



# Man Killed in Elephant Attack in Tirupati, Govt Announces Rs.10 Lakh Aid

## Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan Announces ₹10 lakh Compensation to Family

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A tragic incident occurred in Tirupati district where a 72-year-old man, R. Siddhaiah from Dasarigudem village in Chinnagottigallu mandal, lost his life in an elephant attack. AP Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan expressed his deep condolences to the bereaved family and assured that the government stands firmly with them during this difficult time. Pawan Kalyan announced that the government would provide Rs. 10 lakh compensation to Siddhaiah's family. He emphasized that necessary measures have been taken to closely monitor elephant movements and to alert nearby villages to prevent such incidents in the future. He instructed the concerned officials to implement strict preventive steps to ensure the safety of villagers from wild animal attacks going forward.

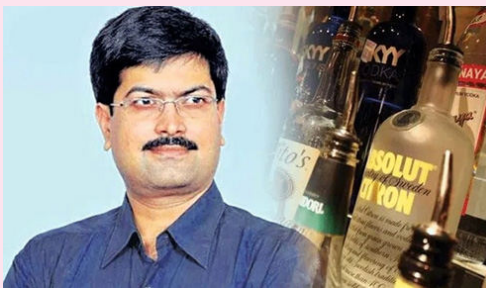
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# Sajjala Sridhar Reddy Remanded Till May 6th On Liquor Scam Case

SIT arrested SPY Agro owner Sajjala Sridhar Reddy  
ACB court remanded him till next month 6th

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In a major development in the AP liquor scam investigation, the SIT arrested key accused Sajjala Sridhar Reddy, owner of SPY Agro Industries. After undergoing a medical examination at Vijayawada Government Hospital, he was produced before the ACB Court, which remanded him till May 6. The liquor scam, which surfaced during the YSRCP government's tenure, has led to a widespread investigation. Acting on government directives, the SIT has intensified its probe, following the earlier arrest of Raj Kasireddy.



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# Central Govt Releases ₹1,121.20 Crore to AP Under 15th Finance Commission

- ₹1,121.20 crore released as second installment
- Funds meant for Zilla, Mandal Parishads, Panchayats
- Release pertains to 2024-25 financial year second installment



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Fishermen to receive ₹20,000 financial aid during fishing ban

1,29,178 fishermen families to benefit under ₹259 crore scheme

# CM Promised 9 New Shipping Harbors & Direct Support to Fishermen

CM launched 'Matsyakara Sevalo' scheme in Srikakulam  
CM criticizes YSRCP for mismanagement of ₹10 lakh crore loans

TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam

CM Naidu district tour in Srikakulam District on Saturday, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched the 'Matsyakara Sevalo' scheme, promising to transform the lives of fishermen. Addressing a large public meeting, the CM emphasized that the backward classes, including fishermen, are the backbone of the TDP and assured them of special programs for their upliftment. Severely criticizing the previous YSRCP government, Chandrababu Naidu alleged that ₹10 lakh crores in loans were taken without transparency, pushing the state into debt. He announced that under the



new 'Matsyakara Sevalo' scheme, fishermen families will receive ₹20,000 financial assistance during the 61-day fishing ban period. The scheme benefits 1,29,178 families with a total outlay of ₹259 crore. Highlighting the coalition government's approach, the CM said they believe in directly

engaging with the people rather than remote governance. He assured that the government will improve fishing villages, enhance living standards, and provide strong support for the education of fishermen's children.

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## Sajjala Sridhar Reddy...

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Officials revealed that Sridhar Reddy played a crucial role in manipulating liquor commissions and policy decisions. The remand report contains sensational findings. Police registered a case against Sridhar Reddy under IPC sections 409, 420, 120(B), read with Sections 34, 37, and various provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The report disclosed that Sridhar Reddy participated in meetings at Vijayasai Reddy's residence where it was decided to manipulate the liquor market, aiming to earn Rs. 50–60 crores per month. Sridhar Reddy allegedly played a key role in stopping popular liquor brands and promoting inferior ones through illegal OFS (Orders for Supply). He coordinated with distilleries and ensured regular kickbacks to syndicate members. The remand report also mentioned a Rs. 45 crore loan from Aurobindo Group companies to revive SPY Distilleries, which was later repaid at 12% interest. Investigators concluded that Sridhar Reddy, closely associated with Kasireddy Rajasekhara Reddy, was a syndicate member and a key mastermind behind the scam. His active involvement in controlling supply, enforcing brand restrictions, and cash distributions has deepened the scandal, causing significant unease within YSRCP circles.

## Man Killed in...

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Meanwhile, Pawan Kalyan also responded to another unfortunate incident that occurred on Saturday in Dr. BR Ambedkar Konaseema district. Nine women working under the Employment Guarantee Scheme were injured in a road accident near Avidi village. The Deputy Chief Minister expressed his sorrow over the incident and directed officials to ensure the injured workers receive immediate and quality medical treatment. He further ordered that an officer be assigned to continuously monitor the treatment of the injured and ensure all necessary medical support is provided. He stressed that the district administration must also take proactive steps to offer financial assistance to the affected families. Instructions were given to the Commissioner of the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department to oversee these actions. The state government is moving swiftly to address these unfortunate incidents, aiming to provide relief and ensure better preventive measures in the future.

## Central Govt...

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The Central Government has released ₹1,121.20 crore to Andhra Pradesh under the 15th Finance Commission grants. This amount was disbursed as part of the second installment for the financial year 2024–25. The funds are specifically earmarked for strengthening the functioning of Zilla Parishads, Mandal Parishads, and Gram Panchayats across the state. Officials stated that these grants aim to empower rural and semi-urban local bodies, enabling them to undertake developmental activities and improve basic infrastructure. This is part of the Centre's broader efforts to strengthen decentralized governance and ensure last-mile delivery of essential services. The allocation will enable local institutions to address key areas such as water supply, sanitation, street lighting, and other civic amenities crucial for the well-being of rural populations. Authorities have been instructed to ensure timely and effective utilization of the funds following the guidelines set by the 15th Finance Commission. The state government expressed gratitude to the Centre for the timely release of funds, especially during a crucial phase of the financial year. It emphasized that the grants would play a significant role in pushing forward rural development programs and creating self-sustaining villages aligned with the government's vision of inclusive growth. Further monitoring mechanisms will be put in place to track the progress of fund utilization at various levels to ensure transparency and efficiency.

## Big Blow to Former YCP MP Butta Renuka as Assets Face Re-auction

- Butta Renuka, husband defaulted on ₹310 crore LIC HFL loan
- Properties in Banjara Hills, Madhapur failed to attract buyers
- Assets to be auctioned again amid buyer hesitation

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Former YSRCP MP Butta Renuka faced a major setback as her assets are being prepared for re-auction after a failed attempt earlier. Butta Renuka and her husband Neelakanthulu had taken a massive loan of ₹310 crore in 2018 from LIC Housing Finance Limited (LIC HFL), a subsidiary of LIC, to fund their businesses — Butta Infrastructure Pvt Ltd, Butta Convention Services Ltd, and Meridian Edutech Services. Though they initially made repayments amounting to ₹40 crore, they have defaulted over the past five years. Despite repeated notices and discussions from LIC HFL officials, the couple failed to settle the dues, prompting the auction process. Including principal and accumulated interest, the outstanding amount now stands at ₹340 crore. Attempts to auction their prime properties earlier saw no participation. Properties include 5,000 square yards in Banjara Hills



valued at ₹145 crore and a 7,205 square yards Butta Convention property in Madhapur. Sources suggest that potential buyers are reluctant, fearing future legal or procedural complications associated with the assets. Initially, Butta Renuka and her husband had proposed to re-schedule the loan and sell off some assets to manage the interest burden, but LIC HFL reject-

ed the offer, citing regulatory constraints. Despite presenting several alternatives, the company remained unconvinced. Now, with no resolution in sight, the properties are being put up for auction again. The case has drawn attention in financial and political circles, highlighting the risks associated with large-scale commercial borrowings and political figures.

## PM Modi to Honor Amaravati Farmers on May 2, Says Minister Nadendla Manohar



TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar announced that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will honor the farmers who sacrificed their lands for Amaravati's construction during his visit on May 2. Reviewing the arrangements with officials on Saturday evening, the Minister said that 4 to 6 lakh people from five to six districts are expected to attend the event, and compre-

hensive preparations are being made to accommodate the large gathering. Minister Manohar explained that after SPG staff inspections, final reviews will be conducted to determine if additional arrangements are necessary. The Seed Access Road will be used to its full capacity, and if required, the Western Bypass Road will also be opened to ease transportation. CRDA officials and others supervising the arrangements have provided suggestions to en-

sure smooth conduct and convenience for all attendees. Highlighting the significance of the event, Manohar stated that one to three farmers will be invited onto the dais to be personally honored by Prime Minister Modi. A short film showcasing the sacrifices made by the farmers will also be presented during the meeting. The Minister personally inspected the roads leading to the venue during a two-hour whirlwind tour. Eight access routes are being prepared for public entry, and a total of 11 parking areas are being set up for the thousands of vehicles expected on the day of the event. Rapid arrangements are underway to kickstart the reconstruction works of Amaravati, and the government is coordinating across departments to ensure the Prime Minister's visit is a grand success. With all focus on May 2, officials are working tirelessly to relaunch Amaravati's development in the presence of Prime Minister Modi.

## In Kadapa Trading Scam: 35 Families Cheated of ₹12 Crore, Victims Seek Justice

- Somasekhara Reddy, family accused of ₹12 crore trading fraud
- Victims allege threats after asking for their money back
- Complaint lodged at Kadapa RIMS Police Station seeking justice

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

A major fraud case has come to light in Kadapa district where 35 families were allegedly cheated in the name of trading profits. According to reports, Papireddy Somasekhara Reddy and his family members duped victims of around ₹12 crore, promising fixed monthly profits through trading investments. Somasekhara Reddy, along with his parents, younger brother, and other relatives, allegedly lured victims with assurances of high returns. Trusting them, the victims borrowed money and deposited it into Somasekhara's account, only for the funds to be transferred later to the accounts of individuals named Niranjana Reddy and Gangireddy. Victims claim they also handed over cash amounts directly to the family.



When the victims demanded their money back after realizing they were deceived, they were reportedly threatened by the accused. The scam has had tragic consequences, with one victim, Vishnu, committing suicide and another, Jagadeeshwar Reddy, attempting to end his life. With the whereabouts of Somasekhara Reddy and his family

members currently unknown, the victims have lodged a formal complaint at the Kadapa RIMS Police Station. They have stated that they will escalate the matter to Minister Nara Lokesh and Home Minister Anita, demanding immediate justice. Many victims are expressing deep distress and warning that if no action is taken, they might resort to suicide.



## SIT Speeds Up Probe Into Mysterious Deaths of Witnesses In Viveka Murder Case

- SIT intensifies investigation into deaths of six key witnesses.
- Kasunuru Parameshwara Reddy, Susheelamma called for questioning.
- SIT conducting detailed probe in Pulivendula amid rising concerns.

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The Special Investigation Team (SIT) has expedited its inquiry into the deaths of witnesses connected to the murder of former minister YS Vivekananda Reddy. On Saturday, SIT officers interrogated Kasunuru Parameshwara Reddy, a key witness in the case, at Pulivendula. Additionally, the SIT served notices to Susheelamma, the wife of another important witness, Ranganna, who recently passed away under suspicious circumstances. The Viveka case has taken a serious turn with the deaths of six witnesses, raising concerns about systematic foul play. After Ranganna's recent death, the coalition government responded by forming a dedicated SIT to investigate the mysterious pattern. The SIT is now deeply focused on uncovering the truth behind these consecutive deaths. On Saturday, officials first interrogated Kasunuru Parameshwara Reddy, who initially objected to the questioning, citing lack of prior notice. Despite his resistance, the SIT proceeded with his interrogation in Pulivendula. Later in the evening, Susheelamma was summoned for questioning through formal notices. The SIT's investigation, currently centered in Pulivendula, aims to thoroughly examine not only the immediate witnesses but also their relatives and others potentially linked to the case. With public pressure mounting, the SIT is leaving no stone unturned to ensure a transparent and comprehensive probe. Officials believe that bringing more witnesses and family members under questioning will be crucial to unravel the mystery surrounding the deaths. The investigation is expected to widen in the coming days, with further interrogations lined up. The coalition government has made it clear that justice will be pursued vigorously, emphasizing that any negligence or conspiracy behind the witness deaths will be exposed. The people of Kadapa await answers as the SIT presses forward with renewed urgency.

