

# INDIA MOVES TO WAR MODE

- Decision triggers fears of water, energy and food crisis in Pakistan
- Indus Waters Treaty suspended for the first time since its signing in 1960
- Agriculture in Pakistan expected to be hit hard
- Trade via Attari border also stopped
- Pakistan warns any water diversion will be treated as an 'act of war'
- Pakistan closes airspace for India operated civilian & military planes

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In a historic and aggressive move, India has suspended the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22 that killed 26 people, including several tourists. The move, announced on April 23 by the Cabinet Committee on Security chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, comes as a part of a series of measures against Pakistan, which India holds responsible for supporting cross-border terrorism.

"Their evil agenda will never succeed. Our resolve to fight terrorism is unshakable and it will get even stronger," said Prime Minister Modi in his strong condemnation of the Pahalgam attack. The government has now made it clear that the IWT will remain suspended until Pakistan "credibly and irreversibly" ends its support to terrorism.

The Indus Waters Treaty, brokered by the World Bank and signed in 1960 by then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Pakistan President Ayub Khan, governs the distribution of water from six rivers — Indus, Ravi, Beas, Sutlej, Jhelum, and



## Indus Treaty Suspended; Border Sealed



India's BSF Jawan Constable PK Singh has been captured by Pakistani Rangers after accidentally crossing into Pakistan near Ferozpur border. He was accompanying farmers when he moved ahead to rest in shade and was apprehended by Pakistani rangers. Flag meeting expected.

Chenab. Under the treaty, India had unrestricted rights over three eastern rivers (Ravi, Beas, Sutlej), while Pakistan accessed water from the western rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab) with provisions for limited Indian usage for domestic and hydroelectric purposes.

By putting the treaty in abeyance, India has ef-

fectively halted the flow of 39 billion cubic metres of water annually to Pakistan. This decision is expected to cause significant disruption in Pakistan's agriculture, energy sector, and food supply chain, potentially triggering a severe economic and humanitarian crisis.

Hydroelectric power production in Pakistan, especially from key dams like Tarbela and Mangla, which account for nearly 30% of its total electricity, is likely to be affected, with analysts warning of power outages lasting up to 16 hours daily.

Adding to the escalation, India also shut down trade at the Attari-Wagah border, which saw bilateral trade worth ₹3,886 crore in 2023-24. Military alert levels along the International Border and the Line of Control (LoC) have been raised to the maximum, with heightened security in border states like Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, and Jammu & Kashmir.

Reacting sharply, Pakistan warned that any attempt to stop or divert water from the rivers assigned to it would be treated as an act of war. The

crisis marks a new low in Indo-Pak relations, as this is the first time the IWT — which had survived three wars and multiple terror attacks — has been suspended.

The Indian government has already initiated strong diplomatic steps, including the indefinite suspension of the Indus Water Treaty, the closure of the Attari border, and the revocation of all Pakistani visas, including those issued for medical purposes. Officials have not ruled out the possibility of military retaliation, citing past surgical and air strikes in response to similar attacks in Uri and Pulwama.

In a symbolic gesture interpreted by analysts as a message to the global community, PM Modi chose to speak in English in a Hindi-speaking state while addressing the incident — further underscoring the international gravity of the message. The suspension of the IWT is a bold step, signifying a strategic shift in India's response to terrorism — from diplomatic and military responses to economic and environmental leverage.

## 'We Were Misled by Shawl Sellers During Gunfire'



- Madhusudan from Kavali killed in terror attack at Pahalgam, J&K
- Victim's wife shares brutality and trauma faced during the attack
- Terrorists asked about religion before opening fire, she reveals
- They told us, 'Tell Modi' before leaving

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## Rahul Gandhi: "Opposition fully supports any govt action"

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In a rare show of national unity, opposition parties have extended unconditional support to the central government in the wake of the Pahalgam massacre that claimed 26 lives. Following an all-party meeting convened in Delhi, senior opposition leaders condemned the terror attack and assured the Centre of full cooperation for any retaliatory action.

"All political parties have uniformly condemned the attack, and the Opposition has given full support to the government to take any action," said Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi after the briefing. He also confirmed that he would visit Anantnag district in Jammu and Kashmir tomorrow to meet the injured survivors undergoing treatment. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge echoed similar sentiments. "We want peace to be restored in Jammu and Kashmir as soon as possible," he said. Trinamool Congress MP Sudip Bandopadhyay also voiced strong support, saying, "We are with the Centre in the fight against terrorism."

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The country should fight it unitedly.” He also sought a direct meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to convey the collective message of the opposition. According to sources, Intelligence Bureau (IB) officials and top government representatives briefed parliamentarians on the circumstances leading up to the terror strike and the security lapses that enabled the attack. The massacre, carried out by a Lashkar-e-Taiba-linked group in the Baisaran meadows—popularly known as “mini Switzerland”—left 26 tourists dead, including one Nepali national. The rest hailed from 14 states across India. The Indian government has already initiated strong diplomatic steps, including the indefinite suspension of the Indus Water Treaty, the closure of the Attari border, and the revocation of all Pakistani visas, including those issued for medical purposes. Officials have not ruled out the possibility of military retaliation, citing past surgical and air strikes in response to similar attacks in Uri and Pulwama.



## Vamsi's Bail Plea Rejected in Kidnapping Case

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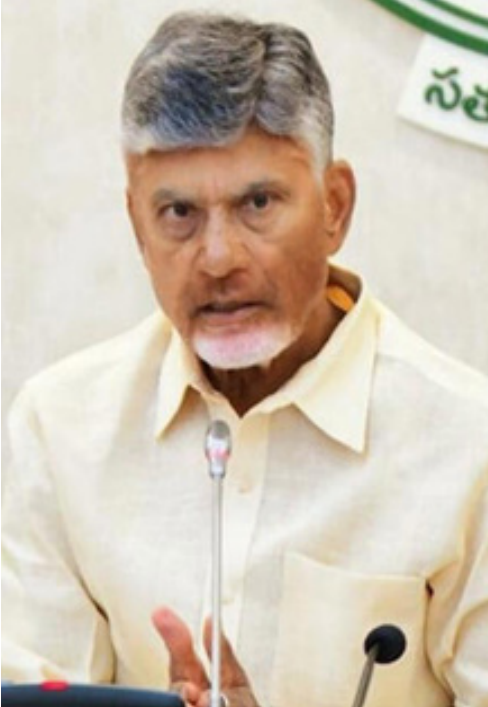
The SC/ST Special Court on Wednesday dismissed the bail petition filed by former MLA Vallabhaneni Vamsi in connection with the sensational Satyavardhan kidnapping case. The arguments in the case had concluded two days ago. The court, after reviewing the details and considering the arguments presented, sided with the prosecution and accepted the government's stance. As a result, Vamsi's plea for bail was denied. The case has drawn significant public and media attention, given the serious nature of the allegations and Vamsi's political prominence. Authorities continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the alleged abduction.

## CM Naidu inaugurates AI and Emerging Tech Workshop

- CS, DGP, department heads, and tech experts attend the two-day event
- Sessions include AI Playbook, ChatGPT, Gemini, ML, DL

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday inaugurated a high-level workshop on “Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies for Government Digital Transformation” at the Andhra Pradesh Secretariat. The workshop brought together top officials and technology experts to explore how innovations like AI, machine learning (ML), and deep learning (DL) can be leveraged to enhance governance and improve service delivery. In his inaugural address, Chandrababu emphasized the need for Andhra Pradesh to be at the forefront of tech-driven governance. He underscored that Artificial Intelligence and other emerging technologies should be integrated into administration to drive transparency, efficiency, and faster delivery of public services. “Technology is evolving rapidly, and we must keep pace to ensure better governance and outcomes for our people,” he said. The workshop was attended by Chief Secretary, Director General of Police, and senior officials from various departments. Former Union IT Secretary Chandrashekhar, Wadhvani Center for Government Digital Transformation CEO Prakash Kumar, and Dean Kamal Das were among the keynote experts present at the event. Participants engaged in discussions around the practical deployment of AI and digital tools in various departments, examining case studies that demonstrated their success from the village to state level. Presentations highlighted how AI, ChatGPT, Gemini, and other tools can play a role in sectors such as agriculture, education,



health, and urban development. Special sessions were also held on emerging topics like evidence-based governance, the AI Playbook, data-driven decision-making, and AI-based pilot initiatives. Experts outlined how specific departments can implement digital solutions based on existing datasets to scale citizen-centric services. The two-day workshop is structured to include Secretaries on the first day and department heads on the second day, enabling deep-dive discussions and planning for technology-led governance transformation across all government levels. CM Chandrababu's vision of combining administrative expertise with cutting-edge technology sets a progressive tone for Andhra Pradesh's future in digital governance.

## High Alert in Tirumala

Security tightened across temple town after Pahalgam attack

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

In the wake of the brutal terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, which claimed the lives of 28 tourists, the temple town of Tirumala has been placed under high alert. Central intelligence agencies have issued warnings of a possible terror threat, prompting Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) and law enforcement authorities to take up stringent security measures. Security has been significantly heightened at Alipiri check post, the main entry point to Tirumala. Devotees travelling via ghat roads are being subjected to thorough checks, with both Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) buses and private vehicles undergoing intensive inspections. Luggage belonging to devotees is being closely scanned, and random checks are being conducted mid-way along the ghat roads.



Officials confirmed that surveillance has been increased to detect any suspicious activity. To ensure preparedness in the event of an emergency, a mock drill was conducted involving the police, TTD vigilance, and the elite Octopus force. The drill focused on managing emergency situations and safely evacuating devotees from crowded zones. Additional security personnel have been deployed around the Srivari temple. Surveillance has been intensified in critical areas including the Mada streets, Vaikuntam Queue Complex, and other temple premises.



## Tax Exemption for Swarna Shikhara Donations

Devotees contributing to the Swarna Shikhara development to receive tax benefits under Section 80G

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

In a significant step aimed at encouraging donations towards the development of the Swarna Shikhara at the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam on Indrakeeladri, the Government of India has granted income tax exemption under Section 80G(5) of the Income Tax Act. Temple Executive Officer Sri K. Ramachandra Mohan announced that devotees who contribute towards the Swarna Shikhara project will now be eligible for tax deductions. Until now, only donations made towards the Anna Prasadam scheme at the temple were exempt under Section 80G. However, considering the importance of the Swarna Shikhara project for the temple's growth and the overall development of Indrakeeladri, an application was submitted to the Income Tax Department to extend the exemption to this initiative as well. Sri Ramachandra Mohan said that the department responded positively and issued orders approving the exemption as per the temple's request. He emphasized that the inclusion of Swarna Shikhara donations under Section 80G(5) will be a major encouragement for devotees. He urged devotees to come forward and contribute generously to the full gilding of the temple, where Sri Kanaka Durga Ammavaru resides, and take advantage of the newly granted tax benefit.

## ‘We Were Misled by...

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

The recent terrorist attack in the picturesque town of Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, has left families shattered and the entire nation in mourning. Madhusudan, a resident of Kavalu in Andhra Pradesh, was among the 28 civilians killed in the incident. His wife, who survived the brutal assault, shared a harrowing account of the tragedy with a TV9 correspondent, revealing how they were misled by local shawl sellers and deceived into a false sense of safety. She said they were part of a group of ten people from three families vacationing in Kashmir. After visiting an area known locally as ‘mini Switzerland’ and having lunch, the group was preparing to leave when they heard gunshots. While they were running in panic, locals selling shawls falsely reassured them that the sounds were part of local festival celebrations. “They told us, ‘It's just an anniversary celebration. Stay here, don't worry,’” she recalled, her voice breaking. A hotel owner nearby, sensing danger, warned his children and others to flee. Some managed to escape early, but before Madhusudan and his wife

could do so, the terrorists reached them and opened fire. “My husband told me to lie down and not raise my head. We were holding hands. Then someone approached us and asked twice, ‘Hindu? Muslim?’ We didn't respond. The next moment, I heard a gunshot,” she recounted. “His face was covered in blood. I only realised later that the shot was meant for me too.” She described how she ran for help but found no one around. Eventually, some locals helped her reach an army camp. She witnessed other acts of horrifying brutality—terrorists showed no mercy even when a couple from Jaipur pleaded with them to spare their two-year-old child. “Even when people begged, they were shot mercilessly. They told us, ‘Tell Modi’ before leaving,” she said. Dispelling rumors, she clarified that Madhusudan was hit by a single bullet and not 46 as some reports claimed. She expressed her sorrow and disbelief: “We thought Kashmir was safe under Modi's rule. But who will bring my husband back? Who will compensate for this loss?” Madhusudan's son, devastated by the incident, said, “Only my mother returned. My father didn't.”

