles, injuries, and inconsistency, according to the ISL's official website.

Despite boasting a roster filled with top domestic and international talent, Mumbai City FC failed to replicate their previous dominance. Defensive lapses, lack of cohesion, and missed opportunities plagued their campaign. Injuries to key players further derailed their momentum, leading to an underwhelming finish far from title contention.

The campaign has forced the club into a phase of introspection, with fans and management alike demanding answers. A reset could be on the cards as the club looks to rebuild and return stronger next season.

Alfa Hockey Launches 'VK16 Pink Edition' to Honor Vandana Katariya's Legacy

Alfa Hockey has launched the VK16 - Pink Edition, a special hockey stick named after Vandana Katariya, one of India's most iconic players. This limited-edition stick celebrates her extraordinary legacy and achievements in the sport, particularly her historic feat at the Tokyo 2021 Olympics, where she became the first Indian woman to score a hat-trick in Olympic hockey. The VK16 - Pink Edition is designed to honor her journey and inspire future generations of athletes. Available for purchase, it allows fans and aspiring players to connect with



her legacy on the field. Vandana expressed her gratitude, calling the gesture humbling and emotional, as no player has ever had a stick named after them in the world of hockey. Alfa Hockey's Managing Director, Jitin Mahajan, praised her as a symbol of determination and inspiration for young athletes.

Wankhede to Host T20 Mumbai League Season 3

The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) has officially announced that the iconic Wankhede Stadium will host Season 3 of the T20 Mumbai League from May 26 to June 8, 2025. The tournament, featuring eight teams including two new entrants - Mumbai Falcons and South Central Maratha Royals - aims to discover future cricketing stars. MCA will invite underprivileged children and BMC school students to experience the live action, inspiring them through world-class cricket. T20 Mumbai League previously launched talents like Shivam Dube and Tushar Deshpande. MCA President Ajinkya Naik



and Secretary Abhay Hadap emphasized the significance of hosting the tournament at Wankhede, known for its vibrant cricketing atmosphere. Adding to the excitement, India captain Rohit Sharma has been named the official face of the league. Over 2,800 players have already registered for Season 3.

Nadal, Duplantis & Biles Shine at 2025 Laureus Awards

Former tennis great Rafael Nadal, along with Paris 2024 Olympic champions Armand Duplantis, Simone Biles, and Rebeca Andrade, emerged as top winners at the 2025 Laureus World Sports Awards, held in Madrid.

Nadal was honoured with the Laureus Sporting Icon Award, receiving a standing ovation from the star-studded audience. Biles and Duplantis were recognized for their outstanding Olympic performances, while Andrade also made headlines with her gymnastics excellence.

The event marked the 25th edition of the prestigious ceremony celebrating global sporting excellence. Surfing legend Kelly Slater was awarded the Laureus Lifetime Achievement Award for his unparalleled impact on the sport. With a mix of legendary names and rising stars, the Laureus Awards once again highlighted the inspirational stories and sporting achievements that transcended borders and disciplines in 2024.





‘Thudarum’ Sparks Telugu Title Row



The Telugu film industry, known for warmly embracing dubbed films, is now witnessing a growing discontent over non-Telugu titles. Mohanlal’s upcoming Malayalam film *Thudarum* (meaning “To Be Continued”) is the latest to retain its original title in Telugu, sparking debate over the lack of localization. Critics argue that such titles, which hold no meaning in Telugu, show disregard for the language and audience.

This isn’t a one-off case. Films

like *Ponniyin Selvan*, *Kantara*, *Vettaiyaan*, and *Empuraan* also stuck with their native titles during Telugu releases. Even *Alappuzha Gymkhana* and *Suriya’s* upcoming *Retro* follow suit.

Industry voices argue that while South Indian industries stand united against Hindi dominance, they must also respect each other’s languages. Many feel Telugu is being sidelined in the pan-India film wave, eroding linguistic inclusivity.

ED Issues Notice to Mahesh Babu

Superstar Mahesh Babu is making headlines as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has sent notices to him in connection with a money laundering investigation. The case involves Hyderabad-based real estate firms, Sai Surya Developers and Surana Group.

According to reports, Mahesh Babu endorsed the projects launched by these companies, which have now come under scrutiny for cheating buyers. He reportedly received Rs 5.9 crore for the endorsements, with Rs 3.4 crore paid by cheque and Rs 2.5 crore in cash. The cash payment has raised concerns.

The Telangana Police have filed multiple FIRs against Narendra Surana of Bhagyanagar Properties Ltd and Sathish Chandra Gupta of Sai Surya Developers,



accusing them of selling plots in unauthorized layouts, reselling them, and making false promises regarding registrations. The ED is now investigating the payments made to Mahesh Babu as part of its probe.

Saiee Manjrekar Stuns in Black

Saiee M Manjrekar, last seen as Schitra in *Kalyan Ram Arjun: Son of Vyjayanthi*, may not have seen box-office success with the film, but she’s winning the fashion game hands down.

The actress recently made waves with a sizzling black corset gown that oozed glamour and confidence. Styled with statement brown lipstick gloves and contrasting white heels, Saiee turned heads with her bold and elegant look.