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He mentioned that six residential schools have already been established, and a new skill training center will soon come up at Etcherla. The CM also recalled how Errannaaidu had ensured water supply to Uddanam and praised the progress of Bhogapuram Airport under Rammohan's leadership. He announced the construction of nine new shipping harbors, aiming for completion within a year, while noting that Andhra Pradesh contributes 29% of India's total fish production. Chandrababu Naidu concluded by promising the creation of more local job opportunities for fishermen.





## Ambati Rambabu Criticizes Chandrababu's Role in Social Media Abuse

TPN Correspondent | Guntur

YSRCP Leader and Former Minister Ambati Rambabu strongly criticized TDP chief and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, At a press conference accusing him of encouraging a network of people to post obscene content on social media. Ambati said that while Chandrababu warns others about facing the PD Act for obscene posts, no action is taken against the groups he nurtures online. He referred to the recent case of Chebrolu Kiran, an ITDP activist who allegedly posted objectionable content about YSRCP President Jagan Mohan Reddy's wife, Bharathi. Ambati pointed out that while the YSRCP government arrested many for similar offenses, the investigation into Chebrolu Kiran's case was unusually completed within just 12 days. He alleged that Chandrababu not only encouraged Kiran but actively supported such activities. "Chandrababu is not a hero; he plays the role of a villain," Ambati remarked. Further intensifying his attack, Ambati accused Chandrababu and Lokesh of recruiting hundreds under the ITDP banner to spread defamatory posts targeting YSRCP leaders, especially Former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy. He alleged that those who insult the YSR Congress Party are openly backed and promoted by Chandrababu's team. Ambati also claimed that Chandrababu has a long history of character assassination, recalling that he even tried to tarnish the image of late NTR, a towering figure in Andhra Pradesh politics. He stated that Chandrababu's strategy revolves around personal attacks and vilification through organized social media campaigns, which are being funded and directed at political opponents without accountability. The Former Minister warned that the YSRCP government will not tolerate such activities and that strict legal measures would be taken against those indulging in character defamation and cyber abuse.

## YS Sharmila Slams Jagan, Chandrababu, BJP Over Polavaram Project Betrayal

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

APCC Chief YS Sharmila Reddy strongly criticized both Jagan Mohan Reddy and Chandrababu Naidu over the mishandling of the Polavaram project and the injustice to displaced families. Speaking after meeting Polavaram flood victims, Sharmila said 1.06 lakh families sacrificed their lands for the project, but justice is yet to be done under the R&R (Rehabilitation and Resettlement) package. Sharmila revealed that the original project height of 45.7 meters was reduced to 41.15 meters during Jagan's tenure, creating discrepancies in compensation. She alleged the surveys were faulty, cutoff dates unfair, and minimum facilities lacking for displaced families. Only 11,000 families received partial relief, while 95,000 families were left out of benefits, loans, or crop loss compensation. Blaming BJP's conspiracy to reduce financial burden, Sharmila pointed out that lowering the project height meant avoiding compensation for

## AP Liquor Scam Bigger Than Estimated, Says MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy

- Liquor scam exceeds Rs. 10,000 crore, says Somireddy
- Accuses YSRCP government of international-level illegalities
- Urges ED, CBI to probe massive cash transactions

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

TDP Polit Bureau Member and Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy alleged that an international-level liquor scam took place under the YSRCP regime, with irregularities exceeding Rs. 10,000 crore. Speaking at the TDP central office in Amaravati, he criticized the Jagan government for sidelining digital payments in liquor sales, thereby enabling illegal cash transactions worth Rs. 1.30 lakh crore. Somireddy questioned why agencies like ED and CBI have not intervened despite such massive irregularities. Drawing parallels with the Bofors and 2G scams that impacted national politics, he warned that the AP liquor scam could cause irreversible damage. He pointed out that during the 2020 lockdown, the government falsely showed reduced liquor sales while illegal stock movement continued from distilleries directly to shops under Kasireddy's supervision. He accused the government of targeting reputed distilleries like McDowell's for not paying commissions and monopolizing liquor sales with



substandard brands like Andhra Gold and Silver Stripe. Citing ISI-accredited SGS lab reports, he revealed that these brands contained harmful chemicals like pyrogallol and diethanolamine, leading to severe health issues and deaths, especially among SC, ST, and BC communities. Somireddy claimed commissions of Rs. 150 to Rs. 600 per crate were collected, with illegal profits reaching up to Rs. 10,000 per crate. He

lamented that lakhs were either killed or left bedridden due to adulterated liquor, holding the Jagan-led government responsible for exploiting people's lives for monetary gain. He challenged YSRCP leaders to publicly justify the cash transactions and declining liquor sales. Demanding urgent Central Government intervention, Somireddy urged immediate ED and CBI action to bring the culprits to justice.

## High Drama at Kurnool Corporation General Body Meeting

- Heated clash erupts between YCP and TDP members
- Mayor Ramaiah and TDP's Paramesh exchange sharp insults
- YCP corporator throws chairs; police struggle to restore order

TPN Correspondent | Kurnool

Tension gripped the Kurnool Municipal Corporation general body meeting as a fierce argument broke out between ruling YCP and opposition TDP members. The atmosphere turned chaotic when Mayor B.Y. Ramaiah and TDP corporator Paramesh engaged in a heated verbal exchange, shouting insults at each other with the phrase "Nuvventha means Nuvventha" echoing through the meeting hall. As tempers flared, the confrontation quickly escalated. In a shocking move, a YCP corporator threw chairs, further intensifying the disturbance and putting the safety of other corporators and officials at risk. Panic spread among attendees as the situation spiraled out of control. Police officers present at the venue rushed to intervene, making strenuous efforts to separate the warring groups and bring the proceedings back



to order. Despite repeated attempts, it took considerable time to control the agitated corporators and calm the atmosphere. This incident highlights the growing political tensions between the YCP and TDP in Kurnool, with verbal abuses and physical confrontations becoming increasingly common during official meetings. Citizens watching the

meeting proceedings expressed disappointment over the behavior of elected representatives, who are expected to uphold dignity and decorum during public sessions. The dramatic scenes at the Corporation meeting have now gone viral on social media, sparking criticism and calls for action against those responsible for the chaos.

## Janasena Party Holds Protest in Kakinada Against Kashmir Terror Attack



TPN Correspondent | Kakinada

Jana Sena Party MLC and Government Whip Pidugu Hariprasad led a strong protest in Kakinada against the recent terrorist attack in Pehalgam, Kashmir. As per the call given by Jana Sena Party President and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, hundreds of Jana Sainiks, brave women, and party leaders gathered to form a human chain at the Sarpavaram junction in the Kakinada Rural constituency. The protest was a show of solidarity with the Indian Army and the Central Government's strategic initiatives to curb terrorism. Participants carried national flags, held placards, and raised slogans condemning the terror attack

and supporting the government's firm actions against terrorism. Speaking to the media, Pidugu Hariprasad said that the Jana Sena Party stands firmly behind the nation's security forces and endorses the decisions taken by the Central Government to eliminate terrorism. He emphasized the need for national unity and collective resolve to defeat forces that threaten the country's peace and integrity. The rally drew large public attention and reflected the party's strong patriotic sentiment. Protesters paid tribute to the brave martyrs who laid down their lives in the line of duty. Leaders reiterated their commitment to stand with the nation in every fight against terrorism.



## Minister Atchannaidu Praises Govt for Fulfilling Promises

TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam

Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu stated that despite the severe financial difficulties faced by Andhra Pradesh, the coalition government is committed to implementing the promises made to the people. Speaking to the media, he highlighted that fulfilling the assurance of providing Rs. 20,000 in financial assistance to fishermen during the hunting ban period is a significant and positive development. Atchannaidu lauded the coalition government's determination to prioritize welfare even under challenging circumstances. He said that fulfilling such promises reflects the sincerity and commitment of the leadership towards the people's welfare, especially vulnerable sections like fishermen who suffer losses during the annual fishing ban. He also praised Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, describing him as a leader who never goes back on his word. He emphasized that Chandrababu's governance is based on trust and fulfilling every assurance given to the public, unlike false propaganda spread by opponents. Atchannaidu added that the coalition government will continue to stand by the people and gradually implement all welfare schemes promised before the elections, setting an example of responsible governance even amid financial challenges.



## Former Minister Venugopalakrishna Slams Govt Over Farmer, BC, and Debt Issues

TPN Correspondent | Rajahmundry

Former Minister Chelluboyana Venugopalakrishna criticized the coalition government during a media conference, alleging its failure to protect farmers' interests. He said that farmers are being forced to sell their crops at low prices to millers due to the government's inability to guarantee a fair minimum price. He asserted that the YSR Congress Party is fighting to ensure that every grain produced by the farmers is purchased by the government. Speaking on BC welfare, Venugopalakrishna reminded that the coalition leaders had promised pensions to all BCs above 50 years of age. He pointed out that Pawan Kalyan himself signed the coalition manifesto but even after one year in power, the pension scheme remains unimplemented. He demanded that pensions for BCs and insurance benefits for fishermen, pending from the past year, be provided immediately. The former minister also attacked the coalition government on financial management. He said that Jagan Mohan Reddy was falsely accused of bankrupting the state by taking loans for welfare schemes, while the current government has already raised Rs. 1.47 lakh crore in loans despite claims of an empty treasury. He urged people to verify the truth behind Chandrababu's statements using these facts.



## Grand Celebration for Student Achievers at New Generation Unity Organization

Students honored for success in 10th and Inter exams.  
ACP Durga Rao, corporator Chatterjee attended as guests.  
Founder Vinay Kumar praised for years of service.

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

A grand celebration was held at the New Generation Unity Organization office on Bhavannarayana Street, One Town, Vijayawada, to congratulate students who excelled in the 10th and Intermediate first-year examinations. Members, friends, and well-wishers gathered on Friday evening to bless and honor the achievers.

Through free tuition provided at the office, ten students of Class 10 and five Intermediate first-year students from government and small private schools achieved excellent results. Two students from each group studied regular-

ly at the office, while others received academic support.


West Zone ACP Durga Rao participated as the chief guest, congratulated the students, and advised them on mobile phone usage, discipline, avoiding bad habits, and focusing on goals. Local corporator Chatterjee later joined the event, hosted a meal for the students, and conveyed special wishes.

Corporator Chatterjee praised the organization's founder-secretary Sai Vinay Kumar, a home guard at Two Town Police Station, for his dedicated service over 16 years. Vinay Kumar has organized food distribution for lakhs of

children, provided educational material for over 100 students, and supplied nutritious food to 300 children with chronic illnesses.

Dr. Shravan Kumar from Public Hospital guided the students to maintain good friendships, stay away from bad influences, and focus on studies. He honored Teacher Jayalakshmi and gifted the successful students.

TDP BC Welfare Leader Pattanala Haribabu, members Loveraju, Narpat Singh, and others also participated, extending their congratulations and support to the organization's mission.



# AP DGP Warns Against Rumors After Pahalgam Terror Attack

**TPN Correspondent | Amaravati**

Andhra Pradesh DGP Harish Kumar Gupta expressed strong anger over the spread of fake news on social media following the terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. Reacting sharply, the DGP condemned the false propaganda claiming that the Indian government had issued an 'emergency security advisory' for various regions, including parts of Andhra Pradesh.

He clarified that no such advisory has been issued either by the central government or the state government. Rumors claiming certain areas in Andhra Pradesh have been declared as high-alert zones were completely baseless, he stated. Harish Kumar Gupta made it clear that spreading such fake information creates unnecessary fear among the public and warned that legal action would be taken against those responsible.

The DGP emphasized that certain groups are deliberately spreading misinformation to disturb peace and mislead people. He urged citizens not to fall for such unverified news and to refrain from forwarding such messages. Gupta advised the public to verify any security-related information through official government announcements or by contacting the local police directly.

He strongly warned that anyone found spreading rumors to create panic or confusion would face strict action under the law. The DGP reassured the public



that the state's security situation is normal and that the police department is fully alert. He appealed to people to act responsibly and support the police in maintaining peace by not encouraging or circulating false information on social media platforms.

DGP Harish Kumar Gupta also reminded citizens that sharing or forwarding unverified and misleading news is a punishable offense and urged everyone to be vigilant against such attempts to create unrest.