## Pawan Kalyan Vows Panchayat Reform

- Deputy CM directs audits and rebranding of rural workforce
- Panchayat funds to be spent beyond party lines, without lobbying
- National Integration Complex and Stupa in every Panchayat planned

TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Pawan Kalyan, made bold declarations on National Panchayati Raj Day in Mangalagiri, asserting his vision for a transformative rural governance system in Andhra Pradesh. He emphasized that local bodies should become self-reliant local governments, rooted in economic, political, and social stability. Highlighting a major shift in administration, Pawan clarified that lobbying and political interference in Panchayat Raj transfers and decisions would no longer be tolerated. “Funds must reach Panchayats directly, irrespective of po-



litical affiliations,” he asserted. He noted that under the alliance government, over 75 lakh workers had benefited through the Employment Guarantee

Scheme and urged that they be called “Rural Development Workers” moving forward. Pawan also announced audits of Panchayat properties, and a plan to construct a National Integration Complex and Stupa in every Panchayat. He expressed his rural roots, saying, “I've always had a rural mentality and worked with sincerity.” He thanked contractors who supported the government despite fund delays and promised that withheld Finance Commission funds would be released soon. Pawan concluded by visiting the families of Andhra residents who lost their lives in the Kashmir terror attack and offered his condolences.

## NTR District Police Launch "Stop, Wash, Refresh and Go"

TPN Correspondent | NTR District

NTR District Police have initiated the “Stop, Wash, Refresh and Go” program as part of efforts to prevent road accidents at night. The program, organized by police officers under the direction of NTR District City Police Commissioner Sri S.V. Rajasekhara Babu IPS, took place on 23/24 April 2025 between 3:00 AM and 5:00 AM near the Thiruvur and G. Kon-dur Highways. The program addresses the issue of driver fatigue, which is often a leading cause of accidents during early morning hours. Many drivers traveling long distances at night fail to get enough sleep and, as a result, fall asleep while driving between 3 AM and 5 AM. This initiative aims to prevent such accidents by encouraging drivers to take breaks, refresh themselves, and safely continue their journeys. With road accidents leading to the loss of lives and affecting many families, the NTR District Police believe that the “Stop, Wash, Refresh and Go” program will be a significant step in reducing nighttime accidents and ensuring safer roads.





# CM Naidu and wife Bhuvaneshwari to meet PM Modi Today

Invitation for May 2 Amaravati foundation-laying ceremony  
5 lakh people expected to attend the grand event

**TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh**  
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will visit New Delhi on April 25 to officially invite Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the foundation-laying ceremony for Amaravati's development works, scheduled for May 2. Chandrababu will be accompanied by his wife, Nara Bhuvaneshwari, during the visit. The meeting with PM Modi is scheduled for 4:30 PM. During the meeting, Chandrababu will extend a formal invitation for the Prime Minister to attend the Amaravati event as the chief guest and lay the foundation stone for the construction works. The coalition government aims to launch

developmental projects worth nearly ₹1 lakh crore as part of the Amaravati revival initiative. State Minister P. Narayana announced that approximately five lakh people are expected to attend the event. Eight roadways have been identified to connect the venue to the national highway, and eleven large parking areas have been arranged. Three platforms will be erected at the venue—one main stage and others for farmers, women, and families of those who died in the capital protection movement. A 1.1 km roadshow by Prime Minister Modi from the helipad to the venue is also planned. More details about the event will be finalized after the Delhi visit.



## This suspension is only temporary... I will be back: Duvvada Srinivas

**TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam**  
YSR Congress Party MLC Duvvada Srinivas has responded to his suspension from the party, expressing disappointment but assuring that this is only a temporary phase. The party had announced his suspension on April 22 on disciplinary grounds. In a video statement, Duvvada opened up about his journey, expressing deep gratitude to YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy while also hinting at internal politics behind his removal. "Before speaking about YSRCP, I must first speak about Jagan garu. He gave me this position, this platform... I thank him for that," Duvvada said. "I worked day and night for the party, became its voice, took strong stands against the opposition, and dedicated myself completely. I believe I have now become a casualty of political games." Duvvada emphasized that he has always maintained integrity and never engaged in any malpractice. "In my five-decade-long public life, I never betrayed the party, never indulged in corruption or bribery, never misused my position, or grabbed land. I only worked hard for the party," he asserted, accepting the decision of the



party leadership but making it clear he won't step away from public service. "Suspension is only a temporary break. When I heard the announcement, I remembered Gurajada Apparao garu's words—I will work without rest to achieve success'. Inspired by that, I will continue to work with double the energy, as an independent and neutral individual, for the people who believe in me, for my villages, my supporters, and my workers," he added. Reassuring his supporters, Duvvada said, "There's no need for anyone to worry. This Duvvada Srinivas will

return to every home in the villages. Time will reveal the truth behind all this." He concluded his statement with heartfelt thanks to the people of Tekkali constituency. "You all gave me so much respect. I will continue to serve you till my last breath. Wherever people need me, I will be there. My respects to Jagan garu for the opportunities he gave me," he said. Duvvada's remarks have stirred speculation within political circles, as many now watch to see whether this suspension will pave the way for a political realignment or a stronger comeback.

## Jagan's Schemes not Reaching People: Buggana

**TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh**  
Senior YSR Congress Party leader and former Finance Minister Buggana Rajendranath Reddy launched a scathing attack on the Andhra Pradesh coalition government, accusing it of failing in both economic management and scheme implementation. He alleged that while the government boasts about financial growth, the ground realities tell a different story. Buggana claimed that the coalition government has failed to create wealth and has only added to the state's debt burden. "There is no clarity on debt and wealth creation. Even after a year, there's no visible improvement in the state's financial condition," he said. He added that people are confused by the government's debt figures, sarcastically stating, "It seems like some are quoting



these numbers like Matka calculations." Despite Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's vast administrative experience, Buggana said people are beginning to notice the gap between promises and field-level implementation. Recalling the YSRCP government's performance, Buggana noted that when they left office, the state's

tax revenue stood at ₹81,400 crore. He alleged that under the present coalition rule, revenue has dropped by 7.5%. "Wealth creation is low. Debt is high. This is the performance of the coalition government," he remarked. He further accused the government of distributing funds from loans without transparency. "They criticize us for debts, but they are taking more loans now. The question is—where is that money going?" Expressing deep concern over welfare delivery, Buggana said that many schemes initiated during Jagan Mohan Reddy's tenure as Chief Minister are now failing to reach the people. Simultaneously, he pointed out that the coalition's promised schemes are also not being implemented. Buggana concluded by demanding clarity on the state's financial resources and accountability from the current government.

## SIT Produces Chanakya in ACB Court in Liquor Scam Case

**TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh**  
In a major development in the high-profile liquor scam case, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) officials on Wednesday produced Chanakya, the brother-in-law of Raj K. Reddy, before the ACB court. Chanakya has been named as Accused No. 8 (A8) in the multi-crore scam.

Following his production, the judicial officer remanded Chanakya to 14 days of judicial custody. SIT officials are expected to intensify the probe further in the coming days, as more names are likely to surface. The case, which has already rocked the political and business circles in the state, revolves around alleged irregularities and

kickbacks in the liquor distribution network. Sources indicate that Chanakya played a key role in facilitating financial transactions and backdoor deals in the alleged scam. With Chanakya now in custody, investigators are expected to dig deeper into the involvement of other influential individuals linked to the case.

## Sharmila blames BJP for security collapse in Pahalgam terror attack

**TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh**  
YS Sharmila came down heavily on the BJP-led central government following the terrorist attack on pilgrims in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, terming it a complete security failure. She demanded the resignations of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, alleging that they must take moral responsibility for the incident that claimed 26 lives. "The surveillance system is working for the BJP, not the country," Sharmila stated sharply, accusing the central government of failing to protect its citizens despite claiming improved law and order in the country. She questioned how such a major lapse occurred in a highly sensitive zone like Kashmir, visited by crores of tourists every year. "It is shameful that terrorists could target innocent tourists,

and yet, there were no adequate security arrangements. This shows nothing but the government's negligence. This bloodshed is on the hands of those in power," she added. Sharmila also claimed that India's intelligence and investigation agencies are being misused for political purposes, targeting voices critical of the BJP rather than focusing on real threats to the nation. "These agencies are now functioning as tools for Prime Minister Modi's political survival, not for safeguarding the people of India," she remarked. Calling out the Modi government's self-proclaimed image as 'chowkidar', she said the attack exposed the hollowness of that promise. "This is not chowkidari for the country; this is chowkidari for the BJP," she said, criticizing the failure to prevent a terror attack even in a place under heavy surveillance. In a particularly emotional



remark, Sharmila pointed out that a Muslim man was also among the victims, yet the BJP continues to push a narrative that allegedly divides people on religious lines. "By portraying all Muslims negatively, the government is destroying the nation's social harmony. Such divisive politics only strengthens the hand of terrorists," she

stated. Sharmila warned that an atmosphere of fear and conflict is being nurtured in the name of religion. "If the Modi government had invested as much energy in ensuring national security as it does in political campaigning, this tragedy could have been averted," she concluded.

## TDP Wins Big in Andaman Civic Polls

**TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh**  
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief N. Chandrababu Naidu expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands following the landslide victory of TDP candidate S. Shahul Hameed in the Sri Vijayapuram Municipal Council elections. Shahul Hameed has been elected as the Chairperson of the Sri Vijayapuram Municipal Council, marking a significant win for the TDP in the union territory. Reacting to the result, Chandrababu Naidu said this victory reflects the people's confidence in the TDP's vision and leadership. He stated that public welfare continues to be the TDP's primary agenda and that the party will move forward with a commitment to serve the people

wherever it gains support. "I will always remain indebted to the people of Andaman and Nicobar for this overwhelming support," Naidu said. The Chief Minister also lauded the efforts of several party leaders who played a vital role in the victory. He extended special congratulations to TDP Andaman and Nicobar Islands State President N. Manikyarao Yadav and TDP National Vice President and Andaman State In-Charge V. Madhava Naidu for their dedication and hard work during the campaign. Chandrababu Naidu also expressed his appreciation to BJP Andaman State President Ajoy Bairagi for his cooperation and support during the election. He emphasized that this win is not just a political achievement but a reflection of the people's desire for good governance and transparent leadership.





