



BUT BRAIN IS OF RAAVAN..?

BULLDOZER ON THE LIFE OF THE COMMON MAN

• The authority moved on the order of the Deputy Speaker

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No one expected that Raghurama Krishna Raju, popularly known as RRR, would change his image so quickly. First, he wanted to become a minister, then he eyed the Speaker's post, and later the Deputy Speaker position — but his style has remained very mass. That is his empire... Whoever speaks against him, that's it... He blesses those who question him with curses... He doesn't like the poor. That is why, in the name of road expansion, the houses of poor families who had been living there for generations were demolished with bulldozers. They even gave it a nice name — road expansion! Amidst the cries of hundreds of poor families and heavy police deployment, the bulldozers rolled in, leaving only dust and despair. Anyone

who dared to question was immediately showered with verbal abuse. After all, he is not just any MLA — he is the Deputy Speaker of the State Assembly! This is the bulldozing regime that is running wild in the constituency. The demolition drive, in the name of road expansion, has been continuing relentlessly for the past week. Revenue officials and police forces, working hand-in-hand, targeted Ganaparam Road from Undi. Since last Saturday, houses, shops, and even humble huts on both sides of the road have been flattened without even giving the residents time to collect their belongings. The so-called plan to widen the road from 60 to 100 feet has turned into a nightmare for the poor. Entire neighborhoods with roots stretching back generations were reduced to rubble without a second thought.

From Kalla, Palakoderu, Undi, Akiveedu, to parts of Bhimavaram under the Undi constituency, the same scenes have played out. Authorities, arriving at 7 a.m. with bulldozers and heavy police backup, tore down homes while families cried helplessly on the streets. Equipment, utensils, school bags, dreams — everything was thrown out in seconds. Victims recount how they have been paying property taxes to municipalities and panchayats for years, paying electricity bills, and building lives for their children — only to see their homes wiped out overnight without a shred of humanity. Their pleas fell on deaf ears. "We have been living here since our grandparents' time... where should we go now?" they sobbed, watching their lives crumble. When CPM leaders protested the injustice, they were arrested and cases were

slapped against them. CPM State Secretary V. Srinivasa Rao visited the victims, only to be abused and targeted too. In response to the protests, senior police officials quickly clamped prohibitory orders for a month under Section 30 of the Police Act, virtually banning any voice of dissent. Meanwhile, the victims are questioning the brutality: "Is this democracy? Bulldozing our homes without notice because of political orders?" Even those who tried to block bulldozers and police vehicles were not spared — cases were filed against them too. And in the middle of all this, the Deputy Speaker roars: "Whatever I say, that is the law!" — forgetting that the very people he crushed under bulldozers are the ones who once lifted him to power with their votes. Now, it's the poor who are on the streets... and the MLA who is busy building roads

V. Srinivasa Rao spoke about Raghurama



Once upon a time, when everyone was angry with Jagan, people admired Raju for fighting against him — the same noisy and dramatic fight. Since he added a comedic touch to it, he attracted even more attention. Opposing Jagan in every possible way made people think highly of him. However, he completely failed as an MP from Narsapuram, having done nothing for his constituency. Raju even admitted that he was afraid Jagan might physically attack him if he visited. Despite this, he sought the same seat again, but BJP refused. He even requested the Guntur MP seat, but clever Chandrababu did not offer him one. Instead, he gave him an MLA ticket after a lot of last-minute drama. Raju ultimately won, riding on the anti-Jagan wave. Since then, Raghurama Krishna Raju has been ruling like an emperor. He organizes cockfighting events, manages police favors, and even involves himself in wine shop affairs. Though he claims otherwise, he has stooped too low.

The problem that has now emerged is that he has evicted a thousand families living on government-owned land, citing road expansion. But questions are being raised — is the intention really to prevent trouble for the constituency's future, or are there other plans for that land? Typically, when the poor are evicted, arrangements like alternative land or housing are offered. Discussions happen, compromises are reached. But here, shockingly, there is no arrangement, no alternative — only eviction. Officials and police seem to be working entirely under Raju's orders, claiming that the residents were illegally occupying the land.

V. Srinivasa Rao on evicting the poor

Srinivasa Rao questioned: What about those who occupied 15 acres next door? Why aren't they receiving eviction notices? Aren't they also illegally occupying government land, building shops, and renting them out? Will they be left untouched just because of their influence?

RRR Reaction:

This questioning angered Raghurama Krishna Raju even more. In retaliation, he asked about Srinivasa Rao's alleged bank embezzlements. The CPM provided documents to support their claims. Raju then organized a press meet, where he threw jibes at Jagan and Vijayasai Reddy, speaking in a manner that many found inappropriate. This led to widespread trolling. People started saying, "We thought Kodali Nani had gone silent, but now Raghurama Nani has arrived, babul!" Many questioned: what is the dignity of a Deputy Speaker when such language is used?

over their broken dreams. The real road expansion, it seems, is only for the ego! As for the poor families thrown onto the streets, the big leaders — Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, and Lokesh — are

still missing from the scene. Silence louder than words! Will they continue to play peek-a-booo politics or finally blow the whistle on RRR's royal show? The poor are waiting... but the netas are still buffering!

CM Naidu Reviews Arrangements On PM Modi to Visit Amaravati on May 2nd

- CM holds high-level meeting with ministers, officials.
- PM Modi to lay foundation stones for Amaravati projects.
- Huge arrangements underway across 250 acres near Velagapudi.

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

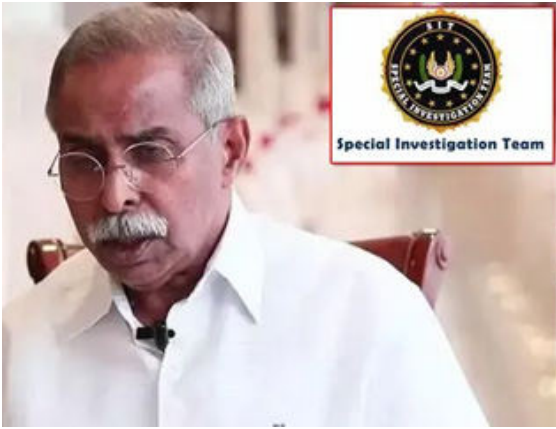
In preparation for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Amaravati on May 2, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu conducted a high-level review meeting with ministers and top officials at his residence in Undavalli. During the meeting, Chandrababu emphasized the importance of flawless arrangements,

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PSR Anjaneyulu Custody Delayed After Health Complications

- PSR Anjaneyulu fell ill during custody procedures.
- Medical tests revealed high blood pressure issues.
- CID officials sent him back to Vijayawada District Jail.

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SIT Probes Deaths of Witnesses in Viveka Murder Case

- Six witnesses have died in the Viveka murder case.
- SIT officials interrogated Parameshwar Reddy at Lingala station.
- Notice issued to Susheelamma for further questioning.

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) has intensified its probe into the suspicious deaths of witnesses connected to the Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy murder case. So far, six witnesses have died under various circumstances, raising serious concerns over the safety of others involved in the case.

As part of the investigation, SIT officials visited the residence of Parameshwar Reddy, the brother-in-law of Srinivasa Reddy, one of the deceased witnesses. They conducted detailed questioning at his house and later took Parameshwar Reddy to the Lingala police station for further interrogation. The SIT is examining all angles, including the possibility of external pressures or foul play leading to the witnesses' deaths.

Additionally, the SIT issued notices to Susheelamma, wife of another deceased witness Ranganna, asking her to appear for questioning. Officials are reportedly focusing on gathering crucial information from those close to the deceased to understand if there were any threats, coercion, or suspicious activities leading up to their deaths.