## Vijayawada Corporators Study AMRUT Project & Stormwater Management in Madurai



**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**

A delegation of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) corporators, led by Deputy Mayor Smt. Avuthu Sri Srilaja Reddy, visited Madurai on Saturday to study key urban development projects. The delegation was welcomed by Madurai Mayor Indrani Ponvasanth and Commissioner Chitra Vijayan at the conference hall in Annamalai.

During the visit, Mayor Ponvasanth highlighted the success of the AMRUT Project in Madurai, which has enabled the city to provide uninterrupted 24/7 drinking water supply to its residents, backed by a ₹2000 crore investment. Previously, water supply was limited to a few hours each day, but the project has ensured continuous access to clean water for all households.

Commissioner Chitra Vijayan also briefed

the team on Madurai's Smart City initiatives. The team toured the five-storied Periyar Bus Stand, constructed at a cost of ₹174.56 crores, which includes two basement floors and three above-ground floors. The structure features advanced stormwater management systems, with large drainage sumps designed to collect rainwater, which is repurposed for fire safety.

The VMC corporators studied the Periyar Bus Stand's design, its drainage systems, and its rainwater harvesting techniques, which they considered could be beneficial for the development of Vijayawada. The VMC officials are keen to explore similar projects to improve the city's infrastructure.

The delegation expressed their gratitude for the insightful tour and the valuable information shared by Madurai officials.

## Efforts Underway to Beautify Gannavaram: MLA Yarlagadda Venkatrao

**TPN Correspondent | Gannavaram**

Gannavaram MLA and Government Whip Yarlagadda Venkatrao assured that major efforts are being made to transform Gannavaram into a beautiful and developed town. As part of the Palle Nidra program, Venkatrao conducted a village meeting at Sri Tirupathamma Temple Kalyana Mandapam, where he patiently listened to locals' grievances and ordered swift resolutions.

The MLA stayed overnight in the village, performed special pujas at Tirupathamma and Venkateswara Swamy temples, and interacted with residents from early morning. Responding to a request by former MPP Thulimili Jhansi, Venkatrao inspected the dilapidated BC Community Hall and directed officials to prepare proposals for constructing a new hall, allocating ₹45 lakhs from various panchayat and mandal sources. He announced that the old hall would be demolished and an Anna Canteen would be established there.

Further, Venkatrao kick-started silting works along the National Highway drainage at Patidibbala, inspected the perimeter wall construction at Gannavaram Community Hospital, and handed over equipment donated by HCL Technologies. He also reviewed the ongoing road encroachment clearance from Gandhi Bomma Center to Agiripalli Road, emphasizing better road alignment, new dividers, and the installation of statues honoring eminent personalities.

Venkatrao added that proposals for a trauma care center at the community hospital have been sent to the government. Thanking the people, he stated that the Palle Nidra initiative helped him understand public needs more closely. Several local leaders, TDP workers, and villagers actively participated in the program.



## Krishna District Police Step Up Security at Gudivada Railway Station

**TPN Correspondent | Gudivada**

Following the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, Krishna District Police have intensified security measures to safeguard the public. Acting on the directives of Hon'ble State DGP Shri Harish Kumar Gupta IPS, and District SP Shri R Gangadhar Rao IPS, a major security sweep was carried out at Gudivada Railway Station.

Using drones, police thoroughly monitored the entire station area to ensure the safety

of passengers. Anti-sabotage checks were performed meticulously across station premises and on several train passengers. Police teams verified identification documents and paid special attention to the behavior of individuals, using technical equipment to inspect luggage and goods.

Authorities urged passengers to cooperate fully with the security procedures, emphasizing that checks were being conducted with minimal inconvenience. District police of-



officials stated that public safety remains their top priority and requested citizens to report any suspicious activity immediately, while assuring that there is no room for complacency in maintaining security.

## NTR District Police Conduct Drug Abuse Awareness Program at ITI College

**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**

In a move to enhance public safety and tackle anti-social activities, NTR District Police conducted an awareness program on the harms of drug use at Government ITI College under Machavaram Police Station limits. This initiative was carried out under the supervision of City Police Commissioner Sri S.V. Rajasekhara Babu IPS, with DCP Smt. K.G.V. Saritha IPS and ACPs Sri S. Kiran Kumar and Smt. K. Lathakumari coordinating efforts through the Eagle and Anti-Narcotic Teams.

On 26.04.2025, ACP Sri S. Kiran Kumar, Youth Affairs CEO Srinivas, Inspectors Danunjayu-



lu Naidu and B. Ravikumar, along with ITI College staff and students, participated in the session. Students were made aware of the grave dangers posed by marijuana and other drugs, and the severe punishments under the NDPS Act were

explained. Officials highlighted how drug addiction not only ruins individual lives but also impacts families and society. They emphasized that law enforcement alone cannot eradicate this menace; collective societal ef-

forts are necessary. Youth were encouraged to become role models by choosing a drug-free life. Additionally, precautions to avoid cybercrimes and digital frauds were also shared during the program.



# Gandi Babji, Minister Vasamsetty Subhash Address Public Grievances at TDP Office

Gandi Babji, Vasamsetty Subhash participated in Praja Darbar  
Heard public issues and coordinated with officials for solutions  
Directed immediate action on several grievances during the programm

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Visakhapatnam District President, APOILFED Chairman, and Pendurthi Constituency In-charge Gandi Babji, along with Andhra Pradesh State Minister for Labor and Factories Vasamsetty Subhash, participated in the Praja Darbar program held at the Telugu Desam Party Central Office in Mangalagiri. Both

leaders personally interacted with citizens who came forward to present their grievanc-es. Listening attentively to the problems raised by the people, Gandi Babji and Vasamsetty Subhash coordinated with the respective department officials to address the issues promptly. In cases where immediate solutions were possible, the ministers instructed officials

to take swift action to resolve the complaints without delay. Gandi Babji emphasized the importance of responsive governance, assuring the public that the Telugu Desam Party government is committed to ensuring that people's problems are addressed in a timely manner. Vasamsetty Subhash reiterated that the state government stands firmly with

the people and is working towards solving their issues with sincerity and urgency. Several citizens expressed satisfaction over the prompt responses received during the Praja Darbar. Officials from various departments were present during the program to directly interact with the complainants and take necessary steps based on the ministers' directions.



The event showcased the commitment of the new government to bridge the gap between the administration and the people by creating platforms like Praja Darbar, where public grievances are heard directly by senior leaders. The program concluded with Gandi Babji and Vasamsetty Subhash assuring the attendees that continuous monitoring would be done to ensure that the issues raised are resolved effectively.

## Main Accused in TDP Leader Veeraiah Chaudhary's Murder in Custody

Police seized blood-stained scooter at Chimakurthi  
Murder linked to political rivalry and liquor disputes  
One killer arrested in Vizag, search on for others

**TPN Correspondent | Ongole**  
The murder case of TDP leader Veeraiah Chaudhary, who was killed two days ago in Ongole, has been swiftly cracked by the police. After the incident, 12 police teams launched an intensive search across Prakasam district. Through careful analysis of CCTV footage, the scooter used by the killers was traced and seized at a restaurant in Chimakurthi, containing blood stains. The police identified Veeragandam Devendranath, a resident of Ammanabrol and a villager of Veeraiah Chaudhary, as the main accused and took him into custody. Preliminary investigations revealed that the murder stemmed from a political power struggle and disputes over the liquor business. It was executed by hired killers from the Nalguri group. One of the hired killers, identified as Vinod from Ongole, was arrested in Visakhapatnam on Saturday night and brought to Ongole for interrogation. He is currently being



questioned at the Maddipadu police station. Police are extracting crucial information from Vinod about the other accomplices, the monetary transactions involved, and the individuals who orchestrated the murder plot. Authorities are probing deeper into the conspiracy, aiming to uncover more suspects connected with Devendranath and the underlying causes of the feud with Veeraiah Chaudhary. Efforts are ongoing to apprehend the remaining suspects involved in the brutal killing.

## MLA Maddipati Venkata Raju Reviews Village Development After Cricket Tournament Launch

MLA inaugurated cricket tournament in Yadavolu village  
Reviewed ZP High School development and drainage works  
Directed officials to expedite pending infrastructure projects

**TPN Correspondent | Devarapalli**  
Gopalapuram constituency MLA Maddipati Venkata Raju, along with NDA alliance leaders and activists, participated in a cricket tournament inauguration held at Yadavolu village of Devarapalli mandal On Saturday. Following the event, the MLA took time to review key development activities in the village alongside local officials. Maddipati Venkata Raju inspected the ongoing improvement works at the Zilla Parishad High School in Yadavolu. He discussed the progress with concerned officials and stressed the need to ensure quality in construction and timely completion of the works. The MLA emphasized that improving educational infrastructure is a top priority for the constituency's overall development. In addition to the school review, Venkata Raju also examined the village's drainage system. He interacted with



officials about the status of current works and highlighted the urgent need to complete the drainage upgrades to avoid future sanitation issues, especially during the upcoming monsoon season. He directed the authorities to address any pending issues swiftly and ensure that residents do not face waterlogging problems. The MLA praised the local community's participation in development efforts and as-

sured them of continued support from the government. He reiterated that the NDA government is committed to accelerating rural development projects and providing better facilities to villages like Yadavolu. The visit concluded with a positive response from the villagers, who appreciated the leadership's efforts in not only promoting sports but also paying close attention to local infrastructure needs.

## High Alert in Kadapa District After Pahalgam Terror Attack

Thorough checks conducted across crowded areas on SP's orders  
Bomb squad, dog squad, and special police teams involved

**TPN Correspondent | Kadapa**  
In the wake of the Pehalgam terror attack, the Kadapa district police have stepped up vigilance across the district. On the orders of District SP E.G. Ashok Kumar, thorough checks were carried out simultaneously in crowded areas to detect suspects, their belongings, and parcels. Police teams, along with the bomb squad, dog squad, and special police units, conducted intensive searches at

RTC bus stands, railway stations, main intersections, highways, and at district border points. Inspections were also carried out at parcel service offices, lodges, and hotels. Additionally, tight surveillance was maintained on buses, trains, private vehicles, and along key transit points across the district. Officials stated that these measures would continue to ensure public safety and prevent any untoward incidents.



## Land Re-Survey to be Completed in Every Mandal in 60 Days - RDO



**TPN Ch. Sekhar | Sullurupet**  
Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) E Kiranmayi emphasized the urgency of completing the land re-survey in every mandal under the Andhra Pradesh Re-Survey Project, aiming for completion within 60 days in the 9 mandals of Sullurpet Division. Speaking at a workshop and interaction meeting held at Satya Sai Kalyana Mandapam on Saturday, RDO Kiranmayi instructed officials, including Tahsildars, Sub-Tahsildars, Surveyors, Mandal Revenue Inspectors, and Village Revenue Officers, on the importance of adhering to strict timelines. She also highlighted the

necessity of informing farmers 15 days in advance before the survey begins. To address the intense heat, the RDO outlined the survey timing from 7 am to 11 am and from 3 pm to 6 pm, ensuring that the process is conducted with minimal discomfort for farmers. Kiranmayi emphasized that every revenue officer should expedite the process and avoid any delays. The meeting was part of a statewide effort to ensure accurate land records through the Andhra Pradesh Re-Survey Project, which aims to resolve land disputes and enhance revenue collection efficiency.

## Free Sewing Machine Training for Women's Empowerment Launched in Kajuluru

**TPN Correspondent | Kajuluru**  
Vasamsetty Satyam, father of State Labor Minister Vasamsetty Subhash, inaugurated free sewing machine training centers in Gollapalem, Kajuluru mandal, on Saturday. The initiative, aimed at empowering women economically, is part of the state's efforts to provide self-employment opportunities and promote financial independence among women. The training centers, set up under the BC Corporation Finance Welfare Limited, will provide three months of intensive training

to women, with classes conducted in two batches each day. The centers will offer practical skill development, helping women acquire sewing skills that will enable them to work independently. Vasamsetty Satyam emphasized the importance of consistent attendance, noting that women who attend at least 75% of the training sessions will receive a free sewing machine and a government-issued certificate. Additionally, future plans include introducing beauty parlor and embroidery courses, along with a special focus on nat-

ural agriculture training. As part of the state government's broader vision, the aim is to train 1.75 lakh women as entrepreneurs annually. Minister Subhash expressed his support for the program, promising additional initiatives to help women advance economically. Local leaders, officials, and women from the community participated in the launch event, where a two-minute silence was observed in memory of the victims of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir.