## 90% Arrangements Ready for PM Modi's Amaravati Visit

Amaravati development works to be resumed by PM Modi on May 2  
8 main roads and 11 parking zones readied for the grand event  
CM wants farmers who gave land to be honored at the venue



**TPN Correspondent | Amaravati**  
Minister P. Narayana on Wednesday conducted a review of the ongoing preparations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Amaravati. Accompanied by senior officials, Narayana inspected the assembly venue and other key locations that will be part of the event itinerary. He announced that 90 percent of the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit have been completed. The highlight of the visit will be the formal resumption of Amaravati development works by Prime Minister Modi on May 2. Minister Narayana described this as a momentous occasion for Andhra Pradesh and a major step in realizing the long-pending vision for a world-class capital. The Minister disclosed that 8 main roads and 11 parking spaces have been identified along the routes leading to the assembly venue, ensuring smooth traffic

and crowd management. He also revealed that three stages are being constructed for the assembly event to accommodate various dignitaries and public representatives. Referring to the contribution of the farmers to the Amaravati dream, Narayana reminded that over 34,000 acres of land had been voluntarily given to the government in just 58 days under the land pooling scheme. He emphasized that the Chief Minister has instructed that the farmers who contributed their lands must be shown utmost respect during the event. "Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is developing Amaravati with a 100-year vision. Every step being taken now is aimed at building a capital that will serve generations," the Minister stated, adding that this visit by the Prime Minister is symbolic of a new beginning for Andhra Pradesh's capital development.

## Janasena held a Peaceful Protest in Vijayawada over Pehalgam Terror Attack

State Secretary Ammisetty Vasu leads candlelight protest

**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**  
As part of the three-day mourning declared over the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pehalgam, JanaSena Party today organized a peaceful protest at Vijayawada's Benz Circle. The demonstration, held under the leadership of JanaSena State Secretary and Vijayawada East Constituency Coordinator Sri Ammisetty Vasu, drew participation from party leaders, cadres, and citizens expressing solidarity with the victims. Speaking on the occasion, Ammisetty Vasu expressed deep anguish over the brutal killing of innocent Hindu pilgrims. "The murder of civilians by identifying them based on religion is a heart-wrenching act of barbarism. Such terror strikes should be condemned by all, regardless of political party, caste, or religion," he said. He conveyed condolences to the families of two victims from Andhra Pradesh who lost their lives in the attack and said the entire state grieves their loss. "It is painful that such hatred is shown toward peaceful pilgrims. This act should shake the conscience of every Indi-



an," he stated. Vasu lauded JanaSena Party chief Pawan Kalyan for being the first national leader to respond to the tragedy. "On Pawan Kalyan's direction, JanaSena cadres across Andhra Pradesh are protesting today against this barbaric act," he added. He also praised the humanity shown by local Muslims in Kashmir who rushed to the aid of injured Hindu pilgrims. "This is the true spirit of our Indian religious and cultural ethos," he noted. Further, Vasu expressed confidence that the Indian Army, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, would strike back at

the terrorists responsible for this heinous crime. "Just as they killed our people, our soldiers will hunt them down and ensure justice," he asserted. The event saw large-scale participation from PAC Committee Member Pothireddy Anita, Joint Krishna District Secretary Bandreddy Ravi, and several other JanaSena leaders, division presidents, IT coordinators, religious council members, women warriors, and party workers from Vijayawada East and city units. The protest concluded with a candlelight tribute to the victims, emphasizing unity against terrorism and unwavering support for the nation.

## Extensive cordon and search operation conducted in NTR District

Officials intensify surveillance to prevent anti-social incidents



**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**  
As part of efforts to ensure peace and security in NTR District, the Police Department carried out an extensive cordon and search operation under the supervision of City Police Commissioner Sri S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS. The operation was jointly led by Rural DCP

Sri K.M. Maheshwara Raju, IPS, Mylavaram ACP Sri Y. Prasad Rao, Thiruvuru Circle Inspector Sri K. Giribabu and Mylavaram Circle Inspector Sri D. Chandrasekhar, along with their respective teams. The checks were conducted simultaneously in Tangella Beedu village of Thiruvuru Circle and Cheruvu Madhavaram

village of G. Kondur area from 5:00 AM to 8:00 AM on April 24, 2025. During the inspection, police seized 23 vehicles that lacked proper documentation and took 10 suspects into custody. Speaking on the occasion, officials stated that such operations are being conducted regularly in identified trouble-prone areas to curb anti-social

activities. The police have been focusing on the sale and use of marijuana and other narcotic substances, establishing a strong surveillance network to prevent any disruption to law and order. Officials emphasized that even minor incidents during the night have the potential to escalate and cause unrest among the public. To prevent such occurrences, daily cordon and search operations, vehicle checks, and drunk driving inspections are being carried out at key locations across the district. The police assured that steps will be taken to counter misinformation and prevent clashes. They reiterated that cordon searches, vehicle checks, and drunk driving programs will be intensified across all areas to control crime and uphold public safety.

## Gudivada Rural Police Station Issues Summer Safety Guidelines

**TPN Correspondent | Krishna**  
As summer temperatures rise, the Gudivada Rural Police Station has issued a set of safety guidelines for residents in Krishna District's Gudivada Sub-Division, particularly aimed at preventing thefts during this season. The police have identified several reasons why the risk of thefts is higher during summer months. One key factor is families traveling for vacations or visiting local shrines after school holidays. Another reason is leaving homes unguarded while sleeping outside or enjoying outdoor activities to escape the heat. Additionally, many houses remain unattended during pilgrimages or other trips, often after children's exams. To prevent thefts, the police have urged residents to follow a few simple but crucial measures. First, always ensure that homes are securely locked and protected before



leaving, even for short trips. Second, store valuables such as gold ornaments, cash, and important documents in a safe place, preferably a bank locker, to minimize loss in case of theft.

With these precautions, the Gudivada Rural Police hope to ensure a safe and secure summer for the residents of Krishna District.

## Anti-Narcotic and Eagle Teams Conduct Extensive Checks in the City

**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**  
As part of measures to maintain peace and security in NTR District and assure the public of efforts to identify anti-social forces, individuals involved in illegal activities, and those causing trouble for common citizens, the City Police Commissioner Sri S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS, has ordered the formation of Anti-Narcotic and Eagle Teams under the supervision of ACPs Sri S. Kiran Kumar and Smt. K. Lathakumari. These special teams are tasked with conducting extensive checks at various locations across the city to control the transportation of illegal liquor, marijuana, and other substances. They also focus on strengthening surveillance at suspicious places, carrying out thorough inspections,

and arresting individuals consuming liquor in public spaces. The teams aim to raise awareness about the harmful effects of intoxicants by organizing various programs for youth in schools, colleges, and public places. On 23.04.2025, the Anti-Narcotic and Eagle Teams conducted inspections in multiple areas of the city. They provided counseling to 45 individuals suspected of involvement in illicit activities. Additionally, 40 people who were consuming drugs in public places were apprehended and handed over to the concerned police station for appropriate action. As part of their ongoing efforts, strong surveillance has also been established near ladies' hostels to ensure safety and prevent illegal activities.





# Eradicate Terrorists Wherever They Are: Pawan Kalyan

**Pawan visits family of Kavali victim Madhusudhan, offers support  
Leaders, officials join funeral; emotional farewell in Kavali  
State government announces ₹10 lakh ex-gratia**



**TPN Correspondent | Nellore**  
Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan strongly condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which claimed the life of Madhusudhan, a resident of Kavali in Nellore district. Speaking after visiting Madhusudhan's family and paying floral tributes to the mortal remains,

Pawan Kalyan declared that terrorists must be eradicated mercilessly wherever they are in India. Pawan Kalyan, accompanied by ministers Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, Nadendla Manohar, Satya Kumar Yadav, Kavali MLA Krishna Reddy, RTC Chairman Sannapureddy Suresh Reddy, Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramo-

han Reddy, District Collector Anand, SP Krishna Kant, and other officials, expressed deep condolences to the grieving family. The Deputy CM assured the family of full government support and shared their grief with great emotion. "This incident is heartbreaking. The pain of the victim's family cannot be expressed in words. When I think about it, it feels like my own stomach is burning," he said, recalling how the terrorists allegedly asked victims about their religion before shooting them. He said that such brutality could not be tolerated and emphasized that India would never forget this atrocity. Pawan added, "I am not here to just announce ex-gratia. I came to stand with the family and promise that we will support their children's future." Reflecting on his own past experiences in Kashmir during film shoots from 1986-89, he noted that the region had been



*The last rites of Somiseti Madhusudhan Rao were conducted with full honours and amid an emotional farewell. Ministers Satya Kumar Yadav and Nadendla Manohar participated in the funeral procession and carried the bier. People of Kavali raised slogans like "Madhusudan Rao Amar Rahe" and wept as they paid their last respects. District Collector Anand, SP Krishna Kant, RTO Vamsi Krishna, and police personnel ensured all arrangements were handled with utmost care.*

peaceful in recent years. "This attack is a painful reminder of old wounds reopening," he added. He announced that a special meeting would be held in Mangalagiri to discuss this tragic incident and reiterated that the central government will take strict action. Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy said the terrorists killed 28 people by asking their names, a heinous act aimed at spreading terror and division. "Telling the victims to pass on a message to the Prime Minister before killing them is the height of cowardice," he said. He expressed sorrow that two victims were from Andhra Pradesh and said

that the state government has announced ₹10 lakh ex-gratia for Madhusudhan's family. "India, a symbol of peace and harmony, will never accept such violence," he stated. Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav called April 22 a dark day in India's history, noting that Jammu and Kashmir had been peaceful for the last ten years. "The incident deeply hurt 145 crore Indians. PM Modi returned swiftly from his Saudi trip, and Home Minister Amit Shah immediately reviewed the situation," he noted, affirming that both central and state governments will stand by the victims' families. Kavali MLA Krishna Reddy de-

scribed it as a black day for Kavali, mourning the loss of a man from a poor background who had earned respect in society. He urged all Indians to set aside caste and religious differences and unite to eliminate terrorism. "Whatever decision PM Modi takes for national security, we are with him," he said. Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy denounced Pakistan's silence on the attack and said terrorists who infiltrate India must be made to pay a heavy price.

## YCP Candlelight Rally in Srikalahasti Pays Tribute to Pahalgam Terror Attack Victims



**TPN Correspondent | Tirupati**  
As part of the ongoing nationwide mourning and protests against the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, a solemn candlelight rally was held in Srikalahasti under the leadership of Anjuru Taraka Srinivas, former president of the Srikalahasti Swamy Temple Board of Trustees. The rally was organized on the instructions of former MLA Biyyapu Madhusudhan Reddy, aiming to honor the memory of the 26 victims, including newlyweds and tourists from multiple states. Addressing the gathering, Anjuru Taraka Srinivas condemned the brutal attack on innocent civilians and tourists, calling it an inhuman act that shattered the peace of Kashmir. "It is an unforgivable act of cruelty to target unarmed

pilgrims and tourists. The perpetrators must be caught and publicly punished without delay," he demanded.

He also criticized the central government's inability to anticipate and prevent such attacks, stating that the BJP-led administration should take moral responsibility for the security lapse. "It is heartbreaking to see even newlyweds fall prey to such barbaric violence. The government must act with urgency and strength," he added, while expressing prayers for the peace of the departed souls.

The event witnessed participation from a wide section of the community, including local YSRCP leaders, youth, and members from different walks of life. Among those

who joined the candlelight tribute were Srivari Suresh, Fatan Farid, Sadhanmunna Royal, Kanta Uday Kumar, Sheikh Raju Bhasha, Utaradi Saravana Kumar, New Party Srinivas Reddy, Kollur Harinath Naidu, Dr. Shankar, Narayana, Fazal, Argad Muthu, Argad Shankar, Pasala Krishnaiah, Sheikh Jubli Shah, Bujji Mestri, Krishna Reddy, Guna, Auto Suresh, Aslam, Veluru Ramesh, Vijay Kumar Reddy, Sharmila Tagore, Jai Krishna Reddy, Prasad, Eshwar Sai, Delhi Babu, Lalu, Vivek, Vijay Bhaskar Reddy, and Arcot Karthik Reddy, among others. The rally concluded with a moment of silence and candlelit prayers in front of a banner bearing the names of the victims, reinforcing the local community's solidarity with the nation and its call for justice.