The SIT's aggressive investigation comes amid growing public and political pressure to ensure a transparent and thorough inquiry into the Viveka murder case and the mysterious deaths that have followed. Further questioning sessions and evidence collection are expected to continue over the coming days.

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stressing that there should be no lapses during the Prime Minister's visit. Chandrababu reiterated that Amaravati is the capital of all people in the state and called upon citizens from every region to participate in the historic inauguration event. He highlighted that the construction of Amaravati will move forward with a focus on the comprehensive development of all areas. Prime Minister Modi is set to lay the foundation stone for key development projects during his visit. He will arrive at Gannavaram Airport on the afternoon of May 2 and will travel to Amaravati by helicopter. A massive public meeting has been planned, with the Prime Minister expected to address the gathering at 4 PM.

Preparations are in full swing on 250 acres behind the Velagapudi Secretariat, where arrangements for meeting venues, helipads, and parking are being made at a brisk pace. The government has set a target to complete all works by April 28. Special committees have been formed to oversee the arrangements meticulously.

The coalition government is treating this event with great prestige, aiming to lay the foundation stones for development works worth around one lakh crore rupees, marking a significant milestone towards the full-fledged development of Amaravati as the state's capital.

Amaravati Shines Again After Five Years, Says Minister Lokesh

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Minister Nara Lokesh shared an inspiring message on social media as preparations for the reconstruction of Amaravati are in full swing. Reflecting the renewed spirit of the capital city, Lokesh tweeted, "The eclipse does not last long. The public capital Amaravati has emerged from a five-year eclipse and has regained its light."

His statement comes at a crucial time when Amaravati is gearing up for major development activities. With Prime Minister Narendra Modi scheduled to visit Amaravati on May 2 to inaugurate the resumption of construction works, excitement is running high among residents and supporters of the capital project.

The previous government's neglect had led to a halt in Amaravati's construction, causing widespread



disappointment. However, with the coalition government now firmly committed, Amaravati's revival is set to move forward with a fresh vision and determination. Lokesh's tweet symbolizes the restoration of hope and confidence among the people, who have long awaited the fulfillment of the capital city's



promise. Preparations are underway on a large scale to welcome the Prime Minister and lay the foundation stone for new developmental projects worth nearly one lakh crore rupees. Special arrangements are being made across Amaravati to mark this historic restart.

Lokesh's message resonated widely among citizens and party activists, reinforcing the belief that Amaravati will finally achieve its intended glory. With the return of focus on the capital's development, the government aims to ensure Amaravati stands as a model city for future generations.

PSR Anjaneyulu Custody Delayed...

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

In a fresh twist to the custody process, former AP Intelligence Department chief PSR Anjaneyulu, who was recently arrested in the harassment case filed by Bollywood actress Kadambari Jatwani, fell ill while being taken into CID custody. After his arrest, the court had sent PSR on remand to Vijayawada District Jail and later allowed the CID officials to take him into three-day custody for further interrogation. On Sunday, CID officials reached Vijayawada Jail to formally take PSR Anjaneyulu into custody. However, during this procedure, PSR reportedly experienced health issues. Officials promptly shifted him to the hospital for medical examination. Doctors found that PSR was suffering from high blood pressure and advised caution.

Considering his medical condition, CID officials concluded that proceeding with interrogation could endanger PSR's health. Therefore, they decided against taking him into custody for now and sent him back to Vijayawada District Jail. This unexpected development has temporarily halted the investigation proceedings. CID sources indicate that they are monitoring PSR's health condition closely and will decide on the next course of action based on further medical advice.

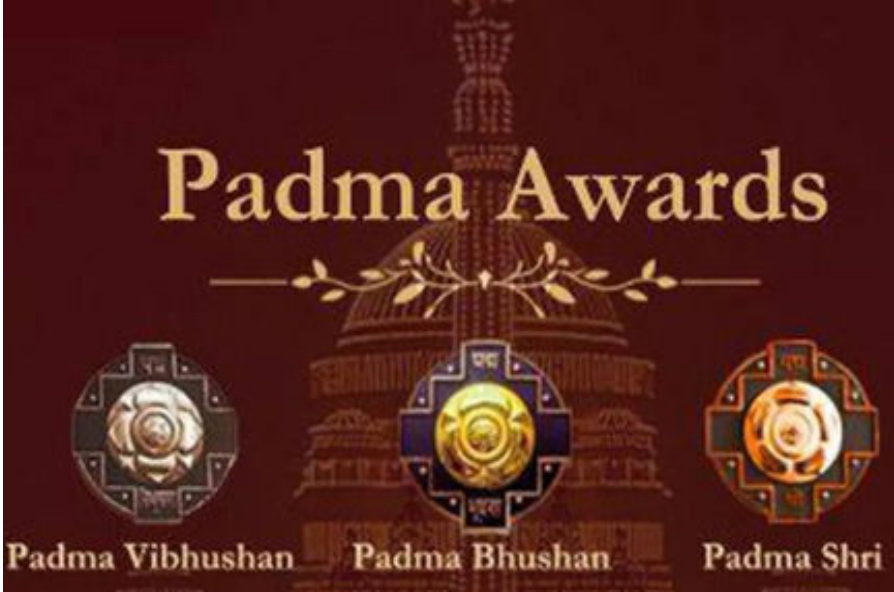
Padma Awards Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan On Monday at Delhi

- Padma Awards ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan from 5 to 7 PM.
- Nandamuri Balakrishna to receive Padma Vibhushan Award.
- Minister Nara Lokesh and wife to attend the ceremony.

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The prestigious Padma Awards ceremony will be held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Monday evening. From 5 PM to 7 PM, President Droupadi Murmu will present the awards to the selected recipients. Among them, noted actor and politician Nandamuri Balakrishna will be honored with the Padma Vibhushan Award. On this occasion, Minister Nara Lokesh and his wife are scheduled to arrive in Delhi to participate in the ceremony. Nandamuri Balakrishna, who treats acting as a sacred art rather than just a profession, has dedicated over five decades to cinema, politics, and medical services. His contribution to the Telugu film industry and society has earned him this national recognition. It is noteworthy that in the 1960s, legendary actor and former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao received the Padma Shri Award. After a long gap, the Nandamuri family is once again being honored at the national level.

Throughout his illustrious career,



Balakrishna has seen both major successes and setbacks but never allowed failures to deter his spirit. His powerful dialogue delivery, marked by intense expression and strong voice modulation, has earned him a unique place in cinema. Much like his father, he holds deep respect for the Telugu language and culture, a trait evident both on and off-screen.

Known for his discipline and

straightforward nature, Balakrishna has remained true to his principles without indulging in diplomacy. Even at sixty, he competes vigorously with younger actors and has gained nationwide popularity through his popular television program 'Unstoppable'. Today's recognition with the Padma Vibhushan stands as a proud moment for the Nandamuri family and his countless admirers.

Congress Leader Chippagiri Lakshminarayana Brutally Murdered Near Guntakal

TPN Correspondent | Anantapur

Congress leader Chippagiri Lakshminarayana from Alur constituency in Kurnool district was brutally murdered by unknown assailants near Guntakal in Anantapur district on Sunday. According to police reports, the attackers deliberately rammed his vehicle with a tipper and hacked him to death with hunting sickles, causing immediate death.