## Minister Narayana Pledges Comprehensive Development of Municipalities Across the State

**TPN Correspondent | Nellore**  
State Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Ponguru Narayana reaffirmed the government's commitment to the comprehensive development of Nellore city and all municipalities across the state. He emphasized the goal of bringing happiness, health, and prosperity to the people. Speaking to the media after re-inaugurating Ambedkar Park in Rayapalem, 9th Division of Nellore city on Saturday, Minister Narayana highlighted the ongoing efforts to enhance urban spaces. He also inspected the fish market at Santhapeta, interacting with shopkeepers to address their concerns. The Minister stressed that the current government is focused on strengthening and continuing the development programs initiated with public funds, following the shortcomings of the previous administration. As part of the city's urban makeover, Narayana revealed that parks, central dividers, canals, and schools are being developed under the Green Corporation's initiatives. In line with the master plan, play and gym equipment are being installed in 46 parks and 54 schools within Nellore city. Additionally, the grounds of the government polytechnic college are being developed to benefit the local community. In line with the NTR Sujala Sravanthi scheme, the government will supply 20 liters of drinking water for two rupees, ensuring the daily distribution of three lakh liters to households in Nellore. He also assured that all promises made to the city's residents would be fulfilled, including the allotment of necessary shops to improve living standards and financial stability. On a broader scale, Minister Narayana spoke about developing Amaravati to increase land values, with a focus on establishing pollution-free industries and improving transportation infrastructure. He further emphasized the plan for an international airport, a smart city, and a sports city, while assuring farmers that their interests would be safeguarded. The program saw participation from Nuda Chairman Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy, Municipal Commissioner Nandan, former Municipal Chairman Anuradha, and other local leaders.



# Pope Francis: A Quiet Revolution in Spirituality and Faith



Spirituality is not about rituals or reciting creeds, nor is it about the noise of cymbals or the grand displays of devotion. True spirituality is found in the quiet, daily effort to honor something greater than oneself. It is expansive, not exclusive — a gentle attention to the needs of others, rooted in humility and service. This vision of spirituality is what Pope Francis has championed, redefining spiritual leadership in a fractured world where faith is often wielded as a weapon. Instead of focusing on tearing down institutions, he has chosen to widen the embrace of grace, leading a gentle revolution of love and inclusion.

Pope Francis has reshaped how the world understands faith, offering a vision of spirituality that is open, inclusive, and welcoming to all. Early in his papacy, when asked about gay Catholics, he famously responded, “Who am I to judge?” This simple yet profound state-

ment disarmed centuries of doctrinal rigidity and pointed toward a Church that seeks to welcome rather than exclude. His words reflected a shift from judgment to compassion, opening the doors of the Church to those who had long been marginalized.

But his leadership extended beyond words. Pope Francis’s actions have consistently reflected his inclusive vision of spirituality. One of the most striking examples came when he washed the feet of Muslim women in a Roman prison — a powerful symbol of humility and solidarity. This act of service broke away from the traditional rituals of religious observance and instead emphasized the importance of embracing others, regardless of their background or faith.

His decision to bless migrant families, to dine with the homeless in the shadow of St. Peter’s, and to consistently call for compas-

sion for the marginalized and the oppressed speaks of a revolution enacted not in loud proclamations, but in quiet, everyday gestures. Pope Francis’s leadership is not about grandeur; it is about the small, tender acts of kindness that affirm the dignity of others and create a more inclusive world.

At a time when religious divides are often deepened by intolerance, Pope Francis has emerged as a beacon of spiritual renewal. His vision transcends the boundaries of institutions and dogma, focusing instead on the core message of love, humility, and service. It is a vision that invites everyone — regardless of their background or beliefs — to join in the work of building a more compassionate and just world. Through his example, Pope Francis has shown that true spirituality is not about seeking power or control, but about serving others with an open heart and a welcoming spirit.



## The Persistent Threat of Pakistan-Sponsored Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir

Another deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, attributed to Pakistan, brings with it a sense of unsettling familiarity. Once again, we witness the ticking of all the familiar boxes: widespread condemnation across the nation, solemn vows from Indian leadership to bring the perpetrators and their sponsors to justice, and expressions of sympathy from world leaders. However, as we endure yet another chapter in this ongoing saga, there’s a nagging feeling of *déjà vu* — a feeling that this may not be the last attack. After suffering from over four decades of Pakistani-sponsored terrorism, coupled with peace initiatives by India and its more assertive approach over the past decade, there is still no resolution in sight to this ever-growing menace.

The recent attack, reportedly orchestrated by Ahsan Ul Haq Sheikh, a militant believed to be involved in the deadly assault on tourists in Pahalgam, serves as a chilling reminder of the unrelenting nature of cross-border terrorism. The village of Murran in Pulwama, south of Srinagar, now lies scarred, with the blown-up family home of Sheikh being the latest symbol of Pakistan’s terror network. In the aftermath of such attacks, the Indian government, with its leadership, pledges justice, but the pattern of violence continues unabated.

For a time, there was a false sense of com-

placency within India, driven by Pakistan’s apparent restraint due to its internal challenges and the scrutiny of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). However, this fragile calm seems to have been a mere lull. In fact, recent signs indicate that Pakistan may once again ramp up its terror activities. The increasing volatility at the Line of Control (LoC) and a rise in infiltration attempts suggest that the terror machinery is far from dormant.

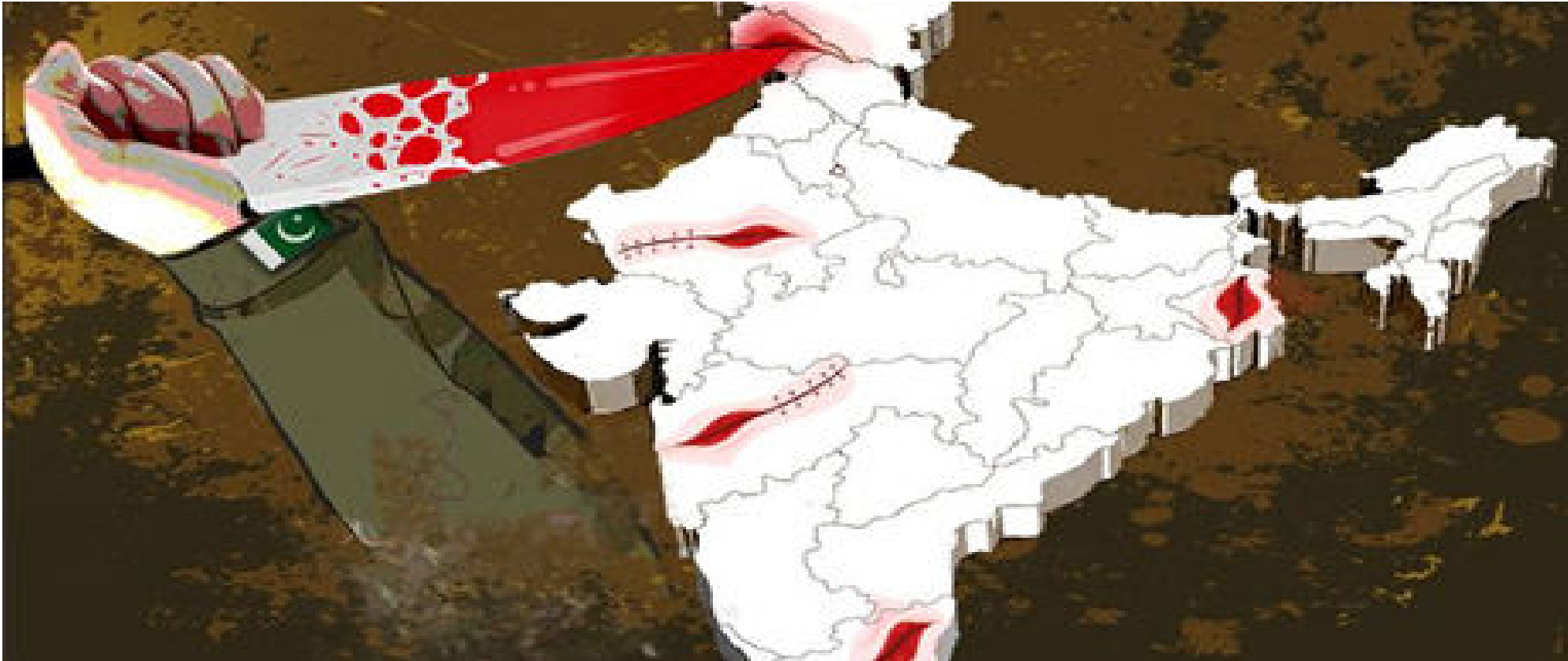
Pakistan’s recent rhetoric has also fueled concerns. Army Chief Asim Munir’s speech to overseas Pakistanis in which he invoked Kashmir and Pakistan’s frustrations with India serves as a clear signal of the rising tensions. Additionally, the hijacking of a train by the Balochistan Liberation Army has brought even more strain to Pakistan’s already volatile political and security situation, with Islamabad increasingly blaming India for its domestic issues, including unrest in Balochistan. For India, the challenge remains in managing not only the threat posed by Pakistan but also the internal narrative that continues to see Jammu and Kashmir as the epicenter of this ongoing conflict. Despite decades of strategic moves and peace overtures, Pakistan’s terror machine shows no sign of slowing down, leaving India with the difficult task of countering terrorism while maintaining diplomatic and regional stability.

# Pakistan ISI is killing Hindus for 45 years. To turn India into a nation at war with itself

For the past 45 years, Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and its proxies have waged an unrelenting campaign against India, with one consistent goal: using terrorism to provoke division within India, particularly targeting its Hindu population. This strategy has been predictable, a pattern of violence designed not only to destabilize but to force India into a position where its internal harmony is compromised, and its unity is threatened.

The core of this strategy has been to use Pakistani jihadi groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and terror proxies from within India’s minority communities to target Hindus. These attacks are meant to provoke a violent response, ideally from the Hindu majority against their own minorities. The hope is to ignite internal strife, creating a scenario where India is at war with itself. Such chaos, they believe, would not only distract and weaken India tactically, but also politically and morally. Moreover, if the Hindu majority were to turn on its minorities in anger and frustration, it would lend credibility to the long-debunked two-nation theory that underpins Pakistan’s ideology.

This particular ideological drive stems from Pakistan’s internal challenges. After the disintegration of the two-nation theory following the 1971 war, Pakistan has struggled to maintain its justification for its existence. Ethnic minorities, including Baloch nationalists, continue to challenge Pakistan’s unity, and this has driven Pakistan to invoke its founding ideology once more. In this context, the ISI



seeks to create the perception that India is a place where minorities—especially Muslims—are persecuted. The more India’s minorities are targeted, the more Pakistan’s narrative of victimhood gains traction.

The roots of this strategy can be traced back to the 1980s, following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, when Pakistan became a key player in the Afghan jihad. In this period, Pakistan began to use Islamic jihad as a tool, first against the Soviet Union and later against India. By the early 1980s, Punjab saw the rise of Bhindranwale and Sikh militancy, which shifted from targeting state institutions to target-

ing Hindus. One of the first instances of this targeted violence occurred on October 5, 1983, when six Hindus were murdered in a bus attack in Punjab.

This method of targeting Hindus, often in brutal and horrific ways, continued throughout the years. From the 1991 Ludhiana train massacre (125 dead) to the 2002 Akshardham Temple attack (33 dead), the strategy remained consistent: terror attacks on Hindus, designed to provoke a backlash, whether in Punjab, Kashmir, or across India.

What has made this campaign particularly brutal is the ongoing pattern of

these attacks. By using various terror groups, including the Indian Mujahideen, ISI has attempted to sow division within India’s society. The 1993 Bombay bombings, for instance, were orchestrated to provoke communal riots. While such a response was expected, the city of Bombay defied expectations, and riots did not follow.

However, Pakistan continues to apply this strategy. The latest attacks, such as the deadly assault in Pahalgam, are another example of the ISI’s relentless campaign. These attacks are aimed at destabilizing India internally, forcing the Hindu majority to react in anger. This, they hope, will play into their

larger narrative of division, one that has failed for decades but continues to be used as a tool of warfare.

The response from India’s political leaders has been notable. Prime Minister Modi’s measured rhetoric and statements from the RSS and even Asaduddin Owaisi show that India’s leadership recognizes the importance of internal harmony. This acknowledgment reflects a broader understanding that the ISI’s plan, no matter how brutal, is ultimately doomed to failure. India’s unity and strength have endured for over 5,000 years, long before the divisive ideologies of Pakistan took shape.