## TDP Misleading Public on Liquor Policy Reforms

**- YCP MLC Chandrasekhar Reddy**

**TPN Correspondent | Nellore**

YSRCP Nellore City in-charge and MLC Parvatha Reddy Chandrasekhar Reddy launched a scathing attack on the TDP government, accusing it of spreading falsehoods against former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's transparent liquor policy. Speaking at a press conference held at the YSRCP Nellore district office, Reddy alleged that the TDP is misleading the public as part of a diversion tactic to cover up its own irregularities in liquor dealings. He recalled that during the YSRCP regime, a case was filed in September 2024 which led to the CID raiding 20 dispensaries in October and investigating for eight months. "Despite a long investigation, the TDP government could not find a single piece of evidence. Yet, they arrested Kasireddy Rajasekhar Reddy based on false statements from Vasudeva Reddy and Satya Prasad Reddy," he said. Reddy revealed that the CID had earlier named Chandrababu Naidu as A3 in a liquor scam based on a complaint filed by Vasudeva Reddy. "Now, the same Vasudeva and Satya Prasad are being used again to file fake cases against YSRCP leaders. This is nothing but diversion politics," he added. He emphasized that the liquor sales under the YSRCP government were handled transparently, with both cash and online transactions strictly deposited daily in APSBC accounts by government-appointed staff. "Can the TDP government deny this? Can they prove otherwise?" he questioned. Reddy reminded that YSRCP did not allow a single new distillery or brand during its term and ensured that each liquor bottle sold was scanned and accounted for,



a transparency step never adopted by the TDP. "Under the previous government, more than 50% of stock procurement was handed to their own people. It was a loot," he alleged. He noted that Jagan Mohan Reddy's administration had reduced the number of liquor outlets and set up government-run shops that employed nearly 20,000 people. In contrast, the TDP-led coalition, he claimed, is reopening outlets in inappropriate locations and encouraging sales round the clock, leading to a sharp 20% rise in liquor consumption. "The current policies are destroying families. Liquor is flowing freely in residential areas, near schools, temples, and mosques. Unauthorized permit rooms are being set up, and shopkeepers are being given sales targets. This has led to a spike in violent crimes across the state," Reddy lamented.

## YCP Leaders Protest Discriminatory Welfare Distribution by TDP

**TPN Correspondent | Tirupati**

Raising serious concerns over the alleged misuse of welfare schemes and corporation loans, YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leaders submitted a petition to MPDO Trivikrama Rao, demanding action against Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders for pressuring officials to allocate benefits exclusively to their supporters. MPP Mekala Subbalakshmi, Mandal Sarpanch Association President and Neerpakota Sarpanch Arani Vidyanath Reddy, along with several local leaders, accused the TDP leadership of creating political pressure on administrative officials to divert government welfare schemes and corporation loans solely to party-affiliated individuals. Speaking to the media after the peti-

tion was submitted, the leaders said that in the past, schemes were distributed impartially to all eligible beneficiaries regardless of political affiliation. "Today, the Telugu Desam leaders in the mandal are using their influence to corner benefits for their own cadre. This is undemocratic and unethical," said MPP Subbalakshmi. The delegation also alleged corruption in the recently sanctioned cattle breeding shed schemes, claiming that benefits were extended to individuals who did not even own cattle and that funds were misused without any actual construction taking place. Further, YSRCP leaders raised objections over the TDP's directive to vacate the ZPTC room used by ZPTC member Arani Pratimareddy's family. They stated that the room was originally



allocated with the consensus of MPP and MPTC members during her tenure and questioned the legitimacy of the TDP's demand to evict them now.

"It is ironic that TDP leaders are questioning the use of the ZPTC room when, even today, elected women representatives across many levels

attend official meetings accompanied by their husbands. This has been the practice across parties. Why the sudden outrage now?" asked Vidyanath Reddy. Backing the statement, Buchinaidu criticized the TDP for taking up development works, including road construction from Kandriga School to the R&B zone using NREGS funds, bypassing the local governing bodies and misusing public resources. The protest saw participation from a wide group of YSRCP leaders, including Deputy Sarpanch KM Raja, Bala Shekhar, Katuru MPTC Ravi, Bhaskaraiah, Shankaraiah, Bhaskar Reddy, Balaaji, Giri Reddy, Ramesh, and Puttaiah. The leaders affirmed that they would fight the issue through legal and administrative channels until justice is served.



# Pahalgam Terror Attack: Enough is Enough—India Must Strike Back with Steel

By Yansi Gopisetty | April 24, 2025

PAHALGAM – The peace of one of Kashmir’s most picturesque towns was shattered on April 22, 2025, as four terrorists stormed a popular tourist enclave in Pahalgam, gunning down 26 civilians, including women and children. The attack—claimed by a shadowy group allegedly backed by Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba—marks the deadliest assault on Indian civilians in over a decade. This wasn’t a battle; it was a massacre. And India is done absorbing punches.

## Pattern of Bloodshed, Pattern of Betrayal

*Let’s not pretend this is new. This is Pakistan’s playbook—deny, delay, distract. But the evidence mounts:*

- **Dec 13, 2001 – Parliament Attack:** 5 terrorists, 14 dead.
- **Nov 26, 2008 – Mumbai Attacks:** 166 lives lost over 4 days.
- **Sept 18, 2016 – Uri Attack:** 19 soldiers martyred.
- **Feb 14, 2019 – Pulwama Attack:** 40 CRPF personnel killed.

*India’s answer to Uri? A surgical strike. To Pulwama? An airstrike in Balakot. But this time, it can’t stop there. The Predators Are Watching: 9 Para SF India’s response must be led by those who don’t just retaliate—they warn the future. In the legendary Operation Apache, 70 elite commandos from 9 Para SF infiltrated deep across the LoC in 2001, delivering a devastating strike after Pakistani forces committed atrocities against Indian villagers. They didn’t just kill enemy com-*



batants—they shattered their will. **“We took 10 heads for one eye.”**

*– 9 Para SF Officer, on Operation Apache This is the response India must channel again—surgical, silent, final. The Nation Demands Retaliation Today, the public mood is clear: no more restraint. Citizens across the country lit candles for the victims—and raised fists demanding action. Diplomatic rebukes are not enough. State-ments are not enough. The government must unleash India’s elite to hit where it hurts—not just camps*

but the very infrastructure that enables cross-border terror. Strike leadership, funding, and safe havens. Let them count the cost in fear. We Stand with the Forces. We Stand with India. This is not a political issue. This is national security. Every Indian, from Srinagar to Salem, stands with our forces. We trust our leadership—but we also demand boldness. Retaliate. Restore honor. And let Pakistan know: Never again. The fallen will not be forgotten. But revenge, in the hands of India’s finest, must be cold, precise, and final.

## A sunscreen for Earth? Geoengineering for Climate Fixes: Innovation or Irreversible Risk?

As the world races against time to combat climate change, a growing number of private companies are exploring extreme geoengineering solutions. These controversial approaches range from injecting sunlight-blocking particles into the atmosphere to brightening clouds and altering ocean chemistry to absorb more carbon. While the goal is to slow global warming or earn carbon credits, the potential unintended consequences of such interventions raise serious concerns.

Currently, more than a dozen firms globally are investing in these radical technologies. The idea of “solar radiation management,” for instance, involves reflecting a portion of the sun’s rays back into space to cool the planet. Another method, ocean carbon removal, proposes chemically modifying seawater to increase its carbon absorption capacity. While such solutions are scientifically



intriguing, they remain largely untested and poorly regulated.

The primary issue lies in the lack of a global regulatory framework to oversee these experiments. Climate intervention on a planetary scale carries risks that could be long-lasting and cross-border in nature. The Earth’s climate system is complex and interconnected; tampering with one part of it could result in unintended disruptions elsewhere — such as

altered rainfall patterns, ocean acidification, or the destruction of biodiversity.

Many scientists are calling for caution. They argue that while the urgency to act on climate change is justified, turning to geoengineering without robust scientific assessments and governance mechanisms could create more problems than it solves. Moreover, such projects could divert attention and funding from proven climate solutions like emission reductions, renewable energy, and reforestation.

There is also a moral hazard involved: the promise of a technological fix may reduce the perceived need for lifestyle and industrial changes that are essential for long-term sustainability. If not transparently managed and publicly debated, geoengineering could lead to geopolitical tensions or worsen global inequalities.



## Redefining Rights: The UK Supreme Court Ruling and Its Implications for Trans Inclusion

On April 16, the UK Supreme Court delivered a landmark verdict in *For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers*, interpreting the terms “woman” and “sex” in the Equality Act 2010 as referring strictly to biological sex assigned at birth. This ruling, which overrides previous inclusive interpretations, grants organisations the legal right to exclude transgender women — even those with Gender Recognition Certificates (GRCs) — from single-sex spaces such as shelters, hospital wards, and sports categories.

While legally significant, the ruling has sparked widespread concern and debate. Critics argue it is a politically charged decision that rolls back essential protections for trans individuals, particularly trans women. For many, this judgment feels like a legitimisation of exclusion in a society already grappling with transphobia and systemic gender inequality. It intensifies fears of marginalisation in everyday public spaces, where safety and dignity are already precarious for many in the trans community.

The case also invites comparisons with legal frameworks in other countries, such as India, where anti-discrimination protections take a different shape. Unlike the UK, India does not have a standalone anti-discrimination statute. Instead, constitutional rights are generally enforceable only against the state. However, exceptions exist. For instance, Article 15(2) of the Indian Constitution mandates that no citizen shall be denied access to shops, restaurants, hotels, or public entertainment venues based on religion, race, caste, sex, or place of birth. This clause enables a horizontal application of rights — against private individuals or entities — in specific contexts.

Yet, this horizontal protection can sometimes clash with competing freedoms, such as the right to association or religious conscience. While several anti-discrimination bills have been proposed in India to expand and clarify protections, none have been passed into law. Still, the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Kaushal Kishor v State of UP (2023)* emphasized that the Constitution’s silence on certain horizontal rights should not be interpreted as a prohibition. Rather, the state bears a responsibility to safeguard citizens’ rights and ensure equal access and protection.

The UK ruling is more than a legal interpretation — it is a mirror to ongoing global struggles around identity, inclusion, and the meaning of equality. As legal systems evolve, so must our commitment to ensure that progress does not come at the cost of the most vulnerable.

# Reimagining Work in the Age of AI: A Call for Human-Centered Progress

As Artificial Intelligence steadily reshapes our world, it raises questions that go beyond the technical — they are deeply existential. When machines can now write, compose, analyze, and even converse, what remains uniquely human? The current AI revolution, unlike the loud clanging of 19th-century looms, arrives quietly — coded in algorithms, run on servers, and wrapped in promises of efficiency.

This isn’t merely another industrial leap. Unlike past tools that amplified human effort, AI reaches into the core of cognition. Machines that once replaced muscle now challenge the mind. The concern isn’t only job loss — it’s a broader reckoning with meaning, purpose, and dignity in the age of automation.

Historically, technological change has walked a line between liberation and control. Railways, printing presses, and telegraphs in colonial India were tools of power — yet they became weapons of resistance in the hands of leaders like Tilak and Ambedkar. Similarly, AI today holds transformative potential in healthcare, agriculture, and governance, but also risks deepening inequality, surveillance, and disempowerment.

India stands at a crossroads. While our tech



talent powers global innovation, our education system still struggles to prepare future citizens. Conversations about reskilling ignore the foundational need: critical thinking, civic literacy, and ethical awareness. We need not just coders, but conscious citizens.

The future of work may not lie in traditional roles but in adaptive, creative, and hybrid identities. A jobless future is not inevitable, but a transformation of work is. We must rethink what it means to contribute — expanding the idea of entrepreneurship to include community leadership and moral stewardship.

Gandhi’s vision of technology as a tool for self-reliance and dignity offers a guiding light. Just as the spinning wheel symbolized both livelihood and agency, can we craft AI tools that empower rather than exploit?