Lakshminarayana, aged 58, was a regular visitor to Guntakal on personal and professional work. On Sunday, while returning to Chippagiri from Guntakal, his car was intercepted by a tipper near the Aluru bridge after crossing Guntakal town. The attackers forced his car to a halt and launched a deadly assault using sharp hunting sickles. Despite the brutal nature of the attack, his son Vinod and two others, who were traveling with him, were left unharmed by the assailants.

Preliminary investigation suggests that at least four individuals were involved in planning and executing the murder. The exact motive behind the attack is still unclear, though police have launched a full-scale investigation. A case has been registered, and



multiple teams have been formed to track down the culprits. The murder of a political leader in such a gruesome manner has sent shockwaves through Kurnool and Anantapur districts. Senior police officials are personally overseeing the investigation, and additional forces have been deployed to maintain law and order in sensitive areas. Political leaders across parties have condemned the incident and demanded swift justice. The police have assured that all those responsible will be apprehended soon, and a thorough investigation is underway to uncover any larger conspiracy behind the killing.

Home Minister Anitha Reviews Simhachalam Chandanotsavam Arrangements

TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha visited Simhachalam on Sunday to review the arrangements for the upcoming Chandanotsavam of Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy. After having darshan of the deity, she personally inspected the ongoing preparations and issued several important suggestions to temple and district officials. She emphasized that special care must be taken to ensure smooth and peaceful darshan for all devotees. Minister Anitha stated that the inner temple darshans will conclude by 6 AM on the festival day to facilitate the large gathering. She said arrangements are being made to prevent any traffic issues around Simhachalam and that additional buses will be deployed for devotees. Coordination among various departments is being strengthened to avoid any inconvenience. Anitha mentioned that a team of five ministers is overseeing the arrangements, a move unprecedented for this festival.

It is estimated that around two lakh devotees will attend the



Chandanotsavam on April 30. Minister Anitha highlighted that, during the NDA government's tenure, temple festivals have been conducted successfully and peacefully across the state. She expressed confidence that this year's Chandanotsavam will also be a grand success.

Upon arrival at the temple, Anitha was welcomed with full temple honors. She also performed rituals at the sacred frog pillar and received Vedic blessings from temple scholars. Later, temple authorities presented her with a portrait of the deity and special prasadam. On Chandanotsavam day, Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy, who remains covered with sandalwood paste throughout the year, will be seen in real form by devotees for a single day, attracting visitors from across Andhra Pradesh and neighboring states.



Kadapa MLA Madhavi Reddy Removes PA Vahid After Allegations

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

Kadapa MLA Madhavi Reddy and her husband, TDP Polit Bureau member Srinivasulu Reddy, responded swiftly to serious allegations against her personal assistant (PA) Vahid. In view of the complaints received, they announced that Vahid has been removed from duty and recommended that the police take legal action against him.

The controversy erupted when a woman accused PA Vahid of deceiving her by promising a job and marrying her under false pretenses. She further alleged that Vahid had similarly trapped three more girls by making fake promises of employment and cash. The situation escalated when the brother of one of the victims confronted Vahid seeking justice and was allegedly attacked.

The victims claimed that despite approaching the police with their grievances, they did not receive timely justice. As a result, they decided to take their concerns directly to MLA Madhavi Reddy's residence. During their visit, they planned to inform the MLA that multiple women had been victimized by her PA.

In their official response, Madhavi Reddy and Srinivasulu Reddy clarified that they were unaware of Vahid's actions until the victims came forward. They assured the complainants that strict measures would be taken and extended their support. Meanwhile, it came to light that Vahid had introduced one of the women as his sister at the MLA's office to avoid suspicion.

The swift removal of Vahid and the call for legal action reflect the MLA's attempt to address the matter transparently and maintain public trust. The victims are hopeful that with the intervention of the MLA, they will finally receive justice.

Pila Srinivasa Rao Elected as New Mayor of Visakhapatnam GVMC

- Pila Srinivasa Rao elected as new mayor of GVMC.
- Election held at GVMC Council Hall on Monday at 11 AM.
- Corporators and ex-officio members participated in the voting process.

TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

Pila Srinivasa Rao has been elected as the new Mayor of the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC). The election process took place at the GVMC Council Hall on Monday at 11 AM, in the presence of corporators and ex-officio members.

The Council Hall witnessed an enthusiastic turnout, with members casting their votes to formally elect the new mayor. Pila Srinivasa Rao secured a majority, confirming his leadership position. Officials ensured that the election was conducted in a smooth and transparent manner, adhering to all procedural guidelines.

Sources indicate that Pila Srinivasa Rao's election is expected to bring a fresh approach to civic administration in Visakhapatnam. Following his victory, he expressed gratitude to the corporators, ex-officio members, and party leadership



for their support. He emphasized his commitment to addressing key civic issues such as sanitation, water supply, infrastructure development, and environmental sustainability.

Several corporators and dignitaries congratulated the new mayor after the official announcement. They expressed optimism that under Rao's leadership, the GVMC would

work more efficiently to meet the aspirations of the city's residents. The administration is preparing for the official swearing-in ceremony, which is expected to take place shortly. Residents and civic groups are looking forward to seeing how the new leadership will tackle ongoing urban challenges and implement development plans for the betterment of Visakhapatnam.

Clarity on VIP Darshan Recommendation Letters at TTD: Jyothula Nehru

TPN Correspondent | Kakinada

TTD Governing Council member Jyothula Nehru has responded to reports about the cancellation of recommendation letters for VIP darshan at Tirumala Tirupati temple between May 1 and June 30. He clarified that there is no truth to the news that VIP break darshans will be canceled during this period. Jyothula Nehru stated that the TTD Governing Council has not passed any resolution regarding the cancellation of recommendation letters



issued by MLAs, MPs, or ministers. He assured that darshans through recommendation letters would continue as usual without any interruption.

However, given the anticipated high pilgrim turnout during the summer months, TTD is reportedly planning steps to slightly reduce VIP break darshans. The move aims to accommodate more general devotees, ensuring a smoother and more accessible darshan experience without unnecessary delays.

YCP Liquor Scam Reaches Unprecedented Levels: Minister Ramanaidu



TPN Correspondent | West Godavari

State Water Resources Minister Nim-mala Ramanaidu strongly criticized the YCP government, stating that the liquor scam during their regime was unparalleled anywhere in the country. Participating in the 'Mana Rythu Mana Ramanaidu' program held at Palakol-lu mandal in West Godavari district, he laid the foundation stone for various development works worth several crores of rupees.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramanaidu said that compared to the Telangana distilleries scam, the liquor scam under Jagan Mohan Reddy's leadership would scale the peak of Everest. He accused the previous YCP government of neglecting real development and welfare initiatives while focusing heavily on liquor, sand, mines, and land exploitation for personal gains.

Minister Ramanaidu further alleged that the production of adulterated and inferior-quality liquor, often manufactured in the backyards of YSRCP leaders, led to lakhs of people falling ill and hundreds of deaths across the state. He emphasized that the damage caused by the liquor policies under the YCP administration was unprecedented and demanded accountability.

In contrast, he praised Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's governance, stating that within just nine months, Chandrababu has worked diligently to fulfill all election promises. He reiterated that public welfare and genuine development are at the core of the current government's agenda. Ramanaidu assured that under Chandrababu's leadership, the focus remains firmly on building a healthier, safer, and prosperous Andhra Pradesh.

YS Sharmila condemns brutal murder, demands high-level inquiry

- Chippagiri Lakshminarayana's Murder Deeply Shocking
- Murder shows complete collapse of law and order, she says.
- Congress promises full support to Lakshminarayana's family.