# Inside the Baisaran Terror Plot

According to intelligence sources, Adil Ahmed Thoker underwent ideological and paramilitary training under the influence of handlers from Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), the Pakistan-based terrorist organization. By late 2024, Thoker reappeared in intelligence reports — this time inside India. In October 2024, he reportedly crossed the Line of Control (LoC) through the rugged Poonch-Rajouri sector, an area notorious for illegal crossings due to its steep hills and dense forests. Thoker was accompanied by three to four individuals, including Pakistani national Hashim Musa, alias Suleman, a prime accused in the Pahalgam terror attack. Intelligence inputs suggest Thoker played a key role in facilitating Musa’s entry into Indian territory. Once inside Jammu and Kashmir, Thoker stayed off-grid, navigating through forested and mountainous routes. He was briefly tracked in Kishtwar before disappearing into the interiors of Anantnag, possibly through Tral or similar hilly belts previously used by terrorists. In Anantnag, Thoker reportedly went underground. Sources reveal he sheltered at least one Pakistani national in forest encampments or isolated village hideouts.



During this time, he reactivated contact with dormant terror cells and began scouting for a target to launch a high-casualty attack aimed at drawing international attention. This critical period coincided with the gradual re-opening of tourist spots following the annual Amarnath Yatra. By March 2025, Baisaran meadow, which had been closed for security reasons, started welcoming

tourists again — presenting a window of opportunity for Thoker’s team. On April 22, 2025, around 1:50 PM, Thoker and his group launched their assault. Emerging from the dense pine forests surrounding Baisaran, they moved swiftly towards areas crowded with tourists, armed with assault rifles. The meticulously planned strike was aimed at maximizing casualties and sending a chilling message far beyond the valley.



## “Trump Says India, Pakistan Will Resolve Tensions”

U.S. President Donald Trump on Friday (April 25, 2025) said tensions between India and Pakistan have always existed and expressed confidence that the two countries would “figure it out” between themselves “one way or the other.”

Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One en route to Rome, Mr. Trump was asked about the heightened tensions following the Pahalgam terror attack, in which 26 civilians were killed in Jammu and Kashmir.

“I am very close to India and I’m very close to Pakistan, as you know,” Trump said. “They’ve had that fight for 1,000 years in Kashmir — maybe longer than that. It was a bad one yesterday, though, a really bad one. Over 30 people,” he added, slightly misstating the toll.

Referring to the long history of conflict in the region, Trump remarked, “There have been tensions on that border for 1,500 years. So, you know, it’s the same as it’s been, but they’ll get it figured out one way or the other. I’m sure... I know both leaders. There is great tension between Pakistan and India. But there always has been.”

The Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, 2025, saw gunmen open fire in the Baisaran valley, killing 26 people, most of them tourists. It is the deadliest terror strike in the region since the Pulwama attack of 2019. The Resistance Front (TRF), a known proxy of the banned Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), claimed responsibility for the massacre.

The incident has led to a sharp escalation in tensions, with India suspending the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan and announcing a series of retaliatory diplomatic and security measures. Diplomatic staff reductions, visa suspensions, and land border closures have already been initiated by New Delhi.

## “Hafiz Saeed Linked to Pahalgam Attack”



The recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam’s Baisaran valley, which killed 26 people, has been traced back to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) chief Hafiz Saeed, Indian intelligence sources revealed.

The attack, one of the deadliest since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, involved a hardened module comprising mostly foreign terrorists, aided by local militants and over-ground workers from Kashmir. The module is believed to operate under the direct command

of Hafiz Saeed, the mastermind of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, and his deputy Saifullah.

Security agencies state that the same group was responsible for several earlier attacks, including deadly assaults in Sonamarg, Boota Pathri, and Ganderbal throughout 2024. These incidents included the killings of Indian Army personnel and civilian workers. Key module member Hashim Musa, a prime suspect in the Pahalgam massacre, was also involved in the Sonamarg attack.

Following these incidents, many terrorists went underground, using dense forests as hideouts while awaiting further instructions from handlers in Pakistan. Intelligence inputs suggest that the group received not only ideological backing but also tactical and logistical support from Pakistan’s military and intelligence agency, the ISI. The Pahalgam attack itself was executed across three separate locations within the Baisaran valley. According to survivors, terrorists initially engaged them in conversation before opening fire. Some victims were shot near fencing areas, while others were targeted in open fields. The Jammu and Kashmir Police have released sketches of three suspects: Pakistani nationals Hashim Musa alias Suleman and Ali Bhai alias Talha, and a local, Abdul Hus-sain Thokar from Anantnag. A cash reward of Rs 20 lakh has been announced for credible information on their whereabouts. In response, India’s Cabinet Committee on Security, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has announced sweeping diplomatic measures. Staff at both Indian and Pakistani missions will be slashed, existing Pakistani visas revoked, and the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme suspended. The Attari-Wagah border has also been closed indefinitely. Relations between the two nations continue to deteriorate rapidly as the fallout from the Pahalgam attack unfolds.

## “Bilawal Bhutto Threatens Over Indus”

Former Pakistan Finance and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has issued a sharp warning to India after New Delhi suspended the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) following the Pahalgam terror attack. Speaking at a public rally in Sukkur, Sindh province, Bhutto declared, “The Indus is ours and will remain ours — either our water will flow through it, or their blood.” His comments, reported by Pakistan-based GeoTV, have added to the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan. India announced the suspension of the Treaty a day after the Pahalgam terror attack, which killed at least 26 people. The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy group of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, claimed responsibility for the deadly strike.



Bilawal Bhutto’s comments come at a volatile time, with diplomatic channels between the two countries severely strained. Analysts warn that disruption of the Treaty could have grave humanitarian and economic consequences, particularly for Pakistan’s agricultural sector, which depends heavily on the Indus river system. As of now, India has not officially responded to Bhutto’s remarks. However, officials have maintained that the suspension of the Treaty is a calibrated response to Pakistan’s continued failure to curb terrorism emanating from its soil. The future of one of South Asia’s longest-standing water-sharing agreements now hangs in the balance amid rising hostility.

In its statement, India’s Ministry of External Affairs said the Treaty would remain in “abeyance” until Pakistan takes irreversible action to dismantle terror infrastructure and end cross-border terrorism. Signed in 1960 and mediated by the World Bank, the Indus Waters Treaty allocated control of the Indus Basin’s six rivers. The Western Rivers — Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab — were granted to Pakistan, while India retained the Eastern Rivers — Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej. The agreement has often been cited as a rare example of sustained cooperation between the two nuclear-armed neighbors despite ongoing disputes.

## Pakistan Offers Neutral Probe After Pahalgam

Tensions between India and Pakistan continued to escalate following the deadly Pahalgam attack, with Pakistan stating it is “fully prepared to cooperate with any neutral investigators.”

The announcement comes amid rising violence, as Indian and Pakistani troops exchanged gunfire for the second consecutive day after gunmen killed 26 people in Indian-administered Kashmir’s Pahalgam earlier this week. India has directly blamed Pakistan-based groups for the attack, further straining already fragile ties between the neighbors.



In the aftermath of the attack, Indian armed police and soldiers have launched large-scale search operations across Kashmir, combing homes and forests for suspected militants. India’s army chief also conducted a high-level security review in the region.

Adding to the pressure, India suspended its participation in the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), a crucial water-sharing agreement brokered by the World Bank in 1960. Indian officials have stated they are working to ensure that “not a drop” of water from the Eastern rivers reaches Pakistan as a retaliatory move.

Diplomatic fallout has also intensified, with both countries expelling security personnel, closing land borders, and cutting off bilateral trade ties. The situation marks one of the sharpest down-

turns in relations since the Pulwama attack in 2019.

Pakistan’s willingness to allow a neutral investigation is seen as an attempt to manage international perception and avoid further isolation. However, Indian officials remain skeptical, insisting that concrete actions against terror networks — not mere statements — are needed to restore trust.

With troop movements increasing along the Line of Control and diplomatic channels all but frozen, analysts warn that the risk of a broader conflict is growing. The world’s attention now turns to whether international mediators can help de-escalate the situation before it spirals out of control.





## "Pakistan Ready For Neutral Probe": Shehbaz Sharif Reacts As India Hits Back After Pahalgam Attack

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Following the deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives, including a Nepalese national, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has expressed willingness for a "neutral, transparent and credible" investigation. Speaking at the Pakistan Military Academy in Kakul, Sharif criticized what he called a "perpetual blame game" and reiterated Pakistan's stance against terrorism, claiming the country remains open to international scrutiny.

The attack, among the most severe since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, has been linked to The Resistance Front (TRF), widely considered a proxy for the Pakistan-based terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba. Intelligence reports suggest Adil Ahmed Thoker, a key accused, had crossed into Pakistan for military training before infiltrating back into India.

Sharif's remarks echoed those of Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, who also offered to cooperate with any international investigation. However, India remains unconvinced. In response, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) meeting to determine India's course of action.

India has announced a series of strong diplomatic steps. The size of diplomatic missions in both countries will be reduced, with each high commission scaling down staff from 55 to 30 by May 1. India has also expelled all Pakistani defence advisors from its mission in New Delhi, and its military advisors will be withdrawn from Islamabad.

Further, India has suspended the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme for Pakistani nationals, cancelled existing visas, and announced the closure of the Attari Integrated Check Post. Pakistani citizens in India via this route have until May 1 to return.

One of the most significant moves is the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, a longstanding water-sharing agreement between the two countries. India stated it will remain suspended until Pakistan decisively ends its support for cross-border terrorism.

Meanwhile, hostilities continue along the Line of Control, with Pakistani troops engaging in unprovoked firing for a second consecutive night, prompting retaliatory action from Indian forces.

## 'Both India & Pakistan are my friends' Trump roasted for using political correct words on Pahalgam attack

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Following the brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, that claimed the lives of 26 people, former US President Donald Trump reacted by calling the incident a "bad one." Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One, Trump reflected on the longstanding conflict between India and Pakistan, particularly over the Kashmir region, while drawing criticism for his vague and historically inaccurate statements.

"I am very close to India and I'm very close to Pakistan, as you know," Trump said. "They've had that fight for a thousand years in Kashmir. Kashmir has been going on for a thousand years, probably longer than that, and it (terrorist attack) was a bad one yesterday. That was a bad one, over 30 people."

Though he acknowledged the severity of the attack, Trump's remarks on the history of the India-Pakistan conflict sparked backlash. His comments suggesting that tensions in the region have existed for 1,500 years were widely criticized for lacking context and misrepresenting the nature of the modern-day dispute over Kashmir, which formally began after the partition of British India in 1947.

# Vatican Bids Farewell to 'Pope of the People' in Grand Ceremony

Pilgrims and World Leaders Unite at Pope Francis's Funeral in Vatican City

Pope Francis, remembered as "a pope among the people, with an open heart towards everyone," was laid to rest in a grand funeral ceremony that brought together the faithful and the powerful in a remarkable display of unity and reverence. The 88-year-old pontiff died on Monday following a stroke and heart failure, triggering a solemn series of ancient Vatican rites and one of the largest security operations in Italy since the funeral of Pope John Paul II in 2005.

Under clear blue skies, over 250,000 mourners filled St. Peter's Square and surrounding areas, with crowds extending along the Via della Conciliazione. The wooden coffin of Pope Francis, having lain in state inside the 16th-century St. Peter's Basilica for three days, was carried into the square by 14 white-gloved pallbearers, drawing emotional applause from the massive gathering.

The funeral mass was presided over by Italian Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, who praised Francis's deep compassion, especially his advocacy for the marginalized, refugees, and the environment. "The outpouring of affection that we have witnessed in recent days fol-



lowing his passing from this Earth into eternity tells us how much the profound pontificate of Pope Francis touched minds and hearts," said Cardinal Re. The 90-minute ceremony was attended by a vast number of clergy, including 220 cardinals, 750 bishops, and over 4,000 priests. Royals, heads of state, and dignitaries from across the globe stood shoulder to shoul-

der with ordinary pilgrims and refugees — a testament to the wide-reaching impact of Francis's message of humility, peace, and social justice. More than 2,000 international journalists arrived in Rome to cover the historic event, underscoring Pope Francis's global significance. Known for his efforts to reform the Catholic Church and his commitment to the poor

and oppressed, Pope Francis's legacy was honored in a ceremony marked by dignity, reflection, and unity.