Ultimately, our response to AI must be guided by ethics, not just efficiency. The real challenge isn’t competing with machines, but holding onto what makes us human — empathy, accountability, and conscience. As AI evolves, so must our institutions, ensuring technology serves humanity, not the other way around.



# PM Modi Vows Unimaginable Punishment for Terrorists

Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued a strong response following the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed 26 lives, including 25 Indian tourists and one Nepali national. Addressing a gathering in Madhubani, Bihar, he vowed to track and punish every terrorist and their backers, emphasizing that India's spirit "will never be broken by terrorism."

Modi began his speech with a silent tribute to the victims and expressed the nation's collective grief and anger. "From Kargil to Kanyakumari, there is grief and rage. This was not just an attack on innocent tourists; it was an attack on India's soul," he declared.

Taking direct aim at Pakistan, he warned, "The time has come to raze whatever is left of the terror haven. The will of 140 crores will break the back of the masters of terror."



Switching to English to address the global community, Modi made it clear that India will relentlessly pursue terrorists and their sponsors. "We will track them to the ends of the earth.

Terrorism will not go unpunished. Justice will be done." He also thanked world leaders who have expressed solidarity with India.

The Prime Minister cut short his Saudi Arabia trip to return to India immediately after the attack. Within hours, he convened a Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) meeting, where key dip-

lomatic actions against Pakistan were announced:

## Suspension of the Indus Water Treaty

- **Closure of the Integrated Check Post at Attari**
- **Ban on SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme for Pakistani nationals**
- **Expulsion of Pakistani defence advisers from India**
- **Reduction of Pakistan High Commission staff from 55 to 30 by May 1**

This decisive diplomatic crackdown signals India's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism and its commitment to ensuring national security. Modi's speech reaffirmed India's stance: acts of terror will face severe consequences, and those responsible will pay a price they cannot imagine.

## India Revokes Visas, Pakistan Retaliates



In a major escalation following the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, India on Thursday revoked all visas issued to Pakistani nationals, including medical visas, and suspended all visa services for Pakistanis. The Ministry of External Affairs announced that all Pakistani citizens currently in India must exit the country before their visas expire, with most given a 72-hour window to leave.

These actions come on the heels of five strong measures announced Wednesday, including suspending the Indus Waters Treaty, closing the Attari Integrated Check Post, and expelling Pakistani defence personnel from its High Commission in New Delhi. The staff strength of both High Commissions will be reduced to 30 by May 1.

The Ministry also issued an advisory for Indian nationals to avoid travelling to Pakistan, urging those already there to return immediately.

On Wednesday, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri had stated that Pakistanis will no longer be allowed to travel under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme, and those already in India on such visas have 48 hours to leave. The

decision to declare Pakistani military and defence advisers "persona non grata" was also finalized.

In response, Pakistan retaliated swiftly with a set of countermeasures. Following a meeting of its National Security Committee chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Pakistan announced the closure of its airspace to Indian airlines, and declared all bilateral agreements, including the Simla Agreement, as "under review."

Pakistan also warned that any Indian attempt to restrict water flow under the Indus Waters Treaty would be considered an "Act of War", to be met with full retaliatory force. Additionally, Pakistan announced the closure of the Wagah Border Post, suspended all trade with India, and restricted cross-border transit.

Islamabad has also suspended SAARC visa exemptions for Indians (except Sikh pilgrims), and asked Indian defence advisers to leave by April 30, matching New Delhi's moves. Tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbours have soared following this latest wave of diplomatic and security escalations.



## Rahul Gandhi Visits Pahalgam Attack Victims

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, is scheduled to visit Jammu and Kashmir on April 25 to meet those injured in the recent Pahalgam terror attack that claimed at least 26 lives. The Congress MP will visit the Government Medical College (GMC) in Anantnag, where several victims are currently being treated, to express solidarity and inquire about their condition. The attack, which took place on April 22 in Baisaran valley near Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district, involved terrorists opening fire on a group of tourists enjoying a popular meadow. The brutal incident left 26 people dead — including a Nepalese citizen — and 17 others severely injured. The newly emerged militant group "Kashmir Resistance" has claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it opposes what it calls the demographic changes in Jammu and Kashmir due to the influx of outsiders. Rahul Gandhi's visit comes amid nationwide outrage and international condemnation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was in Saudi Arabia at the time, cut short his trip and returned to New Delhi, promising that the perpetrators and their sponsors would face unimaginable consequences.

In a high-level meeting chaired by the Prime Minister, the government announced a series of strict diplomatic measures. All visas issued to Pakistani nationals, including medical visas, have been revoked, and new visa services for Pakistanis have been suspended. Indian nationals have been advised to avoid traveling to Pakistan, while those currently there are urged to return. India has also suspended the Indus Waters Treaty and shut down the Integrated Check Post at Attari. Diplomatic ties are being scaled back, with both countries reducing their respective high commission staff to 30 by May 1.

## Kashmir Leaders Unite After Pahalgam Attack



In the aftermath of the devastating terrorist attack in Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, political parties in Jammu and Kashmir came together in a rare show of unity, condemning the violence and calling it a grave assault on Kashmir's identity and India's foundational ideals. The all-party meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, was held at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar on April 24. Leaders from across the political spectrum attended and unanimously passed a joint resolution describing the attack as "a direct assault on the values of Kashmiriyat and the idea of India." The resolution went on to label the attack not just an act of terror, but an attempt to disrupt the peace and cultural integrity of the region. "This act of barbarism was aimed at shattering our unity and damaging the spirit of inclusiveness that Kashmir represents," the resolution read. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah called for "national solidarity" and emphasized that the perpetrators would not succeed in dividing the people. "Kash-

miriyat is about compassion, hospitality, and harmony. This attack was not just on innocent lives, but on everything we stand for," he said. Political leaders, including representatives from the National Conference, PDP, Congress, BJP, and other regional parties, stood together in mourning and resolve. They expressed deep anguish over the loss of lives, especially as the victims were primarily tourists, including families and children, who had come to experience the scenic beauty of the Valley. The joint statement urged swift and decisive action against those responsible for the attack and stressed the need for heightened security and intelligence coordination to prevent future incidents. The Pahalgam attack, which targeted civilians in one of Kashmir's most popular tourist destinations, has shaken the region and drawn national and international condemnation. However, the unified stance of J&K's political leadership marks a significant step in reaffirming the region's commitment to peace and pluralism amid rising tensions.

# Opposition Backs Govt on Terror Response

In a rare show of unity, the opposition parties extended full support to the Centre's national response to the Pahalgam terror attack during an all-party meeting convened in New Delhi on April 24. The attack in south Kashmir claimed the lives of at least 26 people, mostly tourists, and has triggered nationwide grief and outrage.

The meeting, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, included top leaders across the political spectrum. The government briefed participants on the security situation in Kashmir, intelligence lapses that led to the attack, and measures being implemented to prevent such incidents in the future.

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha

Rahul Gandhi affirmed the opposition's backing of the Centre's national response. "The entire opposition is with the government in this hour of crisis. This is a moment for unity, not politics," he said after the meeting. Echoing the sentiment, Rajya Sabha Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge called for comprehensive steps to restore peace and security in Jammu and Kashmir.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju, addressing the media post-meeting, confirmed the united stance. "All parties reiterated that they are with the government and stand firm against terrorism. Intelligence Bureau and Ministry of Home Affairs officials briefed us on what went wrong and what's being done to



plug the gaps," Rijju stated.

Sources confirmed that the briefings included admissions of security and intelligence failures that allowed the terrorists to strike a group of civilians in a high-tourist zone. The need for enhanced surveillance, stronger coordination among agencies, and reinforcement of local intelligence networks was discussed at length.

The all-party meeting comes amid sweeping diplomatic and administrative actions taken by the government following the Pahalgam attack. These include the revocation of Pakistani visas, suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, and expulsion of defence staff from the Pakistani High Commission in Delhi.





## Global Solidarity Grows as PM Modi, Netanyahu Discuss Pahalgam Terror Attack

In the wake of the horrific terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday. Israel strongly condemned the attack and expressed deep solidarity with India, according to a statement shared by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

The MEA confirmed the conversation in a post on social media platform X, stating, “PM @narendramodi of India called PM @netanyahu of Israel and strongly condemned the terror attack on Indian soil. He expressed solidarity with the people of India, and the families of the victims. PM Modi shared the barbaric nature of the cross-border terrorist attack and reiterated India’s firm resolve to bring the perpetrators and their supporters to justice.”

The attack, which took place on Tuesday in the scenic Baisaran meadow of Anantnag district, claimed the lives of 26 individuals — 25 Indian nationals and one Nepali citizen — and left several others injured. The incident, among the deadliest in Kashmir since the 2019 Pulwama bombing, has sparked widespread international condemnation.

Israeli Ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, earlier assured India of continued cooperation in combating terrorism, including collaboration in technology, intelligence, and counter-terrorism methods.

The global response has been swift and unified. French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot called Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to offer condolences and support. Canadian leaders, including Senator Leo Housakos and Prime Minister Mark Carney, also strongly condemned the attack. Housakos described it as “a barbaric assault on faith and humanity,” while Carney labeled it “a senseless and shocking act of violence.”

Amid the outpouring of support, the Indian government has acted decisively. A high-level Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Modi, resolved to take firm action against the perpetrators and their sponsors. The government has announced key retaliatory steps, including the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty and closure of the Integrated Check Post at the Attari-Wagah border.

The wave of global support underscores the shared international commitment to combat terrorism and stand in solidarity with its victims.

# India Suspends Indus Waters Treaty, Shuts Attari Border In Strong Response To Pakistan

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In response to the devastating terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir’s Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, including that of a foreign national, India’s Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has announced a series of stringent measures against Pakistan. The crack-down follows revelations of cross-border linkages in the attack, which was claimed by The Resistance Front — an offshoot of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri detailed the measures, underscoring the gravity of the situation. Central to the announcement was the immediate suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960, which had survived multiple wars and decades of hostility between the two nations. Signed under World Bank mediation, the treaty allocated the eastern rivers (Ravi, Beas, Sutlej) to India and the western rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab) to Pakistan. Its suspension is a drastic step, signaling India’s deep frustration with Pakistan’s continued support for cross-border terrorism.

The implications are significant. Pakistan is already facing severe water stress due to climate change, poor water management, and rapid population growth. This decision could exacerbate an already precarious situation, with Pakistan historically viewing threats to the treaty as akin to an act of war.

### Other punitive actions include:

Closure of the Attari-Wagah Integrated



Check Post with immediate effect, allowing only those with valid endorsements to return before May 1, 2025.

Suspension of SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) for Pakistani nationals. All existing SVES visas are cancelled, and current holders must leave India within 48 hours.

Diplomatic downsizing, including the expulsion of Pakistani defence advisers in

New Delhi and a reciprocal withdrawal of Indian defence staff from Islamabad. The strength of both high commissions will be reduced from 55 to 30 personnel by May 1.

This marks one of the most severe diplomatic and strategic responses from India in recent years. The government also emphasized that it will relentlessly pursue justice for the victims and hold the sponsors of terrorism accountable.

# ‘Vladimir, STOP!’: Russian strikes on Ukraine draws rare rebuke from Trump

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Former U.S. President Donald Trump on Thursday voiced disapproval over Russia’s latest missile strikes on Ukraine’s capital, Kyiv, urging Russian President Vladimir Putin to bring an immediate halt to the escalation. In a social media post, Trump said he was “not happy” with the developments and criticized the timing of the assault.

“I am not happy with the Russian strikes on KYIV. Not necessary, and very bad timing,” Trump posted, responding to the overnight attacks that shook Ukraine’s capital and left parts of the city damaged amid ongoing tensions between the two nations.

The statement comes just a day after Trump had expressed frustration with Ukraine’s leadership, claiming that President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was the primary obstacle to progressing peace negotiations with Russia.