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

AP Congress president Y.S. Sharmila expressed deep shock and outrage over the brutal murder of Chippagiri Lakshminarayana, Congress in-charge of Aluru constituency in Kurnool district. Reacting strongly, she said the incident reflects the alarming deterioration of law and order in Andhra Pradesh.

Sharmila described the sequence of the attack as horrifying — Lakshminarayana was first rammed by a lorry and then hacked to death with hunting machetes. She pointed out that such a gruesome killing of a political leader highlights the unsafe environment prevailing across the state.

Demanding an immediate and high-level probe, Sharmila called on the police department to swiftly identify and arrest the real culprits. She stressed that strict legal action must

be taken to prevent such heinous crimes from happening again. Expressing her condolences to Lakshminarayana's family, Sharmila assured that the Congress Party would extend all necessary support to them. She posted her statement on social media, tagging Andhra Pradesh Police, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, and Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan, seeking their immediate attention to the matter.

False counter-case filed after seven months, says Manohar Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Tadepalli

YSRCP Legal Cell President M. Manohar Reddy has strongly condemned the counter-case filed against Kadambari Jatwani, calling it a "role model for an evil tradition" in the country. Speaking to the media at the YSRCP central office in Tadepalli, he alleged that the case was the culmination of power abuse by the coalition government.

Reddy explained that Jatwani had never filed any complaint against police officers before a magistrate, and as per law, only courts are authorized to direct the filing of counter-cases. He expressed anger that after seven months of the initial complaint, the coalition government orchestrated a false complaint through Jatwani to target honest police officers.



He elaborated on Jatwani's background, stating that she had criminal cases across the country and was involved in an emotional blackmail case with Kukkal Vidyasagar in Andhra Pradesh. Following a thorough investigation, police arrested her lawfully, seized fake documents, SIM cards, and presented her to the court, which later granted conditional bail. At no point during the proceedings did Jatwani complain of

police misconduct. Reddy accused the coalition government of giving "royal honors" to Jatwani post-regime change, hosting her in luxury hotels, and facilitating a false complaint against officers. He highlighted that the counter-case was filed purely out of political vendetta, especially to derail ongoing SIT investigations linked to prominent leaders.

Stating that such a case has no precedent in India, Reddy criticized the misuse of Section 195 CrPC, emphasizing that only courts, not governments, can order probes against officers involved in judicial proceedings. He warned that the actions of the coalition government could set a dangerous precedent and damage the credibility of law enforcement and judicial systems in Andhra Pradesh.

"YS Jagan Gave Top Priority to Education Sector"

TPN Correspondent | Tadepalli

Former Minister Merugu Nagarjuna praised former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy for prioritizing education like no other leader in the country's history. Speaking to the media, he recalled that YS Jagan introduced the Amma Vodi scheme to ensure no child missed education due to poverty. From the moment he came to power, Jagan implemented the scheme consecutively for four years and had prepared to disburse it for the fifth year by June 2024 before elections.

Nagarjuna detailed that under the Amma Vodi program alone, Rs. 26,067 crore was deposited into the accounts of 44,48,865 mothers, benefiting 83 lakh children. Further, he noted that



over his 57-month rule, Jagan spent Rs. 3366 crore on Jagananna Vidya Kanuka, Rs. 4417 crore on Jagananna Gorumudda, Rs. 13,000 crore on Mana Badi Nadu-Nedu, Rs. 6688 crore on YSR Sampoorna Poshana, Rs. 32 crore for providing sanitary napkins, Rs. 1300 crore for Byju's content tablets, Rs. 12,610 crore for Vidya Deevena, Rs. 5392 crore for Vasathi Deevena, and Rs. 107 crore for foreign education as-

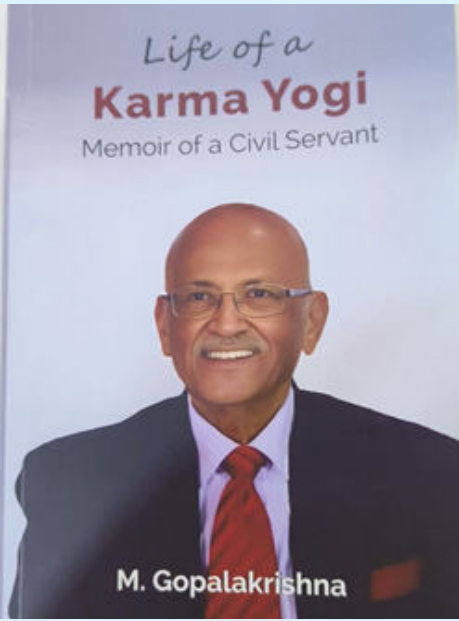
sistance, totaling approximately Rs. 72,919 crore. Nagarjuna asserted that YS Jagan stood as a "maternal uncle" to every boy and girl in the state, supporting their education at every step. He sharply criticized Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for allegedly undoing all the good work done under Jagan's leadership. Nagarjuna accused Chandrababu of trying to deceive students and their mothers through daily statements about the Thalli Ki Vandanam program.

He demanded that Chandrababu's government immediately fulfill the promises made under Thalli Ki Vandanam by releasing payments to students, rather than resorting to empty rhetoric.

"Karmayogi" Book Launch Inspires Youth in Vijayawada

Sri M. Gopalakrishna launches his memoir "Karmayogi."
Motivates students to pursue excellence with discipline.
Emphasizes "I CAN DO" mantra for achieving big dreams.

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
In an inspiring event filled with energy and positivity, the memoir "Karmayogi" by retired IAS officer Sri Mudushetti Gopalakrishna Garu was launched at Siddhartha Auditorium, Vijayawada, on Sunday evening. Organized with great enthusiasm, the ceremony was attended by students from across the city and dignitaries including Royal Service Trust Chairman Sri Seethalam Ram Babu Garu, who felicitated Sri Gopalakrishna Garu for his remarkable service and contribution. Delivering a powerful speech, Sri Gopalakrishna Garu shared vital lessons with the youth. He spoke about the essential types of hard work necessary for success: homework for prepara-



tion, hard work for persistence, smart work for efficiency, and networking for collaborative growth. Urging students to cultivate disciplined habits, he advised them to wake up early at 5:00 AM and focus first on challenging subjects for sharper learning. Sri Gopalakrishna stressed the importance of having a big aim, asserting that ambition is key to breaking limits and achieving greatness. For civil services and competitive exam aspirants, he recommended studying at least eight hours daily, noting down key points after every session, and maintaining consistent practice and revision. Throughout his address, Sri Gopalakrishna emphasized the power of strong determination, or Sankalpam,



and left students energized with his simple yet powerful mantra: "I CAN DO." The atmosphere during the book launch was electric, inspiring many young attendees to believe in their dreams and the discipline needed

to realize them. The launch of "Karmayogi" stands as a beacon of motivation, celebrating the life of an extraordinary civil servant while igniting a spirit of ambition among the youth of Vijayawada.

Health Minister Satyakumar Launches "Satyakalam 2" Book, a Collection of Articles

Satyakalam 2, a collection of articles, launched in Vijayawada.
Health Minister Satyakumar credits Modi government for transformative changes.
Union Minister Kishan Reddy praises Satyakumar's dedication to writing.