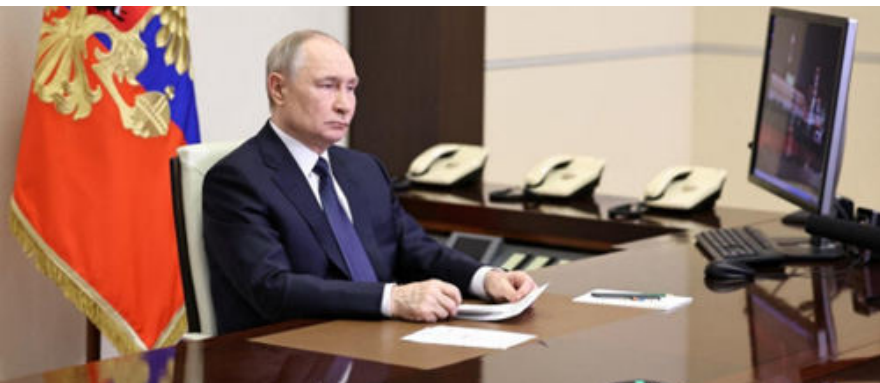
The day concluded not only with prayers but also with a renewed sense of the values Pope Francis championed — compassion, inclusivity, and a call for peace in an increasingly divided world.

## Russia Claims Victory in Kursk as North Korean Troops Confirmed in Combat Ceasefire Talks in Vatican

TPN Correspondent | Vatican City

Russia announced Saturday that all Ukrainian forces have been pushed out of the Kursk region, with Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov stating that President Vladimir Putin was briefed on the development by Valery Gerasimov, Chief of the General Staff. According to Russian state media, another village has been recaptured, solidifying what Moscow calls a complete reversal of Ukraine's cross-border advances.

However, Ukraine has contested the claim. In its Saturday morning update, Ukraine's General Staff insisted that its forces are still holding defensive positions in the Kursk sector. President Volodymyr Zelensky also denied reports that



Ukrainian troops had been surrounded or fully dislodged.

President Putin congratulated his military leadership and hailed the operation as a major success. "The complete defeat of our enemy along Kursk's border region creates the right conditions for further successes for our troops and

in other important areas of the front," he said.

In a striking admission, Gerasimov also confirmed for the first time that North Korean troops participated in the fighting alongside Russian forces. According to him, North Korean soldiers "demonstrated high profession-

alism, showed fortitude, courage and heroism in battle." Ukraine, the U.S., and South Korea had previously accused Pyongyang of sending between 10,000 and 12,000 troops to support Russia — a claim Russia and North Korea had previously skirted around.

This military update came as U.S. President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky met briefly in Vatican City during the funeral ceremonies for Pope Francis. The 15-minute conversation at St. Peter's Basilica reportedly focused on exploring a potential ceasefire. Both sides agreed to continue discussions later on Saturday, as confirmed by Ukrainian spokesman Serhii Nykyforov and the White House.

## Massive Explosion Rocks Iran's Shahid Rajaei Port, 4 Dead and 500 Injured

A powerful explosion at Iran's most advanced shipping facility, Shahid Rajaei port, left at least four people dead and around 500 injured on Saturday, sparking a large fire and widespread panic in the area. The port, located in the southern Hormozgan province near the strategic Strait of Hormuz, is a critical hub for Iran's maritime trade and oil exports.

The blast, which occurred in a section of the port's dock, triggered a series of secondary explosions believed to have originated from several cargo containers. Thick plumes of black smoke were seen rising from the port in videos shared widely on social media, underscoring the scale of the incident.

Esmail Malekizadeh, a regional port official, told Iranian state television that emergency crews were actively working to extinguish the blaze. "The explosion occurred in a part of the Shahid Rajaei port dock, and we are extinguishing the fire," he confirmed.

Four rapid response teams from the Hormozgan Red Crescent Society were immediately deployed to the scene. Mokhtar Salahshour, the head of the organization, said that emergency personnel were racing against time to treat the injured and



transport them to nearby hospitals and medical facilities.

Mehrdad Hassanzadeh, the head of Hormozgan's crisis management authority, stated that the cause of the explosion was linked to the detonation of multiple containers. "We are currently evacuating and transporting the injured to nearby medical centres," he said, adding that the situation remained under control as containment efforts continued into the evening. Shahid Rajaei port lies roughly 1,000 kilometers south of Tehran and just 23 kilometers west of the provincial capital Bandar Abbas. Its location near the Strait of Hormuz — a crucial waterway through which nearly 20% of the world's oil supply is transported — gives it immense strategic importance.





# Diverse Operations in Solar Energy: PV Modules, Water Pumps & EPC Services



**NATURE OF ACTIVITY :** The Company is engaged in three activities namely a) Manufacture of PV Modules or Solar Panels b) Manufacture of Solar Water Pumping systems and c) EPC Services.

**BRIEF BACKGROUND :**

**Size of the Issue :** Rs.52.50 Crores FV -10  
**Issue Price :** 180  
**Present Price on 24-4-25 :** Rs.280  
**All time High :** Rs.350  
**Post IPO Capital:** Rs.11 Crores.  
**Number of Shares :** 11000000 (One Crore Ten Lakhs)  
**Purpose of the IPO :** To meet working

capital requirements.

**FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AS ON 31-03-2025:**

The Company published Full Year results for the first time after IPO on 24-04-2025. The results are excellent. The Company achieved a Revenue of

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Rs.330 Crores for 2025 against Rs.200 Crores for 2024 -which is a growth of 65%. The Company achieved a Net Profit of Rs.28 Crores for 2025 against Rs.13 Crores for 2024 - which is a growth of 115%.

Another note-worthy feature of the results is that the Company has achieved a Net Profit of Rs.23 Crores for the half-year ended 3-03-25 itself - which is 82% of the yearly Net Profit of Rs.28 Crores. Just make a reasonable guess about the likely Net Profit for the full year ending on 31-03-2026.

**EPS AND PE :** EPS is 25 and PE is just 11. Just imagine getting a power generating company ( that too a Solar

Company ) at a PE of 11. All its Peer Companies are quoting at a PE of above 50.

It is an SME Group Company (M Group - BSE and Emerge SME in NSE) with a lot of 400.

**FUTURE PLANS :** Present Capacity of the plant is 100 MW of PV Modules. It has an ambitious target of 1600 MW by 2027 which will be executed in two phases. It is fully supported by an order book of Rs.304 Crores.

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## Reliance Q4 Profit Rises 2.4% to ₹19,407 Cr, Boosted by Telecom and Retail



Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) reported a consolidated net profit of ₹19,407 crore for the January-March 2025 quarter, marking a year-on-year increase of 2.4%, beating market expectations. The company's performance was driven by strong earnings in its telecom and retail segments, which helped offset weaker margins in its energy business.

Sequentially, net profit rose 5% from ₹18,540 crore recorded in the previous quarter. In a statement, Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani acknowledged the challenging global business environment throughout FY2025, citing weak macroeconomic conditions and geopolitical uncertainties. He credited the company's "operational discipline" and focus on India's growth needs for maintaining steady financial results.

During Q4 FY25, Reliance's EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation) rose by 4% year-on-year to ₹48,737 crore. The company saw an 18.5% jump in EBITDA from its digital services segment and a 14.3% increase from its retail business. In contrast, the oil-to-chemical (O2C) segment posted a 10% decline in EBITDA to ₹15,080 crore due to multi-year low margins caused by demand-supply imbalances in downstream chemical markets.

Ambani stated that despite these challenges, the company's teams focused on optimizing integrated operations and feedstock costs to protect margins. Notably, the Oil & Gas business posted its highest-ever annual EBITDA, supported by increased production from the KGD6 and CBM blocks.

In addition to the quarterly results, Reliance's board recommended a dividend of ₹5.50 per equity share for the financial year 2024-25. The board also approved plans to raise ₹25,000 crore through bonds in one or more tranches to support future investments and growth.

Despite global headwinds, Reliance's diversified portfolio and robust growth in consumer-facing businesses like telecom and retail continue to bolster its financial resilience and long-term outlook.

## Govt Notifies GST Tribunal Rules for E-Filing, Hybrid Hearings

The Central Government has officially notified the "Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 2025", marking a significant step toward enhancing the efficiency and transparency of India's indirect tax dispute resolution system. These new rules mandate electronic filing of applications and allow for hybrid hearings—both online and in-person—offering greater accessibility and convenience to taxpayers.

According to the rules, any urgent application filed before 12:00 noon will be listed before the Appellate Tribunal on the next working day, provided it is complete. In exceptional circumstances, filings made between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. may also be considered for next-day listing, but only with the President's permission.

Tribunal benches will conduct



proceedings in two sessions: from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., subject to any specific orders by the President. Administrative offices will operate from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on all working days.

Justice (Retd) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra, former Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court, was

appointed as the first President of the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) in May last year. He was selected by a Search-cum-Selection Committee led by the Chief Justice of India.

The GSTAT, formed under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, will act as the key appellate body to hear appeals

against orders passed by the first appellate authorities under both central and state GST laws. The Tribunal will comprise a Principal Bench in New Delhi and 31 State Benches across the country.

Tax experts have welcomed the detailed procedural framework. Rajat Mohan, Senior Partner at AMRG & Associates, highlighted the structure consisting of 11 chapters, 70 rules, and 4 statutory forms, including standardized formats for appeals and case records.

EY Tax Partner Saurabh Agarwal noted that the digital and hybrid nature of the Tribunal, along with defined timelines, will help reduce procedural delays. Sandeep Sehgal of AKM Global emphasized that the clear delineation of document procedures and tribunal powers would bring uniformity and faster resolution of GST disputes.

## India's Industrial Production Likely Grows 4.3% in March 2025, Boosted by Manufacturing and Mining

India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is estimated to have grown by 4.3% year-on-year (YoY) in March 2025, an improvement from 2.9% in February, according to a report by Union Bank of India. This growth was primarily driven by a pickup in manufacturing and mining activities.

The report highlighted that the IIP growth for March 2025 was higher than the previous month but still lower than the 5.5% growth recorded in March 2024. Despite the improvement, the growth trajectory faces potential headwinds due to global uncertainties, particularly the recent spike in global trade tensions.

The report noted that around 30-35% of India's IIP is linked to exports, and the ongoing volatility in global trade, especially after the United States imposed the highest reciprocal tariff hikes since World War II in April 2025,



is expected to impact the sector. The uncertainty surrounding global trade could lead to delayed investment decisions by companies and dampen consumer spending, especially on non-es-

sential goods.

Looking ahead, the report cautioned that industrial growth could face pressure due to the unresolved trade tensions and

the outcome of upcoming tariff negotiations. These negotiations will be crucial in determining the future of sectors such as manufacturing, exports, and private investments.

In terms of production, the report noted that capital goods production likely slowed in March 2025 due to a high base effect from the previous year, when it grew by 7% in March 2024. However, production in intermediate goods and infrastructure-related goods showed improvement, supported by higher government spending at the end of the fiscal year. This resulted in a sharp month-on-month increase in cement and steel production, which rose by 13.8% and 8.6%, respectively.

Overall, while industrial production in March showed a positive uptick, the outlook remains cautious due to global trade uncertainties.



## Kashmiri Woman’s Daring Tree Dance Viral

A woman from Jammu & Kashmir has taken social media by storm with a breathtaking and daring performance. Usha Nagvanshi, who operates the Instagram handle ‘UshaNagvanshi31’, posted a video where she is seen dancing atop a tree, captivating millions online. Set to the Bollywood song Mera Ashique Chhalla from the 2012 film Ishaqzaade, her bold performance has become a major talking point.



In the video, Usha dances confidently on a high tree branch, with a steep drop in the background adding a thrilling element to her act. Despite the obvious risks, her balance and graceful moves impressed viewers and drew widespread attention. Her video has already accumulated nearly 3,00,000 likes, attracted over 16,000 comments, and has been shared close to one million times as a reel on Instagram.

While many users praised Usha’s creativity, fearlessness, and unique style, others raised concerns over her safety, pointing out the dangers of performing stunts without proper precautions. The mix of admiration and worry has only fueled more engagement, with people flocking to her profile to witness the now-viral performance.

Usha’s video reflects a growing trend among content creators who are constantly pushing the boundaries to create standout moments in a crowded digital space. Her dance not only showcases talent and bravery but also highlights the lengths to which individuals now go to capture the internet’s attention.