Trump has frequently stated that he could bring an end to the conflict swiftly if re-elected, though he has not outlined a specific roadmap for achieving such a resolution.

Despite previously maintaining a more ambiguous stance on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Trump’s latest comments signal disapproval of Moscow’s recent military actions, particularly targeting urban centers like Kyiv. The strikes, part of a broader wave of Russian missile and drone attacks, have sparked in-

ternational condemnation and renewed calls for de-escalation.

This is not the first time Trump has attempted to insert himself into discussions surrounding the war. He has repeatedly positioned himself as a potential peace broker, though critics argue that his statements often blur accountability and fail to directly address Russia’s aggression.

Meanwhile, the Biden administration has continued to support Ukraine through military aid and diplomatic backing, while calling on Moscow to end its invasion and respect Ukraine’s sovereignty.

As the conflict drags into its third year, Trump’s latest statement is likely to fuel further debate over the U.S. approach to the war, especially in light of the upcoming presidential election cycle, where foreign policy and national security are expected to be key issues.

## Russia Moves to Deepen Ties with Taliban, Allows Ambassador-Level Representation

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In a significant diplomatic shift, Russia announced on Wednesday that it will allow Afghanistan’s Taliban-led administration to appoint an ambassador to Moscow. This development comes shortly after Russia’s Supreme Court lifted the official “terrorist organization” designation for the Taliban — a label that had been in place since 2003.

While the decision stops short of formal recognition of the Taliban government, it signals Moscow’s intent to deepen relations with the regime that has ruled Afghanistan since the U.S. troop withdrawal in 2021. The Russian Foreign Ministry confirmed that officials recently held talks with the Taliban’s foreign and interior ministers, during which the announcement was formally conveyed.

According to the ministry’s statement, “Following the decision announced by the Supreme Court of Russia to suspend the ban on the Taliban movement, the Russian side has decided to upgrade the diplomatic mission of Afghanistan in Moscow to the level of ambassador.” The Taliban officials reportedly welcomed the move with “deep gratitude.”

Although no country, including Russia, has officially recognized the Taliban regime, Moscow has maintained diplomatic contacts and allowed Taliban representatives to participate in several high-level forums and international events held in



Russia over the past few years.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov framed the move as a pragmatic policy shift, stating, “The new authorities in Kabul are a reality. We need to take this into account in order to carry out pragmatic, not ideologised policy.”

Analysts view Russia’s warming stance as motivated by both regional security interests and economic considerations. Moscow sees potential in engaging with Afghanistan’s resource-rich territory, especially at a time when Western powers continue to isolate the Taliban government due to its regressive stance on human rights, particularly those of women and minorities.

Despite the diplomatic upgrade, the Taliban administration remains unrecognized by any country or major international organization, with the United Nations still referring to them as the “de facto authorities” in Afghanistan.

## After Pahalgam Attack, India Strikes Back: Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif Convenes Security Meet

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In the wake of India’s strong retaliatory measures over the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has called an urgent meeting of the National Security Committee (NSC) to deliberate on the escalating situation.

The announcement was made by Pakistan’s Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar via a post on X (formerly Twitter), where he stated, “Prime Minister Mohammad Shehbaz Sharif @CMShehbaz has convened the meeting of the National Security Committee on Thursday morning 24th April 2025 to respond to the Indian Government’s statement of this evening.”

The development comes just hours after India’s Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) unveiled a comprehensive five-point strategy targeting Pakistan, following the deadly terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir’s Pahalgam. The attack, which killed 26 people including a foreign national, was claimed by The Resistance Front, a group believed to be an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba, a banned Pakistani-based terror organization.

India’s response includes suspending the Indus Waters Treaty, shutting down the Attari-Wagah Integrated Check Post, revoking travel privileges for Pakistani nationals un-



der the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme, expelling Pakistani military advisers from its New Delhi High Commission, and reducing diplomatic staff at both countries’ embassies.

The gravity of India’s actions and the strong language used by its leadership indicate a decisive shift in bilateral relations. The suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, in particular, marks a rare and highly symbolic escalation, with potentially severe implications for Pakistan, which is already facing a looming water crisis.

Pakistan’s NSC meeting is expected to be a high-stakes session, bringing together senior political, military, and intelligence leadership to chart a course of action. The international community will be watching closely, as tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbors reach a critical point once again.



# Markets Slip on Mixed Global Cues; Pharma Shines Amid Broader Profit Booking

Domestic stock markets ended with moderate losses on Thursday. Mixed signals from international markets and lack of clarity on the US-China trade war contributed to this. Profit booking in FMCG and realty shares dragged down the benchmark indices. On the other hand, the rise in pharma and healthcare shares indicated uncertainty. Overall, Nifty rose by 82 points and Sensex by 315 points. Nifty's continuation above 24,000 became crucial.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 80,116 in the previous session, opened at 80,058 on Thursday. It touched an intraday low of 79,724. It reached an intraday high of 80,173. It finally closed at 79,801, down by 315 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,277, touched a low of 24,216 and a high of 24,347. It closed down 82 points at 24,246. The Nifty Bank fell 168 points to settle at 55,201.

In the Nifty50, 20 companies gained while 30 lost. IndusInd Bank, UltraTech Sem, Grasim, Dr. Reddy's, Cipla were the top gainers. Hindustan Unilever, Bharti Airtel, Eicher Motors, ICICI Bank, Eternal were the biggest losers. Pharma, Healthcare, Metal, Media indices rose today. Realty, FMCG, Consumer Durables, IT, Auto, Private Bank, PSU Bank, Leather Indices rose.

Today, the market breadth on NSE was equal for buyers and sellers. Out of a total of 2930 shares traded, 1404 rose. 1441 lost. 42 shares touched their 52-week high and 13 shares touched their 52-week low. The upper circuit was reached at 117 and the lower circuit at 39.

SBI Life's net income declined by 5.1 percent in the fourth quarter of FY2025. Total income was Rs. 23,86,071 lakh. The rupee strengthened by 15 paise against the dollar and settled at 85.27. Sterling & Wilson's net profit increased from Rs 1.5 crore to Rs 55 crore. Nomura has given a buy rating to LTI Mindtree with a target price of Rs 4300. Tata Consumer has maintained a buy rating with a target price of Rs 1300. Bharti Airtel has reportedly written to the Centre to convert its spectrum dues into equity. Adani Energy's



net profit increased by 79% from Rs 361 crore to Rs 647 crore. Morgan Stanley has given an overweight rating to Canfin Homes with a target price of Rs 800. 21 lakh shares changed hands in Eternal (Zomato). Laurus Labs' net profit is Rs 233 crore. Bajaj Finance is reportedly considering bonus, dividend and share split. 50 lakh shares in Motherson changed hands.

## IndusInd Bank

IndusInd Bank faced challenges in Q4 FY25, reporting flat deposit growth and a 5.2% decline in loan growth compared to the previous quarter. This performance was impacted by the disclosure of a \$175 million accounting lapse in its derivatives portfolio, leading to governance concerns and a forensic review by Grant Thornton. The bank's CASA ratio decreased to 32.8%, and it attracted \$2 billion in high-cost bulk deposits in March to strengthen its funding base. Despite these issues, the bank anticipates reporting a profit for Q4 and FY25.

### IndusInd Bank

## Mankind Pharma

Mankind Pharma is scheduled to release its Q4 FY25 earnings on June 2, 2025. In the previous quarter (Q3 FY25), the company reported a total income from operations of ₹2,396.57 crore. Investors are awaiting the upcoming results to assess



the company's performance and growth trajectory.

## Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)

IOC is set to announce its Q4 FY25 financial results on April 30, 2025. The company is also expected to declare a dividend alongside the earnings release. Investors are keenly watching for these announcements to gauge the company's financial health and shareholder returns.



## IRB Infrastructure Developers

IRB Infrastructure reported a 23% year-on-year growth in toll revenue for FY25, outperforming the national average growth of 12.5%. In February 2025, the company's associates recorded an 18% year-on-year increase in daily toll revenue, reaching ₹19 crore per day. This robust performance indicates strong operational efficiency and growth potential.



## Sun Pharmaceutical Industries

Sun Pharma reported a 34% year-on-year increase in net profit to ₹2,654 crore for Q4 FY25, driven by a 10% rise in revenue to ₹11,983 crore. The company's India formulations sales grew by 10% to ₹3,707 crore, accounting for 31.4% of total consolidated sales. The board approved a final dividend of ₹5 per share.



## Adani Data Networks to Transfer 400 MHz Spectrum to Bharti Airtel in Strategic 5G Deal

Adani Data Networks Limited (ADNL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL), has announced a major strategic move in India's telecom space. On Tuesday, the company signed definitive agreements with Bharti Airtel Limited and its subsidiary Bharti Hexacom Limited to transfer the rights to use 400 MHz of spectrum in the 26 GHz band.



The spectrum spans six key telecom circles: Gujarat (100 MHz), Mumbai (100 MHz), Andhra Pradesh (50 MHz), Rajasthan (50 MHz), Karnataka (50 MHz), and Tamil Nadu (50 MHz). The deal is seen as a win-win for both companies — helping Airtel boost its 5G expansion in high-demand areas while allowing ADNL to realign its digital infrastructure focus.

The agreement, however, is still pending regulatory clearance. "The closing of the transaction is subject to customary statutory approvals," ADNL stated in a stock exchange filing, referencing the conditions outlined under India's Spectrum Trading Guidelines.

ADNL had originally acquired this spectrum during the 5G auctions with an eye on deploying private networks and enhancing enterprise connectivity solutions. This transfer signals a strategic pivot for the Adani Group, indicating a refined approach to its digital connectivity portfolio.

Bharti Airtel, on the other hand, is aggressively scaling up its 5G rollout across the country. The telecom giant, which currently serves around 120 million 5G users out of a total subscriber base of 414 million (as of December), views this acquisition as critical to strengthening its presence in key circles where demand for high-speed data services is rapidly increasing.

In its official statement, Airtel confirmed the deal, stating, "Bharti Airtel and its subsidiary Bharti Hexacom have signed definitive agreements with Adani Data Networks Limited (ADNL), a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, to acquire the rights to use 400 MHz of spectrum in the 26 GHz band."

The move underscores the shifting dynamics in India's 5G landscape, with companies recalibrating their strategies to balance enterprise ambitions and mass-market connectivity.

# SEBI Tightens Insider Trading Norms: Trading Window Restrictions Extended to Immediate Relatives

In a significant move to curb insider trading and enhance compliance, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has extended trading window restrictions to include the immediate relatives of designated persons (DPs) in listed companies. The decision was outlined in a circular issued by SEBI on Monday, April 21, 2025.



Previously, SEBI had mandated, through its September 23, 2024 circular, that stock exchanges develop systems to restrict trading by DPs—individuals likely to possess Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI). This was implemented by freezing the Permanent Account Numbers (PANs) of such individuals to prevent inadvertent violations of SEBI's Prohibition of Insider Trading (PIT) Regulations.

Building on the framework's success, SEBI has now decided to broaden the scope of restrictions to cover the immediate relatives of DPs. "Considering the effective implementation of the framework to DPs of listed companies and the consultations held with the Stock Exchanges and Depositories, the above framework is hereby extended to immediate relatives of DPs for listed companies," SEBI stated in its latest directive.

This step aims to close a key regulatory gap, as insiders could previously bypass restric-

tions by conducting trades through family members. With the new rules, SEBI enhances market transparency and strengthens oversight over individuals with indirect access to sensitive information.

The circular comes shortly after SEBI took stern action against Gensol Engineering and its promoters. The company and its leadership were barred from trading after it was revealed that business loan funds had been misappropriated and false disclosures had been made to credit rating agencies. The promoters were also found to have traded in company stocks through Wellray Solar, a related party, in violation of insider trading norms. Gensol's association with BluSmart, an electric vehicle ride-hailing company, also came under scrutiny.