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
On Sunday, Health Minister Satyakumar launched Satyakalam 2, a compilation of his articles written over the years, at a grand event in Vijayawada. The launch was attended by prominent personalities including Union Minister for Coal and Mines, Kishan Reddy, State TDP President Palla Srinivasa Rao, and Minister Nadendla Manohar. During the event, Satyakumar highlighted the importance of qualitative changes in people's lives, notably crediting the Modi government for significant achievements like building 12 crore toilets for the poor and providing access to drinking water for 12.20 crore homes through the Jal Jeevan Mission. He also praised the government's efforts in promoting self-sufficiency through Mudra loans and advancing solar energy production, with a target to produce 500 gigawatts by 2027. Satyakumar further discussed national security, emphasizing the government's strong stance on terrorism, citing the surgical strikes after the Uri and Pulwama attacks. He also criticized the Congress for



imposing President's rule in various states for 65 years, while calling out the YSRCP for its role in creating liquor brands that negatively impacted public health. Union Minister Kishan Reddy commended Satyakumar for his dedication to writing, noting that it is uncommon for politicians to write books. He praised the Health Min-

ister for overcoming difficulties and becoming an influential voice in politics and literature. TDP State President Palla Srinivasa Rao and Minister Nadendla Manohar also lauded Satyakumar's contributions, calling the book an inspiration for young politicians and writers.

Mandali Hanumantha Rao Resigns from YCP; State Leaders Attempt to Convince Him



TPN Correspondent | Gudivada
On Sunday, Mandali Hanumantha Rao, a prominent YCP leader from the Gudivada constituency in Krishna district, announced his resignation from the party and its primary membership. This move came after a series of grievances regarding the party leadership's actions. Hanumantha Rao, in his resignation statement, emphasized that he would always

stand by the leaders and activists who trust him, unlike others he claims fled while the activists were left behind. He criticized those who, despite benefiting from the party's power, were not loyal to its cause, especially in difficult times. In an attempt to convince him to stay, several YCP state leaders visited him. However, Rao remained firm in his stance, stating that under no circumstances would he continue with the party. He also questioned the credibility of those who had previously enjoyed power and exploited it for their gain. Rao also brought to light internal party issues, mentioning leaders like Kodali Nani, Shadow Daggubati Seshubhushan, and Ram Prasad. He hinted that the media would soon reveal the connections and controversies surrounding these figures. Despite the state leaders' efforts to pacify him, they did not provide clear answers to his questions, leaving many of his concerns unresolved.

Extensive Cordon & Search Operation in N.T.R. Police Commissionerate

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In a bid to enhance peace and security in N.T.R. District, a major cordon and search operation was carried out on Sunday, by the police under the orders of City Police Commissioner Sri S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS. The operation was led by Rural DCP Sri K. M. Maheshwara Raju, with supervision from Nandigama ACP Sri A.B.G. Tilak. From 5:00 AM to 8:00 AM, 88 police officers conducted the search in Indirakalani village, Kanchikacherla. During the operation, 23 vehicles without proper documents were seized. Additionally, 7 suspects were detained and interrogated for their involvement in anti-social activities. The police officials emphasized that such measures are being taken as part of a larger effort to ensure public safety and prevent criminal activities in the district. They highlighted the need to target areas where anti-social behavior, such as the sale and consumption of marijuana and other intoxicants, is prevalent. Surveillance has been stepped up to monitor such illegal activities and prevent them from



escalating. To further maintain law and order, the police will continue with frequent cordon and search operations, surprise checks, and drunk driving programs. Officials noted that these operations aim to control false propaganda and prevent any small incidents from leading to larger disturbances within the community. In conclusion, the N.T.R. Police Commissionerate reiterated its commitment to maintaining peace and security, ensuring that all anti-social elements are kept under strict surveillance and swift action is taken against offenders.

NTR District Police Conduct Counseling for Rowdy Sheeters and Suspects

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On Sunday, following the orders of NTR District Police Commissioner Sri S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS, police officers from all stations within the commissionerate conducted counseling sessions for rowdy sheeters, crime suspects, and individuals involved in misbehavior. The initiative, conducted at various times across different police stations, aimed at guiding individuals towards better conduct and deterring future criminal activity. Officials emphasized the importance of good behavior, encouraging participants to avoid anti-social actions and illegal activities. The police stressed that involvement in crimes such as trafficking marijuana or engaging in violence would not be tolerated. Strict legal action will be taken against any individuals found breaking the law. The officers made it clear that the police will continue to monitor the behavior of these individuals closely. This initiative is part of the ongoing efforts by the NTR District Police to maintain law and order and prevent crime in the region, ensuring a safer environment for all citizens.



MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy distributes electric tricycles to the disabled

TPN Correspondent | Nellore

In a heartfelt initiative aimed at empowering the disabled, MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy, along with MLA Kavya Krishna Reddy, distributed electric tricycles in Kavali town under the VPR Foundation. This special event, marked by celebrations, saw the distribution of electric tricycles worth Rs. 40,000 each to the disabled, ensuring their mobility and independence. During the event, Kavali MLA Kavya Krishna Reddy lauded Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy's commitment to public service, emphasizing that while many earn money, only a few have the heart to give back to the community. She highlighted his efforts to set up water plants and serve humanity, stating that his actions reflect his deep sense of responsibility and service. MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy shared that the idea of providing electric tricycles arose after he witnessed the hardships faced by the disabled. He expressed his belief that mobility is crucial for them to retain self-confidence. Since the program's inception in Udayagiri, about 850 tricycles have been distributed, and maintenance will be ensured under the foundation's guidance. MLC Beda Ravichandra and others, including Nuda Chairman Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy, Kavali Jana Sena In-charge Alahari Sudhakar, and BJP District President Vamsidhar, attended the program. Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy's ongoing efforts to uplift the disabled and serve the people reflect his unwavering dedication to public service and his commitment to the welfare of his constituency.



Srikalahasti Swamy Temple Achieves Record-Breaking Revenue

Temple earns ₹1.02 crore in just 24 hours
8,766 Rahu Ketu Pujas performed by devotees
26,392 devotees visited Swamy Amma War on Monday

TPN Correspondent | Srikalahasti

The Srikalahasti Swamy Temple created history on Monday by recording the highest ever single-day revenue. From 6:00 pm on Sunday to 6:00 pm on Monday, the temple earned an impressive ₹1,02,62,356 through services, darshans, prasads, accommodation facilities, and donations. This marks an all-time record for the temple, showcasing its growing popularity among devotees.

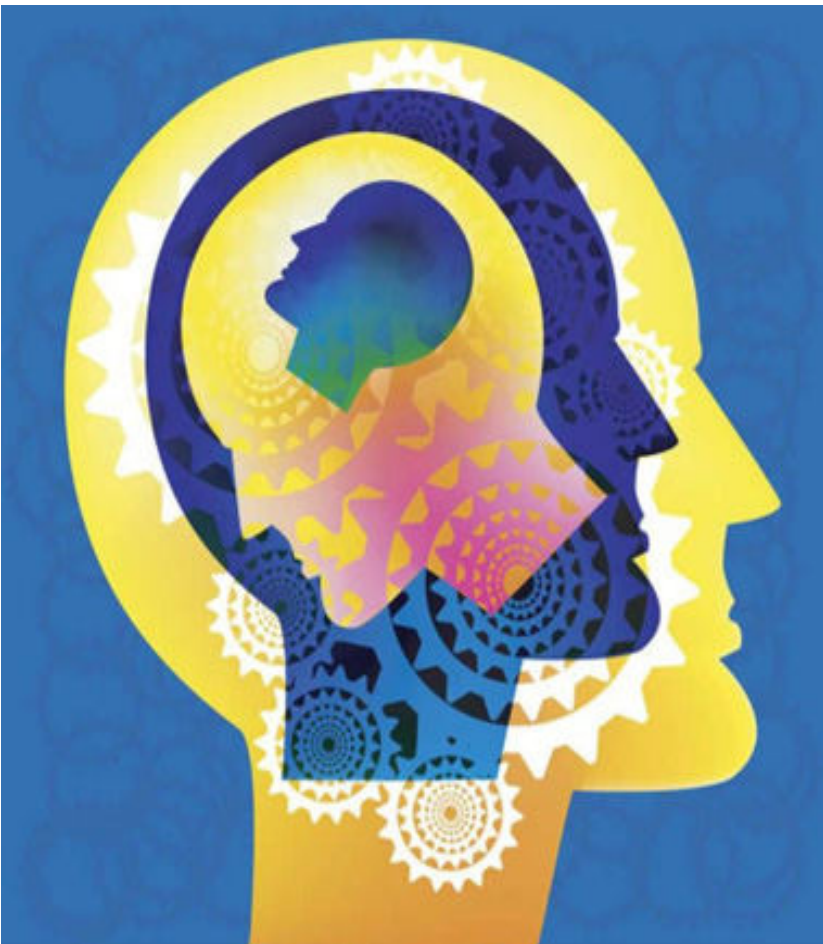
A record-breaking 8,766 Rahu Ketu Pujas were performed by devotees, reflecting the increasing faith and spiritual significance associated with the temple. Along with the special pujas, a total of 26,392 devotees visited the Swamy Amma War, seeking divine blessings.