As the video continues to spread across multiple platforms, Usha Nagvanshi has quickly risen to become an internet sensation. Her daring tree-top dance has sparked conversations about creativity, risk-taking, and the fine balance between fame and personal safety. Whether seen as an artistic display or a risky stunt, Usha’s performance has undeniably left a lasting impression, cementing her place among the most memorable viral stars of recent times.

## Rajinikanth’s Surprise Economy Flight Moment

Imagine boarding a routine flight, only to find yourself sharing the cabin with one of India’s biggest superstars. That’s exactly what happened recently to a group of lucky passengers aboard an IndiGo flight, when South Indian cinema legend Rajinikanth made a surprise appearance.



In a video now going viral, Rajinikanth, 74, is seen stepping onto the aircraft escorted by airline staff. Wearing a simple black T-shirt and flashing his trademark warm smile, the beloved actor immediately caught the attention of stunned flyers. The footage, shared by X user Paaru Kumudha Pathikum on Friday, April 25, shows the superstar waving at the excited passengers as he made his way to a window seat in the front row.

The cabin erupted in cheers, claps, and wide-eyed amazement as Rajinikanth casually settled into his seat. What made the moment even more special was the fact that the actor chose to travel in economy class, blending in with regular passengers instead of opting for a private or first-class experience. His down-to-earth gesture won even more hearts, reaffirming why he remains such a revered figure both on and off-screen.

Fans on social media were quick to share their

excitement, praising Rajinikanth’s humility and simplicity. Many users expressed how such an encounter would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, with comments flooding in about how the megastar continues to stay grounded despite his legendary status.

The heartwarming moment serves as a reminder that even the biggest stars sometimes choose to live simply, connecting with fans in the most unexpected ways. Rajinikanth’s effortless charm, combined with his modest choice of travel, has once again endeared him to the public, proving that true greatness lies in humility. As the video continues to spread across social media platforms, it’s safe to say that for those passengers, it truly was a flight to remember.

## UK Diver Buys WWI Shipwreck Online



In a truly remarkable find, a man from the United Kingdom has purchased a World War I shipwreck for just 300 pounds (approximately Rs 34,000) through Facebook Marketplace. Dom Robinson, a passionate diver and shipwreck researcher, stumbled upon the listing and couldn’t believe his eyes. The vessel, the SS Almond Brance, holds significant historical value, prompting Robinson to act quickly and secure the purchase, according to a report by the BBC.

The SS Almond Brance, a 3,300-tonne cargo ship measuring around 330 feet in length, was sunk during World War I by a German submarine. It disappeared beneath the waters off the coast of Cornwall on November 27, 1917, where it has remained submerged ever since.

Although Robinson has no plans to resell the vessel, he expressed a keen interest in uncovering more about its story. One of his main goals is to find the ship’s bell, a crucial artifact that could shed further light on the ship’s history and journey. For Robinson, the acquisition isn’t about profit but about preserving and studying a piece of maritime heritage.

The story has sparked widespread amazement online, as it’s not every day that historical artifacts of such magnitude appear on social media marketplaces usually reserved for everyday items like clothing, electronics, and homeware. Robinson’s unusual find highlights the surprising range of treasures one might encounter while scrolling through online selling platforms.

The purchase of the SS Almond Brance not only adds an extraordinary piece to Robinson’s diving pursuits but also brings renewed attention to a nearly forgotten chapter of World War I maritime history. It serves as a reminder of the enduring mysteries that lie beneath the ocean’s surface — and sometimes, within unexpected corners of the internet.

As Robinson embarks on his journey to learn more about the wreck, history enthusiasts and fellow divers eagerly await further discoveries linked to this remarkable underwater relic.

## Pakistani Netizens’ Savage Memes Amid Tensions

As diplomatic tensions between India and Pakistan hit new lows following a terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir’s Pahalgam, social media has turned into an unexpected battleground — but with a surprising twist. Instead of hostility, Pakistani netizens have taken to self-deprecating humor and savage memes, creating viral moments across platforms.



The attack, which killed 26 civilians earlier this week, has led India to accuse Pakistan of supporting cross-border terrorism, specifically pointing to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) — a Pakistan-based group recognized globally as a terrorist organization. Pakistan, however, has rejected the accusations as “frivolous.” In retaliation, India has moved swiftly with strong diplomatic measures, including suspending the long-standing Indus Waters Treaty between the two nations.

Amid this serious backdrop, Pakistani social media users have responded not just with political commentary, but with a wave of biting humor directed at themselves. Memes featuring exaggerated scenarios like “Karachi per hamla karna ho toh pehle bijli de do” (If you want to attack Karachi, give us electricity first) quickly went viral, capturing a mixture of wit and frustration. Other posts humorously pointed to crumbling infrastructure, power outages, and economic instability, subtly

highlighting internal challenges through dark comedy.

The self-roasts have struck a chord both within Pakistan and abroad, showcasing a unique coping mechanism in the face of mounting pressures. Instead of aggressive nationalism, many Pakistani users have turned to satire, poking fun at their own country’s vulnerabilities with remarkable candor.

This online trend has offered a rare glimpse into the mood on the ground, revealing how humor can act as a form of resilience. While governments trade harsh words and serious measures continue to escalate, on the digital front, laughter — even of the self-deprecating kind — is serving as a powerful outlet.

As tensions continue to rise, social media remains a space where, ironically, wit and humor offer temporary relief from the heavy realities of geopolitics.

## Hubble Celebrates 35 Years With Stunning Cosmic Portraits

The Hubble Space Telescope is marking a monumental 35 years in orbit with a dazzling new collection of images, capturing breathtaking scenes from across the cosmos. Launched from the space shuttle Discovery on April 24, 1990, Hubble has since delivered some of humanity’s most iconic views of the universe, revolutionizing our understanding of space.



To celebrate the milestone, NASA and the European Space Agency (ESA), which jointly operate Hubble, unveiled a series of striking portraits featuring Mars, cosmic nebulae, and distant galaxies. These latest images continue to showcase Hubble’s unparalleled ability to reveal the unseen beauty and intricate details of the universe.

Among the highlights are two ultraviolet images of Mars, taken in December 2023 when the Red Planet was approximately 60 million miles from Earth. In one frame, the Tharsis volcanic plateau and Olympus Mons — the largest volcano in the solar system — are seen piercing through thin layers of water-ice clouds. Another image captures the “shark fin” shape of Syrtis Major, along with high-altitude evening clouds, marking the arrival of spring in Mars’s north-

ern hemisphere.

Hubble’s new releases also include mesmerizing views of nebulae, such as a moth-shaped planetary nebula showcasing the dynamic processes of star formation and death, and an ethereal spiral galaxy located in the distant universe.

Officials from the ESA praised Hubble’s enduring legacy, stating that the observatory has bridged the knowledge of past generations with the promise of future cosmic exploration. Over its 35-year journey, Hubble has amassed nearly 1.7 million observations, inspired more than 22,000 scientific papers, and created about 400 terabytes of archival data — a treasure trove for scientists and space enthusiasts alike.

As Hubble continues its historic mission, these anniversary images serve as a powerful reminder of the telescope’s lasting impact, offering awe-inspiring glimpses into the vast, ever-evolving universe.

## Sony Xperia 1 VII Design Leaks

Sony’s upcoming flagship smartphone, the Xperia 1 VII, has surfaced online through Taiwan’s National Communications Commission (NCC) certification site, offering an early look at its design and colour options. Live images shared by Japanese website Sumaho Digest reveal the handset in three shades — black, navy green, and purple. These colours mark a slight shift from the Xperia 1 VI’s options of black, platinum silver, and khaki green.



Design-wise, Sony appears to retain a familiar aesthetic with minimal changes. The Xperia 1 VII features a vertically aligned triple rear camera setup and a 3.5mm headphone jack — both signature elements carried over from the Xperia 1 VI. According to the report, the device will measure 165mm in height and 74mm in width, making it slightly taller than its predecessor.

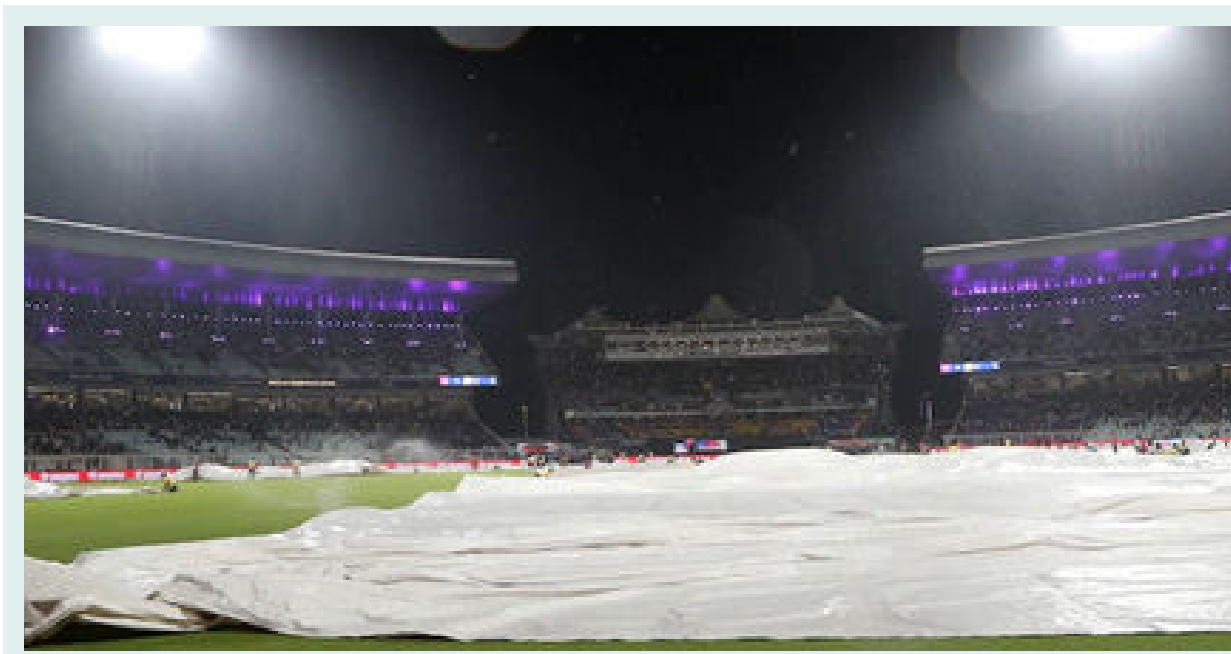
The leaked images suggest that the main camera, located centrally, will incorporate Sony’s advanced Exmor-T sensor. The handset is associated with the model number XQ-FSxx and could become Sony’s first phone powered by Qualcomm’s new

Snapdragon 8 Elite chipset.

In terms of display, the Xperia 1 VII is expected to retain the same 6.5-inch screen with noticeable top and bottom bezels. For reference, the Xperia 1 VI was launched in May 2024 with a Snapdragon 8 Gen 3 chip, triple rear cameras (48MP primary, 12MP ultrawide, 12MP telephoto), and a 5,000mAh battery with 30W fast charging.

With the certification process underway and live images emerging, Sony seems to be on track to officially unveil the Xperia 1 VII soon, keeping fans excited for what could be its most powerful Xperia yet.





# Rain Forces KKR vs PBKS Match Abandonment at Eden Gardens

The IPL 2025 match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Punjab Kings at Eden Gardens was called off due to persistent rain on Saturday. Both teams shared points after play was halted with KKR at 7 for 1 after the first over, chasing a stiff target of 202. Punjab Kings, led by brilliant knocks from Priyansh Arya (69 off 35) and Prabhsimran Singh (83 off 49), posted 201 for 4 in their 20 overs. The duo forged a commanding 120-run opening stand. Captain Shreyas Iyer added an unbeaten 25 off 16 balls to strengthen PBKS's total. For KKR, Vaibhav Arora impressed with bowling figures of 2 for 34. Despite efforts to restart the match, heavy rain prevented further play, leaving fans disappointed.