SEBI's latest move reinforces its commitment to maintaining integrity in India's capital markets by broadening the definition of who may be considered a potential insider and ensuring tighter surveillance of trading activities.

# Vodafone Idea Partners with Cisco to Build Future-Ready High-Speed Network Infrastructure

Telecom operator Vodafone Idea (Vi) has announced a strategic partnership with global networking giant Cisco to enhance its network infrastructure, aiming to deliver faster, more reliable internet services across India. This collaboration is set to transform Vi's digital capabilities, benefiting both consumers and businesses by offering improved connectivity for high-quality video streaming, online gaming, video conferencing, and everyday browsing.



As part of this initiative, Vi will roll out a next-generation Multi-protocol Label Switching (MPLS)-based transport network powered by Cisco. This advanced solution will significantly boost the reliability, scalability, and efficiency of Vi's core infrastructure, enabling it to handle high volumes of data traffic while ensuring seamless performance.

According to Vi, the integration of Cisco's MPLS technology will help the telecom operator manage its growing data demands with enhanced network stability and operational flexibility. Consumers can expect consistent, high-performance digital experiences, while businesses—ranging from startups to large enterprises—will benefit from secure and scalable connectivity critical to operating in a digital-first economy.

"With Cisco's proven MPLS expertise, we are building a transport network that can not only support the demands of today but also scale for the future," said Jagbir Singh, Chief Technology Officer at Vi. "This partnership reinforces our commitment to innovation, allowing us to automate key network functions, optimize traffic flow, and respond swiftly to changing market needs."

For Cisco, the collaboration is a step towards building robust, future-proof digital ecosystems in emerging markets. Gordon Thomson, Vice President, Service Provider – EMEA at Cisco, emphasized, "Our partnership with Vi is creating a strong foundation for 4G and 5G backhaul networks. With our IP and MPLS solutions, Vi can deliver reliable and scalable digital experiences to millions across India."

In addition to elevating the customer experience, the deployment will enable Vi to reduce operational costs and accelerate service innovation through dynamic, software-driven network management.

This move comes at a crucial time as India's demand for digital connectivity surges, highlighting the need for telecom providers to invest in intelligent infrastructure that supports the evolving needs of a connected society.



# Tourist’s Credit Card Rage at Bangkok Hotel

A chaotic scene unfolded at a luxury hotel in Bangkok, Thailand, when an irate tourist erupted in fury over a payment dispute, terrifying guests and staff. The incident, which has gone viral on social media, shows a middle-aged man in a T-shirt reading “Greatest Dad Ever” shouting at hotel staff in a rage, claiming he was charged twice for his stay. According to the footage, the man had checked in with his family, and his credit card was taken by the front desk as part of the standard check-in procedure. However, he claimed that a relative had already paid for the accommodation. Upon reviewing his debit history, he believed the hotel had made an unauthorized second charge, sparking a heated confrontation. The video shows the man hurling verbal abuse at the staff, repeatedly calling them “bloody fools, bloody thieves, bloody rogues,” while slamming his fist on the reception desk. His aggressive behavior alarmed nearby guests and



employees, some of whom were seen backing away in discomfort. Despite attempts by the hotel staff to calmly explain the billing process, the man refused to listen. A woman, believed to be a family member, tried to de-escalate the situation, urging him to calm down, but he continued to scream uncontrollably. The outburst drew the attention of local police, who were called to handle the escalating situation. It remains unclear whether any formal complaint or legal action was taken following the incident. The video has sparked mixed reactions online, with some criticizing the tourist for his public behavior, while others have expressed concern about hotel billing practices. As the footage continues to circulate, the incident serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining composure during travel mishaps and resolving disputes with patience and respect.

# IIM Student’s Rs 3.5L Stipend Ignites Debate



A viral LinkedIn post has set social media abuzz after revealing that a summer intern from IIM Calcutta is earning an eye-popping Rs 3.5 lakh per month, reigniting discussions around the value of elite academic credentials in today’s job market.

“We love to say ‘degrees don’t matter’ online... But sometimes, they open doors you never knew existed,” she wrote, sparking both admiration and introspection among professionals and students alike.

The story was shared by Sakshi Jain, founder of a Mumbai-based branding agency, who posted about meeting a friend currently interning in Mumbai. The friend, a student at IIM Calcutta, is being paid Rs 3.5 lakh per month for a two-month summer internship — totalling a staggering Rs 7 lakh. Jain admitted she was “speechless” upon learning the figure, highlighting how rare such opportunities are in the broader Indian employment landscape.

Her post posed a poignant question often debated in today’s digital world: Do degrees from elite institutions still hold real-world value? While platforms like LinkedIn and X (formerly Twitter) often promote the idea that “degrees don’t matter,” Jain’s encounter seems to challenge that belief.

The post quickly went viral, amassing over 1.5 million views and prompting thousands to share similar experiences about high-paying internships and job offers received by graduates from India’s top institutes like IIMs and IITs.

One user commented, “No matter what the ‘MBA is useless’ crowd says, the IIM A/B/C tag sticks with you and makes a huge difference.” Others expressed national pride in how India’s top educational institutions are matching global standards.

As the conversation continues, the post has once again highlighted the ongoing tension between formal education and self-made success in the evolving job landscape.

# All Eyes on Pahalgam’ Sparks Outrage

The tragic terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, that killed at least 26 people has triggered a massive wave of online outrage, giving rise to the viral slogan “All Eyes on Pahalgam.” Inspired by last year’s global campaign “All Eyes on Rafah,” this phrase is being used by netizens to demand justice and international attention to the Kashmir Valley incident.



The original slogan, “All Eyes on Rafah,” gained global traction in May 2024 after an Israeli airstrike killed over 45 people in Gaza. The phrase, first spoken by WHO official Richard Peepkorn, later appeared in an AI-generated image that was shared by millions, including celebrities like Dua Lipa and Lewis Hamilton.

Now, a similar visual—swapping “Rafah” with “Pahalgam”—is circulating widely on Indian social media. The movement aims to spotlight the pain of victims and

expose what many call selective activism by global influencers and Bollywood celebrities.

Although actors like Shah Rukh Khan, Akshay Kumar, and Sanjay Dutt have condemned the Pahalgam attack, several netizens are accusing the film industry of showing more solidarity during the Palestine conflict while being relatively muted on domestic terrorism.

Images of Navy officer Vinay Narwal, who was killed just six days after his wedding, have become symbolic of the tragedy. His wife, seen mourning beside his body, is being widely shared alongside the viral slogan.

The campaign has sparked strong reactions, including calls to boycott Bollywood and ban Pakistani actors. Criticism has also extended to South Indian actors for their silence and support of Pakistani artists in past projects. Tensions escalated further with demands to block the release of Abir Gulaal, a Bollywood film featuring Pakistani actor Fawad Khan.

With hashtags like #AllEyesOnPahalgam and #PahalgamTerroristAttack trending, the digital movement continues to grow, urging the world to not turn a blind eye to the pain and loss endured by Indian victims of terror.

# Flight Attendant’s Pajama Secret Revealed

The internet is buzzing after a flight attendant named Paula, known on TikTok as @muulann\_, revealed a surprisingly cozy secret beneath her professional polish—she wears pajamas under her airline uniform.



In a viral TikTok clip, Paula first appears picture-perfect in her crisp uniform. But moments later, she cheekily unveils her grey fleece pajama bottoms tucked under her formal trousers. Set to Lana Del Rey’s “Margaret” and captioned “if you know, you know,” the video quickly struck a humorous chord with viewers.

The comments section lit up with laughter, support, and fellow crew members sharing similar comfort hacks. One wrote, “Hey, I do the same!”—to which Paula responded with a laughing emoji

and the cryptic, “Those who know, know!”

Many questioned the practicality: “How do you not overheat during boarding?” Paula answered that she often feels cold in-flight due to strong air conditioning. “It’s not style, it’s necessity,” she explained, adding that the uniform pants are uncomfortable inside, making paja-

mas a lifesaver during long hauls.

While Paula’s comfy hack may seem unconventional, it reflects a deeper truth about the airline profession: behind the glamour lies a physically demanding and emotionally draining job. Long flights, jet lag, and a constant expectation to stay composed make tiny acts of comfort—like wearing pajamas—feel like small victories.

The video has since gathered millions of views, with viewers praising Paula’s honesty and charm. “We thought you had a beauty secret, but it turns out you just have pajamas!” one commenter joked.

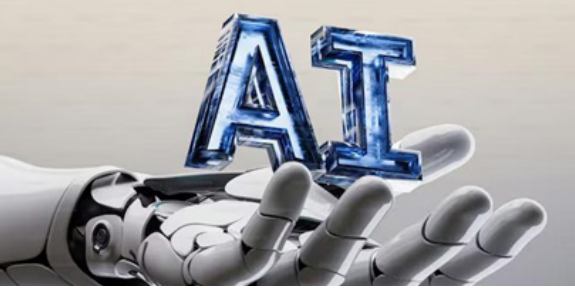
What started as a humorous post has now become a viral reminder: comfort is king—even 35,000 feet in the air.

# AI Cheating Tool Raises \$5.3 Million

A controversial AI startup that enables users to cheat during interviews, exams, and even sales calls has just secured \$5.3 million in pre-seed funding. The startup, Cluely, was founded by 21-year-old Chungin Lee, a student of Columbia University, who was suspended for his original project, Interview Coder. Lee, who also goes by “Roy” on social media, developed a covert application that ran invisibly during online technical interviews. It gave real-time AI-generated solutions for coding problems from platforms like LeetCode. The tool gained viral attention after helping users crack interviews at tech giants such as Amazon, Meta, and TikTok.

While the success of Interview Coder drew sharp criticism from the tech industry—and led to Lee’s suspension and blacklisting by Amazon—the backlash didn’t stop him. Instead, he doubled down and rebranded his work into Cluely, which he calls “the ultimate end-state” of his earlier project.

Cluely reportedly works by opening hidden browser windows that assist users without detection. According to its creators, it’s not just limited to coding interviews anymore—it now spans exams and corporate communications



like sales calls.

**The startup’s latest announcement was posted on Twitter:** “They called calculators cheating. They called Google cheating. The world will say the same about AI. We’re not stopping.” The post confirmed that Cluely had raised \$5.3 million in funding to build what Lee calls “the future—faster.”

**In a separate tweet, Lee reflected on the journey:** “Everyone told me to quit. I didn’t. This is the most ambitious project I’ll ever build.” While the ethics of Cluely remain heavily debated, the funding success signals that disruptive—if controversial—technologies continue to attract big investment, especially in the high-stakes world of AI.

# Cake Box at Embassy Sparks Outrage

In the wake of the devastating Pahalgam terror attack that claimed the lives of 26 people—25 Indians and one Nepalese national—tensions have soared across the country. Amid nationwide outrage, a viral video has surfaced showing a man carrying a cake box as he walks toward the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi, sparking sharp criticism and confusion online.



The short clip, widely circulated on social media, captures the unidentified man dodging questions from journalists while clutching a cake box. His calm demeanor contrasted starkly with the emotional and volatile atmosphere outside the embassy, where protesters shouted slogans like “Pakistan Murdabad” and demanded accountability for the recent violence.

**The video’s caption read:** “And cakes are being (ordered?) delivered to the Pak High Commission today in New Delhi.”

The timing of the footage has triggered a wave of speculation and debate. While some social media users questioned whether it was a personal delivery or an official visit, others slammed the move as highly insensitive, given the public outrage and grief following the attack.

As protests intensified near the embassy gates, many questioned the man’s intent and the nature of the package, with demands for authorities to investigate. However, there has been no official statement from either the Pakistan High Commission or Indian authorities regarding the incident.