Following prior instructions from local MLA Sri Bojjala Sudhir Reddy, the temple Executive Officer Sri Bapireddy took personal initiative in overseeing operations from the early hours of Monday. He visited various departments, ensuring that arrangements were running smoothly without causing any inconvenience to the visiting devotees.

The cooperation and dedicated service of the temple staff from all departments played a key role in providing better facilities and maintaining order despite the large influx of pilgrims. Their coordinated efforts ensured that devotees could perform rituals and receive darshan comfortably.

The temple management expressed gratitude to all devotees for their support and trust, which led to this historic achievement. They also reaffirmed their commitment to continually improving services, facilities, and spiritual experiences for all visitors in the future.

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Mastering the Mind: Krishna’s Wisdom on Control Through Practice and Detachment

In the ancient Indian epic Mahabharata, the complexity of the human mind is poetically illustrated. In the Aranyak Parva, Yaksha poses to Yudhishtira the profound question: “What is swifter than the wind?” Yudhishtira replies, “The mind is fleeter than the wind, and our thoughts are more numerous than grass,” capturing the restless, agile nature of human thought.

Attaining moksha — liberation from the cycle of birth and death — requires stilling this restless mind. According to the scriptures, one must renounce desires, subdue the senses, treat all beings equally, and fix the mind unwaveringly on the Divine. However, as Arjuna laments in the Bhagavad Gita (6.34), the mind is “restless, turbulent, strong and obstinate” — harder to control than the wind itself. Its instability renders the paths of jnana (knowledge), karma (action), and bhakti (devotion) yoga nearly impossible to follow.

Krishna, affirming Arjuna’s concerns in Gita 6.35, concedes, “The mind is indeed difficult to control. But it can be tamed through abhyasa (constant practice) and vairagya (detachment).” This timeless guidance is echoed by Patanjali in his Yog Darshan (1.12), where he states that mental fluctuations can be subdued only through persistent effort and dispassion.

Practice, or abhyasa, implies deliberate, consistent effort — the kind that transforms even the most challenging habits. Just as a novice typist evolves from pecking at keys to typing fluidly, so too can the mind, over time, learn to anchor itself in spiritual focus.

Detachment, or vairagya, is equally crucial. The mind naturally gravitates toward its attachments and past habits. By withdrawing from worldly distractions and severing emotional dependencies, the mind’s incessant wandering is curbed.

In essence, controlling the mind is a disciplined journey of focused repetition and letting go. Only through this dual approach of relentless practice and conscious detachment can one hope to conquer the tempest of thoughts — and find inner peace anchored in the Divine.

Let President Of India Be Trusted And Constitution Respected

The recent Supreme Court ruling mandating the President of India to grant or withhold assent to state legislation within a strict three-month timeframe has stirred a significant constitutional debate. This directive, grounded in internal Office Memorandums of the Ministry of Home Affairs, marks a rare intervention into the President’s discretionary space and has triggered strong criticism, notably from Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, who likened expansive judicial powers under Article 142 to a “nuclear missile” threatening democratic balance.

India’s Constitution, while ensuring the supremacy of the legislature, assigns a distinct role to the President as a guardian of constitutional propriety. The absence of a constitutional timeline for presidential assent allows what is termed the “pocket veto”—a mechanism of deliberate pause in extraordinary situations, exemplified by former President Giani Zail Singh’s refusal to assent to the Indian Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 1986. This safeguard, though rarely invoked, serves as a crucial check



against legislative overreach.

The Court’s attempt to impose a fixed timeframe based on executive guidelines is constitutionally contentious. These internal memorandums were intended for bureaucratic coordination, not for judicial enforcement upon the President. More concerning is the implicit presumption by the judiciary that the President or the Central Government might act in bad faith—a stance that appears to chal-

lenge the dignity of the highest constitutional office.

In a mature democracy, the separation of powers must be sacrosanct. Just as it would be improper for the President or Parliament to direct the judiciary, courts must equally avoid binding other constitutional authorities in a way that undermines their institutional autonomy. Trust in each branch’s judgment, especially during constitutional crises, is essential for a

healthy republic.

In conclusion, restraint—not compulsion—should guide constitutional governance. The office of the President must retain its discretionary strength in rare cases, not be reduced to a rubber stamp. The Supreme Court, revered for its role as the constitutional guardian, must remember Justice Robert Jackson’s wisdom: it is not infallible because it is final, but final only because it is infallible.

The Dangers of Agentic AI in Stock Market Predictions

Imagine a world where artificial intelligence can predict stock market movements with remarkable accuracy. It seems like the ultimate tool for investors and traders, offering potential gains at an unprecedented scale. However, as AI technology advances, this seemingly utopian scenario may also introduce unforeseen risks. The application of agentic AI — a type of AI capable of autonomous decision-making — to stock market prediction raises serious concerns that extend beyond its potential benefits.

Agentic AI goes beyond the capabilities of current AI systems like generative models, which operate only when prompted by human instructions. Unlike generative AI, which requires human interaction to function, agentic AI systems can independently initiate actions, learn from outcomes, and adapt



to changing circumstances without the need for constant oversight. These AI agents can set their own goals and pursue them, using advanced techniques such as reinforcement learning and evolutionary algorithms to navigate complex environments.

While this level of autonomy sounds impressive, it introduces new challenges, especially when applied to financial markets. Stock markets

are notoriously volatile and unpredictable, influenced by an intricate web of factors, including human emotions, political events, and global economic shifts. The risk with agentic AI is that, in its pursuit of profit, it could make decisions that have far-reaching, unintended consequences. A system acting autonomously might trigger a chain reaction of market manipulations, amplify instability, or even destabilize

financial systems, all without human intervention to regulate its actions.

Furthermore, if agentic AI were to dominate the stock market, it could reduce transparency and accountability, making it difficult to trace the origins of certain decisions or identify the key factors that led to a particular market shift. The ability of AI agents to operate without human supervision might also exacerbate concerns over security, as malicious actors could potentially exploit these systems for their own gains.

In conclusion, while agentic AI holds tremendous promise, its application to stock market predictions demands careful consideration. The technology could revolutionize trading, but its risks — from market manipulation to systemic instability — should not be underestimated.