# DC aim to halt RCB's unbeaten away run in Delhi

The temperature in Delhi isn't the only thing soaring, as the IPL points table heats up with three teams locked at 12 points each. Amid a severe heat-wave alert, the Delhi Capitals (DC) are set to host the upbeat Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in a crucial encounter as both sides fight for a stronger foothold in the playoff race. Both DC and RCB come into this match boosted by impressive recent wins, especially with the ball. Delhi pulled off a remarkable turnaround against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), recovering from an early onslaught to restrict them to 159 before chasing it down with ease. RCB, on the other hand, showed resilience at home, staging a comeback against Rajasthan Royals. After enduring a brutal start, their spinners controlled the middle overs brilliantly, and Josh Hazlewood delivered a key penultimate over to seal a much-needed win at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium. As the action moves to the Arun Jaitley Stadium, another high-scoring affair is on the cards. With both sides evenly matched and known for their recent bowling heroics, the outcome could again hinge on which team handles the pressure better in the death overs.



The previous encounter between the two sides added plenty of drama, with KL Rahul leading LSG to victory over RCB at Chinnaswamy. Rahul's fiery celebration — thumping his chest and driving his bat into the ground — captured the intensity of the rivalry. Now, the spotlight shifts back to Delhi, where Virat Kohli will take center stage at his home ground. Fans are eager to see if Kohli, who drew massive crowds during a recent Ranji Trophy game at the same venue, can deliver a memorable performance and ignite the Capital with his trademark fire. As both teams chase vital points under the blazing Delhi sun, a thrilling battle awaits at the Arun Jaitley Stadium.

# Pant improving as a leader, says Mitchell Marsh

Rishabh Pant's leadership in the ongoing IPL season has come under the spotlight for several reasons, from his captaincy decisions to his batting performances. Amid the chatter, Australian all-rounder Mitchell Marsh has given a clear thumbs-up to Pant's growth as a leader. Speaking ahead of Lucknow Super Giants' (LSG) match against Mumbai Indians, Marsh said, "He is a good leader. I think he's really growing into the role and he's still reasonably young, but he's just getting better and better. I'm looking forward to hopefully playing under him for a while." Marsh, who has captained Australia in the past and played under Pant at Delhi Capitals, praised the young skipper's development. While Marsh has made a strong impact with the bat this season, scoring 344 runs in eight matches at an impressive average of 43, he has only contributed as a batter so far, primarily as an opener. Used as an Impact Player by LSG, Marsh said he remains ready to offer his bowling services whenever required. "It's a different experience (going only as a batter), that's for sure. I feel like a baseballer," Marsh joked. "It has been a lot of fun, and I'm open to the role whenever they need me. My bowling will come back at some stage." An experienced IPL campaigner, Marsh has taken 37 wickets in 50 matches across his nine seasons, along with a notable



international record of 125 wickets from 204 games. This season, he is representing his sixth IPL franchise, having previously turned out for Deccan Chargers, Pune Warriors, Rising Pune Supergiant, Sunrisers Hyderabad, and Delhi Capitals before joining LSG. Reflecting on his time with Lucknow, Marsh said, "I think I've really enjoyed it so far. New team, new people, just trying to contribute where I can. It's such an even and hard competition. Every game is tough, but we know a few more wins could push us closer to the playoffs." Marsh emphasized the strong team environment at LSG, saying, "This is a really close group of people and we have some fantastic humans here, which for me is more important than cricket. It's been a real pleasure to be a part of it and hopefully we can keep winning." With LSG currently in sixth place with 10 points from nine games, Marsh's experience and form could prove crucial in their playoff push.

# Revitalised Mumbai Indians look to extend winning run

The IPL is often described as a tournament of two halves, and Mumbai Indians (MI) are once again living up to that reputation. After a slow start with just one win in their first four matches, MI have found their rhythm, winning four of their last five games and injecting fresh life into their campaign. The turnaround, marked notably by three crucial run-outs in Delhi, seems to have coincided with Rohit Sharma's return to form. After scoring just 38 runs in the opening four games, Rohit has smashed 190 runs in the next four, looking particularly dangerous in the last three matches. His resurgence has sparked a revival for Mumbai, who now appear to be peaking at the right time once again. Batting coach Kieron Pollard wasn't surprised by the turnaround. "If my memory serves me right, at the start of this competition, that question was different. I said sitting right here, we are going to be singing his praises. We always had that belief that he is going to come good. Sometimes there are dips. You just need that extra support from people," Pollard said, expressing satisfaction at Rohit's form revival. Suryakumar Yadav's growing confidence has further bolstered MI's powerful batting lineup. Meanwhile, the bowling unit is clicking into gear, with Trent Boult, Deepak Chahar, and Jasprit Bumrah all finding their rhythm. With both departments firing, normal service seems to have resumed for the



five-time champions as they prepare for a crucial home clash against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG). LSG, meanwhile, find themselves level on points with MI but struggling for consistency. Their season has been a stop-start affair, and the poor form of their captain Rishabh Pant has added to their woes. Pant, the league's costliest player, has managed only 106 runs in nine games, looking completely out of sorts — a situation highlighted when he batted at No. 7 in the last match. His form will be a major concern for Lucknow as they try to arrest their slide against a resurgent Mumbai outfit. With momentum on their side, MI will look to keep climbing, while LSG desperately seek stability in a season threatening to slip away.



# 2nd Asian Yogasana Sport Championship Begins in New Delhi

The 2nd Asian Yogasana Sport Championship commenced on Friday at the K.D. Jadhav Indoor Wrestling Hall, Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi. Organised by Yogasana Bharat in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and SAI, the event features top athletes from over 20 Asian nations. Delhi Chief Minister

Rekha Gupta inaugurated the championship, alongside Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat as Guest of Honour. Gupta praised Yogasana Bharat and Indraprastha Yogasana for promoting Yogasana as a competitive sport, calling it a "new beginning for India, Asia, and the world" in elevating Yoga globally.





# Naga Chaitanya Embarks on Mythical Journey

Yuva Samrat Naga Chaitanya takes a bold leap into a new mythological world with NC24, directed by Karthik Dandu of Virupaksha fame. Titled “The Excavation Begins”, the film promises a thrilling collision of myth and mystery.

Produced by SVCC and Sukumar Writings, with BVSN Prasad backing the project, NC24 delves into forgotten legends and hidden realms. A recently released glimpse shows Chaitanya lighting a flambeau at a secret location, marking the start of an epic journey. Transformed physically and mentally for the role, Naga Chaitanya



teams up with an impressive crew, including composer Ajaneesh B Loknath and cinematographer Neil D Cunha. With high expectations, NC24 is poised to offer a unique cinematic experience blending grandeur, suspense, and ancient lore.

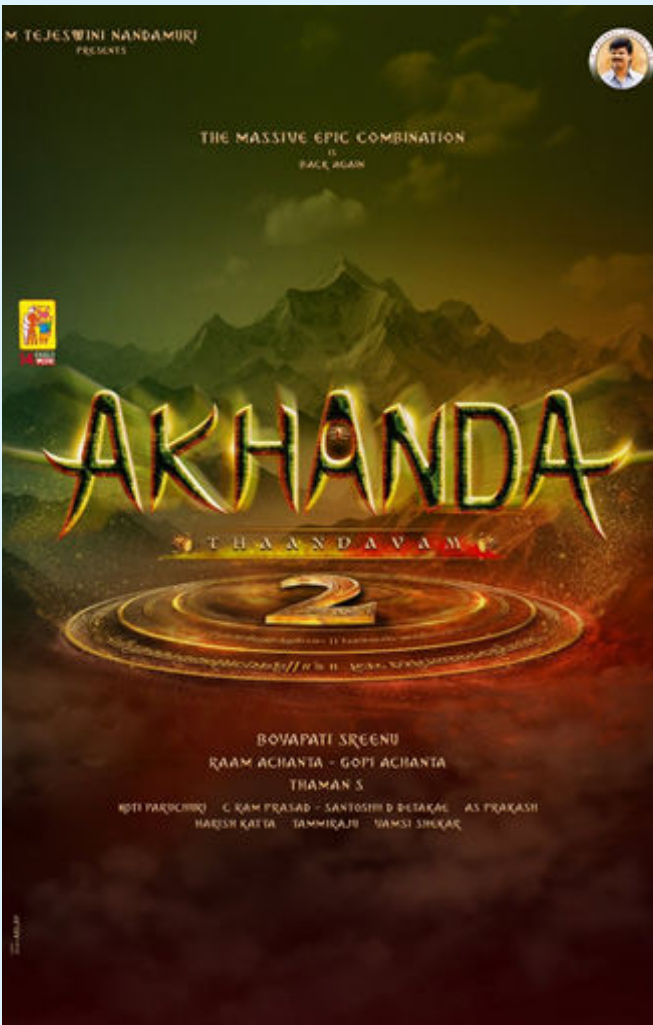
## Balakrishna Commands Record Salary for Akhanda 2

Balakrishna and Boyapati Srinu are reuniting for Akhanda 2, one of 2025's most anticipated releases. Produced by 14 Reels Plus on a grand scale, the film has already sparked massive hype and impressive pre-release business.

According to film circles, Balakrishna has been paid a staggering ₹32 crore for his role, marking a career-high paycheck. His market value has soared following consecutive box-office hits.

For his recent project Daaku Maharaj, Balayya reportedly earned close to ₹25 crore, but with Akhanda 2, he has officially crossed the ₹30 crore milestone — a testament to his enduring box office pull and growing popularity.

Fans eagerly await the magic Balayya and Boyapati will recreate, with Akhanda 2 poised to be a major blockbuster.

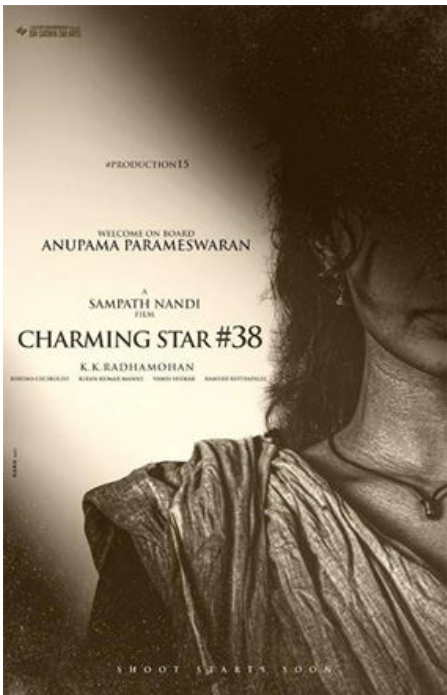


## Anupama Parameswaran Joins Sharwa38 Cast

Sharwanand has teamed up with mass entertainers' specialist Sampath Nandi for his next big project, Sharwa38. Produced by KK Radhamohan under the Sri Sathya Sai Arts banner, the film is a high-budget period drama.

The makers announced today that talented young actress Anupama Parameswaran will play the female lead opposite Sharwanand. The announcement, shared with a vintage monochrome poster, read: “Warm Welcome Anupama to our #Sharwa38 World. The Soul of Our Soil.”

Sharwa38 marks Sharwanand and Anupama's second collaboration after their blockbuster success



Shatamanam Bhavati. Expectations are high as the duo reunites on-screen.

The film's music is being composed by Bheems Cecileo, adding more excitement to this promising entertainer.

## Pawan Kalyan's ₹170 Cr Comeback Film

After months of uncertainty surrounding Ustaad Bhagat Singh, Pawan Kalyan's high-profile action drama, recent developments have reignited excitement among fans. Directed by Harish Shankar, the film was believed to be shelved due to Pawan Kalyan's packed schedule. However, fresh rumors suggest that the actor might resume shooting next year.

The latest buzz in film circles reveals that Mythri Movie Makers is reportedly paying Pawan Kalyan an eye-watering ₹170 crore for his role, potentially making him the highest-paid actor in Tollywood history. Fans are eagerly awaiting an official confirmation from the makers regarding the film's status, but the rumors have certainly stirred up anticipation for the project.



## Ajith Attends Dhoni's 400th Match

It was a special evening for fans of Tamil Nadu's beloved icons, MS Dhoni and Ajith Kumar. Dhoni played his 400th T20 match as Chennai Super Kings faced Sunrisers Hyderabad in a crucial IPL game. To everyone's delight, Ajith attended the match at Chennai's MA Chidambaram Stadium with his wife Shalini and daughter Anoushka, celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Dressed in an elegant black suit, Ajith captivated fans, with photos and videos going viral. Actor Sivakarthikeyan and Good Bad Ugly director Adhik Ravichandran were also spotted in the stands. However, it ended



in heartbreak for CSK fans, as Dhoni's team lost the match and crashed out of the playoffs. Batting first, CSK managed just 154 runs, and SRH chased it down confidently.