This video has become a focal point in the larger discussion surrounding the public’s response to cross-border terrorism and diplomatic engagement during national tragedies. With emotions running high, even small gestures are being closely scrutinized, making this seemingly simple act of carrying a cake a viral flashpoint in a moment of mourning and political tension.



## India Championship Joins 2025 Race to Dubai with Record Prize



India is set to host the inaugural DP World India Championship at the historic Delhi Golf Club from October 16–19, 2025. Co-sanctioned with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), the \$4 million event becomes the richest golf tournament ever held in India. It will be the eighth stop in the ‘Back 9’ of the Race to Dubai series. The announcement follows Spain’s Eugenio Chacarra winning the 2025 Indian Open and highlights India’s growing stature in global golf. Leaders from DP World Tour, PGTI, and Delhi Golf Club hailed the tournament’s potential to boost local talent, tourism, and fan engagement. This marks the Tour’s return to Delhi Golf Club since 2016.

## Trishul Chinnappa Leads with Stunning 64 at PGTI Players Championship



Bengaluru’s Trishul Chinnappa surged into the lead at the PGTI Players Championship with a brilliant second-round score of eight-under 64 at the Classic Golf and Country Club, Nuh, Haryana. Chinnappa, aiming for his maiden professional title, climbed 25 spots to take the top spot at eight-under 136. He produced an incredible stretch of six consecutive birdies on the front nine, adding three more birdies and a bogey on the back nine. Lucknow’s Sanjeev Kumar, also chasing his first title, shot a 69 for a six-under total of 138, placing him second. Chandigarh’s Ranjit Singh and Bangladesh’s Md Siddikur Rahman followed in tied third at five-under 139. The cut was set at three-over 147, with 52 players advancing.

## Record 21 Entries for APRC India Round at Madras Circuit



A record 21 entries have been confirmed for the Asia Zone round of the FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship (APRC), set to take place from April 25–27 at the Madras International Circuit. This marks India’s highest-ever participation in the APRC Asia Cup, held alongside the FMSCI Indu Chandhok Memorial Indian Rally Championship, organized by Madras Motor Sports Club. Top contenders include defending champions Harkrishan Wadia–Kunal Kashyap and national champions Karna Kadur–Musa Sherif. Notable entries also feature Amittrajit Ghosh, Chetan Shivram, and Kenya RC3 winner Naveen Puligilla. Shimla’s Anushriya Gulati is the only female entrant. Promoter Vamcy Merla continues to support the event, which is the second of five APRC rounds this season.

## Kohli, Padikkal Power RCB to 205/5 Against Rajasthan Royals



Virat Kohli (70 off 42) and Devdutt Padikkal (50 off 27) struck brisk half-centuries to propel Royal Challengers Bengaluru to a strong 205/5 against Rajasthan Royals on Thursday. The duo stitched a 95-run stand for the second wicket, dominating the middle overs. Phil Salt (26) provided a quick start, while Jitesh Sharma (20\* off 10) and Tim David (23 off 15) added crucial late runs. Despite tough batting conditions, RCB crossed 200 thanks to aggressive finishes. RR, led by Riyan Parag in Sanju Samson’s absence, saw Jofra Archer dismiss Kohli with a clever slower ball, while Sandeep Sharma removed Padikkal. RCB skipper Rajat Patidar failed to capitalize. RCB’s total sets up a challenging chase for Rajasthan.

## Gautam Gambhir Receives Death Threat from ‘ISIS Kashmir’; Approaches Police

Indian cricket head coach Gautam Gambhir has received death threats from a group claiming to be ‘ISIS Kashmir’ just a day after the Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir. Gambhir reportedly received two emails containing the message “I kill you.” In response, he filed a formal complaint with the Delhi Police and

requested increased security for himself and his family. The complaint was lodged at Rajender Nagar police station by Gambhir’s private secretary. Deputy Commissioner of Police M Harsh Vardhan confirmed the investigation into the threat. Gambhir is already under Delhi Police protection, and authorities are analyzing the email’s source.



## Sachin Tendulkar’s Memorable World Cup Knocks: A Look Back



As Sachin Tendulkar turned 52 on Thursday, his legacy as the ‘Master Blaster’ and ‘God of Cricket’ remains unmatched. Across multiple ICC World Cups, Tendulkar’s performances were legendary, including a stunning 98(75) against Pakistan in the 2003 World Cup at Centurion, where he dominated a fierce pace attack. His 152(151) against Namibia in the same tournament showcased his full range of shots, leading India to 311/2. In the 2011 World Cup, Tendulkar’s 111(101) against South Africa set the stage for a challenging total, though India lost narrowly. In 1996, his magnificent 137\* against Sri Lanka, despite India’s defeat, remains one of his best World Cup knocks. Tendulkar’s brilliance continues to inspire cricket fans worldwide.

## Vithya Ramraj Wins Gold and Breaks Meet Record

Vithya Ramraj, the Asian Games medallist, dominated the women’s 400m hurdles at the National Federation Senior Athletics Championships, claiming gold and setting a new meet record. The 26-year-old Tamil Nadu sprinter clocked 56.04 seconds, surpassing the previous record of 57.21 seconds set by Saritaben Gayakwad in 2019. Vithya’s performance also secured her qualification for the Asian Athletics Championships, as the qualification time was 57.80 seconds. Kerala’s Anu R (58.26 seconds) and Tamil Nadu’s Ashwini R (1:02.41) finished second and third but failed to qualify. In the men’s 400m hurdles, Karnataka’s Yashas P won gold with a time of 49.32 seconds but fell short of the Asian qualification mark of 49.19 seconds.







## Srinidhi Shetty Auditioned for Sita Role

Actress Srinidhi Shetty, currently promoting her upcoming film HIT 3 set to release on May 1, revealed that she was the initial choice to play Sita in Nitesh Tiwari's ambitious Ramayana. The project stars Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Sriram. Srinidhi auditioned and performed screen tests, preparing for three key scenes. The team was reportedly pleased with her performance. She shared that discussions began shortly af-

ter the release of KGF 2, and she initially felt conflicted. Referring to her popular onscreen pairing with Yash, she said, "If he plays Ravan and I play Sita, we'd be on opposite sides. Audiences had just seen us together with so much love." She expressed concerns about how fans might perceive such a contrasting dynamic. Ultimately, Sai Pallavi was finalized for the role of Sita.



Malayalam star Fahadh Faasil is set to join the cast of Jailer 2, reuniting with superstar Rajinikanth after their collaboration in Vettaiyan. Known for taking on impactful roles in major films across industries, Fahadh

has previously impressed audiences in Pushpa, Vikram, and Vettaiyan. According to reports, Fahadh will play a pivotal and intense character in Jailer 2, a high-octane action drama directed by Nelson Dilipkumar. The official announcement from Sun Pictures is expected soon, further boosting fan anticipation. Following the massive box office success of Jailer, which grossed over Rs 600 crore, expectations are sky-high for the sequel. The film boasts a stellar cast including Shiva Rajkumar, Ramya Krishna, Yogi Babu, Mirnaa Menon, and reportedly SJ Suryah, with music by Anirudh Ravichander. The buzz continues to build with every new update.

## Nani's Take on Aging Roles

In a film industry dominated by stereotypes and age-defying roles, actor Nani offers a refreshing perspective. While most stars shy away from playing characters older than themselves, Nani, at 41, embraced the role of a man in his mid-40s in HIT 3.

During promotions, Nani addressed the age-related expectations placed on actors, especially heroes, who often stick to playing characters in their 20s or 30s regardless of their

real age. When asked how he overcame the usual insecurities around aging on-screen, Nani surprised everyone by saying he's actually excited to turn 60.

His honest take challenges the norm, advocating for more realistic and mature roles for aging actors. Nani's openness has resonated with fans on social media, sparking conversations about the need for age-appropriate storytelling in Indian cinema.



## Gopichand, SVCC Reunite for Thriller



Sree Venkateswara Cine Chitra (SVCC), led by renowned producer BVSN Prasad, has officially launched its 39th film—a high-budget thriller starring Macho Star Gopichand. The movie marks Gopichand's second collaboration with SVCC after their successful outing in Sahasam.

A formal Pooja ceremony was held to kick off the project, which will be directed by debutant Kumar Sai, promising a fresh narrative style. The film also reunites Gopichand with ace cinematographer Shamdat ISC, known for his exceptional visuals in Sahasam.

The project introduces Malayalam actress Meenakshi Dinesh as the female lead, making her Telugu debut. With strong backing, high production values, and an exciting genre, the thriller aims to deliver an edge-of-the-seat experience. The film will be produced by BVSN Prasad and presented by Bapineedu under the SVCC banner. Filming is set to commence soon.

## Imanvi Denies Pakistani Allegations

Imanvi, the lead actress in Prabhas and Hanu Raghavapudi's upcoming film, has broken her silence over viral social media claims alleging she is linked to the Pakistani military. The rumors surfaced in the wake of the tragic Pahalgam terror attack, sparking calls for her removal from the film.

In a heartfelt note, Imanvi condemned the violence and expressed her condolences to the victims. She clarified that she is a proud Indian-American and denied any connection to Pakistan or its military.

Labeling the reports as false and slanderous, she criticized online trolls and media outlets for spreading misinformation without verifying facts. "My mission is to spread love and light through art," she wrote, urging unity and understanding amid rising tensions. Her statement has since been widely shared by fans and industry colleagues in support.

First and foremost, I want to express my most sincere and heartfelt condolences for the tragic event that took place in Pahalgam. My heart goes out to all those who lost their lives and their loved ones. Any loss of innocent life is tragic and weighs heavily on my heart. I strongly condemn the violent acts. As someone whose mission has always been to spread light and love through art, I hope to see a day soon where we can all come together as one.

I also want to address rumors and lies that have been falsely spread about my identity and my family via fake news sources and online media in order to create division and spread hate. Firstly, nobody in my family has ever been or is currently associated with the Pakistani military in any way. These and multiple other falsehoods have been fabricated by online trolls for the sole purpose of spreading hate. What is especially disappointing is that legitimate news outlets, journalists, and those on social media failed to investigate their source material and instead have simply repeated these slanderous statements.

I am a proud Indian American who speaks Hindi, Telugu, Gujarati, and English. I was born in Los Angeles, California after my parents legally immigrated to the United States as youth. Soon after they became American citizens. Upon completing my university education in the USA, I pursued a career in the arts as an actor, choreographer, and dancer. After much work in this realm, I am incredibly grateful to receive opportunities to work in the Indian film industry. This same film industry has been a great influence in my life, and I hope to add to the incredible legacy of the trailblazers that came before me. As someone who has Indian identity and culture running deep in my blood, I hope to use this medium as a form of unity and love.

As we mourn tragic loss of life, let's continue to spread love and uplift one another. Throughout history, art has been a medium that creates awareness, empathy, and connection across cultures, people, and generations. I will work hard to ensure that this legacy carries on through my work and uplifts the experiences of my Indian heritage.

Lots of love,  
Imanvi

## Fahadh Joins Rajinikanth's Jailer 2

Malayalam star Fahadh Faasil is set to join the cast of Jailer 2, reuniting with superstar Rajinikanth after their collaboration in Vettaiyan. Known for taking on impactful roles in major films across industries, Fahadh

has previously impressed audiences in Pushpa, Vikram, and Vettaiyan. According to reports, Fahadh will play a pivotal and intense character in Jailer 2, a high-octane action drama directed by Nelson Dilipkumar. The official announcement from Sun Pictures is expected soon, further boosting fan anticipation. Following the massive box office success of Jailer, which grossed over Rs 600 crore, expectations are sky-high for the sequel. The film boasts a stellar cast including Shiva Rajkumar, Ramya Krishna, Yogi Babu, Mirnaa Menon, and reportedly SJ Suryah, with music by Anirudh Ravichander. The buzz continues to build with every new update.