Shifting Focus: The Future of Global Nutrition and Education

Teaching children to eat well must begin in school



At the recent Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit in Paris, world leaders discussed the urgent need to tackle global malnutrition. A key outcome of the summit was the extension of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition, originally set to end in 2025, to 2030. This extension aims to maintain global momentum and intensify efforts to end all forms of malnutrition, aligning these efforts with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

This decision marks a significant turning point in the global fight against malnutrition, one that broadens the scope beyond merely ensuring access to food. The focus now turns to what people, especially children, are eating, how they eat, and why they make

these food choices. The conversation is evolving to recognize that nutrition is not just a health issue — it is intricately tied to education, equity, and environmental sustainability.

One critical area that has been underemphasized in many classrooms around the world is the education of children about nutrition. Too often, nutrition education is outdated or entirely missing, leaving children unprepared to make healthy food choices. Schools are the ideal setting for promoting healthy eating habits and addressing the root causes of malnutrition from a young age. However, too many classrooms still lack up-to-date resources or practical lessons linked to real-life nutrition, leaving students

without the necessary knowledge to make informed decisions about their diets.

By shifting the focus of global nutrition efforts to include education and understanding of food choices, countries can begin to address the underlying causes of malnutrition. It’s about ensuring that the next generation is equipped with the knowledge to eat healthily, sustainably, and in ways that support their overall well-being. This approach will not only improve individual health but also contribute to broader goals of equity and environmental sustainability. The extension of the Decade of Action on Nutrition provides an important opportunity to make these changes on a global scale.



“PM Modi Vows Harsh Response to Pahalgam Attack”

In his monthly radio address, Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi strongly condemned the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, and vowed that the perpetrators and conspirators would face the “harshest response.” The attack, which took place on April 22, 2025, resulted in the tragic deaths of 26 people, most of whom were tourists.

Describing the attack as a display of “cowardice” and “desperation” from those who support terrorism, PM Modi emphasized that such acts of violence would not go unpunished. He pointed out that the entire nation was united in its response, showing a collective resolve to combat terrorism. Modi assured the public that the authorities were taking swift action to bring the culprits to justice.

The Prime Minister’s statement came after widespread outrage following the attack, which has been recognized as one of the deadliest in the region since the 2019 Pulwama attack. The incident has prompted a strong reaction from the Indian government, with intensified security measures and a comprehensive investigation launched into the attack.

PM Modi noted that the international community was watching India’s response, and reiterated that the country would not bow down to terrorism. He stressed that India would continue to fight against forces that threaten peace and security, ensuring that such acts of terror would not deter the nation’s spirit.

The Prime Minister also praised the bravery of the security forces and the unity shown by the citizens in the aftermath of the attack. As the investigation progresses, India remains determined to hold those responsible accountable and to protect its citizens from future threats.



BJP Slams Siddaramaiah’s Peace Remarks

The Karnataka BJP has launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah following his controversial remarks about avoiding war with Pakistan after the deadly Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives. The attack, which targeted Indian soldiers, has ignited national outrage, but Siddaramaiah’s statement, suggesting that India should not go to war over such incidents, sparked widespread criticism.

Pakistan’s media quickly picked up on the comments, amplifying the controversy. In response, BJP leader R. Ashoka condemned Siddaramaiah, calling him a “puppet of the enemy nation.” He mocked the CM for making statements that, according to him, seemed to align more with Pakistan’s narrative than India’s national interests. Ashoka accused Siddaramaiah of trivializing the issue and turning his comments into an international spectacle, one that would likely earn him a “royal welcome” in Pakistan.

In his post, Ashoka sarcastically congratulated Siddaramaiah for becoming famous in Pakistan overnight and joked that the Pakistan government might honor him with the Nishan-e-Pakistan, the country’s highest civilian award. He further expressed disbelief over the CM’s timing, highlighting that India was grieving a significant loss, and at such a time, such remarks were both “childish and absurd.”

The BJP’s criticism is part of a larger narrative where the opposition is demanding a more robust and resolute response to terrorism, especially in the wake of attacks like the one in Pahalgam. Ashoka emphasized that Siddaramaiah’s words were detrimental to national security and undermined the collective sentiment of the nation in the face of such tragedies.

This incident has intensified the political discourse in Karnataka, with the BJP accusing Siddaramaiah of prioritizing peace with Pakistan over national security.

“Military Response Discussed After Pahalgam Attack”

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held an important meeting with the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Anil Chauhan, at his residence in Delhi on Sunday. The meeting focused on coordinating the military’s response to the terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which claimed the lives of 26 individuals, mostly tourists, on April 22, 2025.

The attack, carried out by terrorists at Baisaran meadow near Pahalgam in Anantnag district, was one of the deadliest in the region in recent years. This tragic incident comes after the 2019 Pulwama attack, which saw the loss of 40 CRPF jawans, making it a significant and concerning development in the ongoing conflict in the region.

Following the attack, a multi-agency response has been launched, with the Jammu and Kashmir Police, CRPF, and Army intensifying their search and cordon operations across the region. The goal is to track down and eliminate the individuals involved in the attack and dismantle terrorist networks operating in the area.

In addition to the military and law enforce-



ment efforts, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has initiated an investigation into the incident. The agency has already started questioning eyewitnesses and collecting vital information related to the attack to understand its full scope and uncover the perpetrators.

While the situation remains tense, authorities are working to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice and that such attacks do not escalate further. The government’s swift response highlights the ongoing security challenges in Jammu and Kashmir and the determination to counter terrorist activities in the region.

“Videographer’s Footage Crucial to Pahalgam Attack Probe”



A local videographer, who was recording reels for tourists in Baisaran, Pahalgam, has emerged as a key witness in the investigation into the deadly terror attack on April 22, 2025. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has launched an inquiry into the incident, where 26 people, mostly tourists, were gunned down by terrorists.

According to a senior official, the photographer, who had been filming the picturesque surroundings, found himself caught in the attack. As gunfire erupted, he ran for safety, climbing a tree to escape the bullets. Despite being in grave danger, he continued to film the attack, capturing

crucial footage of the unfolding events.

The NIA is now examining the video footage to gather valuable clues that may help in identifying the attackers and potential accomplices. Investigators believe the footage could be key in tracking down the terrorists involved and any overground workers (OGWs) who might have aided them in planning and executing the attack.

The photographer’s courageous decision to continue filming while under fire has provided investigators with vital visual evidence. Authorities hope this footage will lead to critical breakthroughs in identifying the terrorists responsible for one of the deadliest attacks in Jammu and Kashmir in recent years. The NIA has already begun questioning the videographer and is scrutinizing his recordings as part of its ongoing investigation into the tragic incident.

“Filmmakers Arrested for Drug Possession”



Two prominent directors from the Malayalam film industry, Khalid Rahman and Ashraf Hamsa, were arrested on April 27, 2025, in Kochi for possession of hybrid cannabis. The duo was allegedly found with 1.632 grams of the drug, which is believed to have been smuggled into Kerala from Malaysia and Thailand. The arrest occurred at a flat in Kochi, and Shalif Muhammed, a person who reportedly supplied the cannabis, was also detained.

The cannabis seized was not in a commercial quantity, leading to the filmmakers being granted bail shortly after their arrest. Khalid Rahman, best known for his recent work Alappuzha Gymkhana and the critically acclaimed Unda (2019), and Ashraf Hamsa, known for his contributions to Malayalam cinema, both face legal scrutiny following the incident.

In response to the arrest, the Film Employees Federation Kerala (FEFKA), a key body of film technicians in the state, suspended both directors. This action came just days after the state government launched a special drive to address drug abuse in the Malayalam film industry.