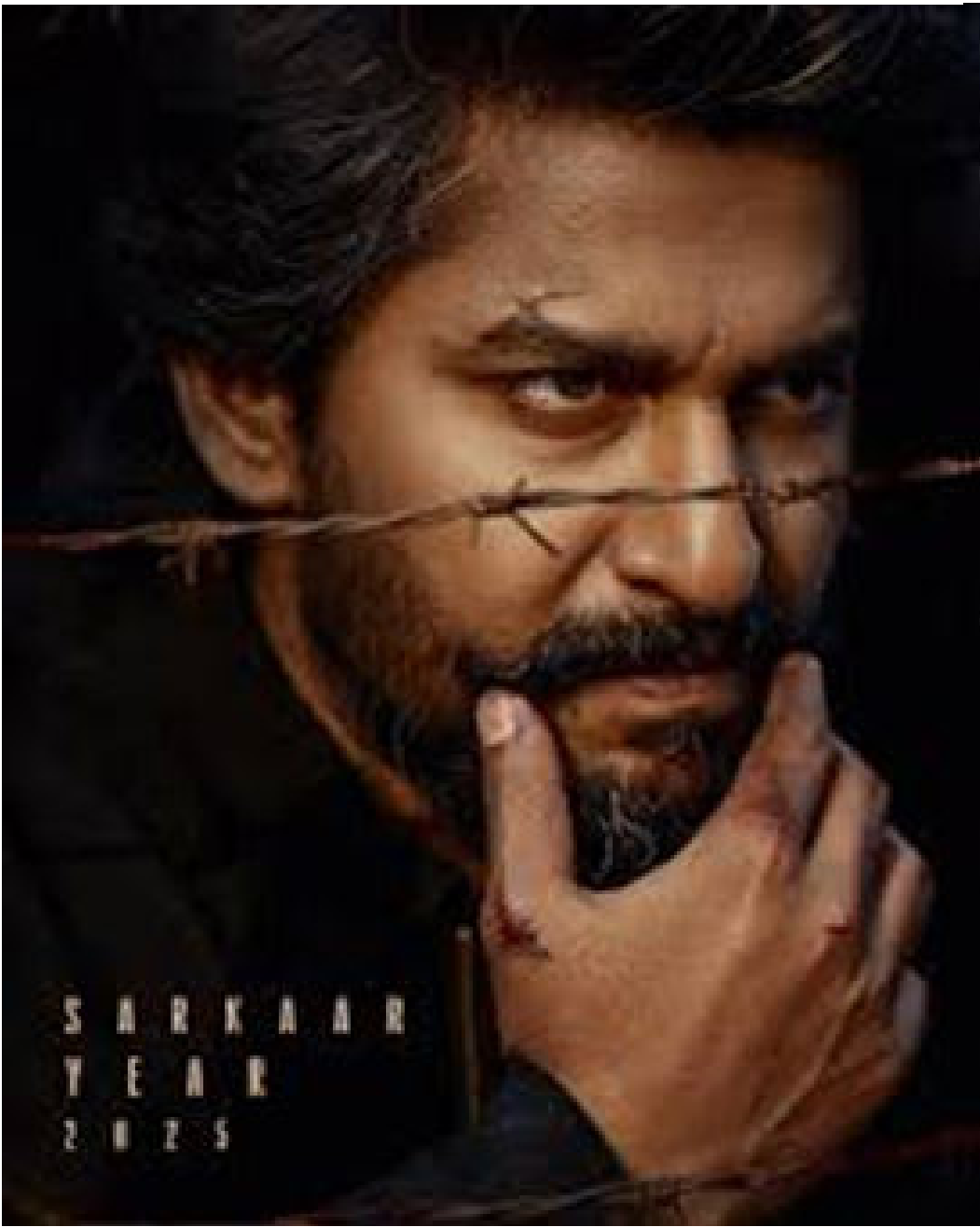
Though her latest film underwhelmed, Saiee’s fashion choices have consistently stood out. Her recent appearance only reaffirmed her status as a rising style icon who’s unafraid to take risks. Whether on-screen or at events, Saiee continues to make powerful impressions with her sartorial flair, turning every appearance into a showstopper moment.



Nani Says Movie Violence Waning

Actor Nani, currently promoting his upcoming film *HIT 3* slated for release on May 1, acknowledged the rising trend of violence in cinema during a recent interview with Ram Venkat Srikar. Known for his usually softer roles, Nani admitted that *HIT 3* contains a significant dose of violence and accepted that he’s part of a broader trend that has become hard to avoid.

When asked about censorship differences between theatrical releases and OTT platforms—referencing how *Waltair Veerayya* was rated U/A in theatres but A on Netflix—Nani pointed out that intense violence has become normalized. However, he believes that this trend is reaching its end, hinting at a shift in audience preferences and storytelling styles in Indian cinema. Despite his participation, Nani seems hopeful for more balanced content ahead.



Buchi Babu Clarifies Ram Charan’s Casting



After the massive success of his debut film *Uppena*, director Buchi Babu Sana has teamed up with Ram Charan for his second project, *Peddi*. The film’s teaser has generated tremendous buzz, fueling anticipation for what promises to be another hit.

In a recent interview, Buchi Babu revealed that the story of *Peddi* was first narrated to his mentor, Sukumar, who immediately liked it and suggested that he pitch it to Ram Charan. While

rumors had circulated that Buchi Babu would collaborate with Jr NTR for his second film after *Uppena*, the project didn’t materialize, leading to *Peddi* with Ram Charan.

Buchi Babu also shared his nervous excitement during the teaser’s release, recalling how he was at Charan’s house with both Charan and Megastar Chiranjeevi, feeling immense relief when Chiranjeevi praised the teaser.