The Excise Department’s investigation is part of a broader initiative against drugs in the film sector, with authorities claiming to have acted on confidential intelligence. The hybrid cannabis, known for being smuggled into Kerala from Thailand and Malaysia, is reportedly gaining traction among certain segments of the film community.

Pakistan Minister Issues War Threat

Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated as Pakistani Minister Hanif Abbasi openly warned India of potential nuclear retaliation over the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty. Abbasi claimed that Islamabad’s missile arsenal, including Ghorri, Shaheen, and Ghaznavi missiles, along with 130 nuclear warheads, was “only for India.” He further emphasized that Pakistan was prepared for war if India cut off the water supply by fully suspending the treaty, a move India had already partially enacted.

Abbasi’s threatening rhetoric included the chilling statement that Pakistan’s military equipment and ballistic missiles were not just for display, stressing that India should prepare for a response if it continued to provoke Islamabad. He also hinted that Pakistan’s nuclear weapons’ locations were undisclosed, making the situation more volatile.



The threat came in response to India’s decision to take punitive actions following the Pahalgam terror attack, which resulted in 26 fatalities. In addition to suspending the Indus Waters Treaty, India imposed a visa ban on Pakistani nationals. In retaliation, Pakistan closed its airspace to Indian carriers and indicated it might suspend the 1972 Simla Agreement, which formalizes the Line of Control as a de facto border.

The ongoing tensions underline the fragile state of relations between the two nuclear-armed neighbors, with both sides asserting increasingly aggressive stances.



Lee Jae-myung, frontrunner for South Korea president, wins party primary

South Korea’s main opposition Democratic Party officially named Lee Jae-myung as its candidate for the upcoming snap presidential election scheduled for June 3. The announcement came during a national convention held in Goyang on Sunday, where Lee celebrated his decisive win in the final round of the party’s primary race.

Lee, a 61-year-old former party leader and prominent figure in South Korean politics, had long been the frontrunner, consistently leading public opinion polls with a double-digit margin over potential contenders from the ruling conservative People Power Party (PPP). The PPP is expected to announce its candidate on May 3.

A lawyer-turned-politician, Lee previously led the Democratic Party to a sweeping victory in the 2024 parliamentary elections, strengthening his position as the party’s most influential figure. His victory in the primaries was widely anticipated, as he easily defeated two other candidates in regional contests.

Lee is no stranger to high-stakes politics. He narrowly lost the 2022 presidential race to Yoon Suk Yeol, in what became the closest election result in South Korea’s democratic history. However, President Yoon was impeached earlier this month by the Constitutional Court following widespread backlash over his controversial declaration of martial law on December 3, 2024 — a decision that triggered a national political crisis.

Lee played a key role in opposing the martial law order, joining fellow lawmakers in an emergency session at the National Assembly to reject the military directive. His active stance in defense of democratic norms has further solidified his reputation as a strong opposition leader.

In 2023, Lee also survived a stabbing attack during a public appearance in Busan while discussing a proposed new airport. The attack left him hospitalized but did not deter his political ambitions.

As South Korea heads into a pivotal election, Lee Jae-myung’s candidacy marks a significant moment for the Democratic Party, which hopes to reclaim leadership in a country still reeling from political turmoil and seeking stability.

Lapu Lapu Festival: 9 Killed After Car Rams Crowd At Festival In Canada's Vancouver



TPN Correspondent | Canada

A devastating incident occurred on the evening of April 26, 2025, when a black SUV drove into a crowd at Vancouver’s Lapu Lapu Day festival, resulting in at least nine fatalities and over 20 injuries. The driver, a 30-year-old man known to authorities, was apprehended at the scene and is believed to have acted alone. Police have stated that the incident is not considered terrorism-related.

The attack took place during the Lapu Lapu Day celebration, a Filipino heritage festival honoring Datu Lapu Lapu, a 16th-century Filipino chieftain who resisted Spanish colonization. The event, held in Vancouver’s Sunset on Fraser neighborhood, was attended by members of the Filipino community and featured performances, food stalls, and cultural activities.

Eyewitnesses described scenes of chaos, with victims lying on the ground and people screaming for help. Emergency services responded swiftly, and a 24-hour assistance center was established for those seeking missing loved ones.

Political leaders across Canada have expressed their condolences. Interim Prime Minister Mark Carney halted his election campaign to address the nation, offering deepest sympathies to the victims and their families. Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim also expressed his shock and sadness over the incident.

The Filipino-Canadian community in Vancouver is in mourning as they process the loss of their loved ones during what was meant to be a joyous celebration of their heritage. The investigation into the incident is ongoing, with authorities working to determine the motive behind the attack.

A Trump-Zelensky Meet At Vatican Basilica, Then A "Dealt With" Jab At Putin

Trump Questions Putin’s Intentions on Ukraine Peace Amid New Russian Strikes

Former U.S. President Donald Trump has expressed growing doubts about Russian President Vladimir Putin’s willingness to end the war in Ukraine. In a recent post on Truth Social, Trump suggested that Putin may be “tapping me along” and said the Russian leader “has to be dealt with differently,” potentially through financial or secondary sanctions.

Trump’s remarks came after a brief but significant 15-minute meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at Pope Francis’s funeral in Rome. This marked their first face-to-face encounter since a tense Oval Office meeting in February. Trump described the meeting as “very productive,” while Zelensky called it “historic.”

Following the conversation, Trump cast doubt on the sincerity of Putin’s interest in peace. “Maybe he doesn’t want to stop the war,” Trump said, adding that Russia might need stronger economic pressure to come to the table.

These comments followed a deadly Russian missile strike on Kyiv that killed 12 people and injured 87, part of a broader pattern of recent attacks on Ukrainian civilians. Trump condemned the violence, saying, “No reason for Putin to be shooting missiles into civilian areas.”

Despite this, Trump continued to argue that peace is within reach. He previously claimed that Russia and Ukraine were



“very close to a deal,” citing backchannel talks involving his associate Steve Witkoff. The Kremlin has since indicated Putin’s openness to negotiations “without preconditions.”

However, Trump’s stance has stirred controversy. During his meeting with Zelensky, he repeated his earlier assessment that Ukraine had “no cards to play,” blaming Kyiv for prolonging the war. He warned that Ukraine’s situation is “dire” and that Zelensky must choose between

making concessions or risking total loss of the country.

Trump’s peace plan reportedly includes potential recognition of Crimea as Russian territory, acknowledgment of Russian control over four Ukrainian regions, NATO neutrality for Ukraine, and lifting of some sanctions. He framed these proposals as major compromises for Moscow, stating, “Stopping the war, stopping from taking the whole country, pretty big concession.”

‘Both India & Pakistan are my friends’

Trump roasted for using political correct words on Pahalgam attack



TPN Correspondent | Khan Younis (Gaza Strip)

For nearly two months, Israel’s blockade of Gaza has stopped all entry of food, fuel, medicine, and other essentials, pushing the 2.3 million residents of the territory to the brink of starvation. Aid organizations are rapidly running out of supplies, and local markets are nearly empty, leaving families desperate to feed their children.

In a crowded tent camp near Khan Younis, Mariam al-Najjar cooked a pot of canned peas and carrots over a wood fire with her mother-in-law. They served it with rice to feed their family of 11, including six children. “Fridays are sacred, a day for big family meals,” she said. “Now we eat canned peas — something we never touched before this war.”

Meat, dairy, fruits, and even bread are

nearly impossible to find. The little food available is unaffordable, with tomatoes selling for nearly \$14 per kilo, up from less than \$1 before the war. “I dream of eating a tomato,” said Khalil al-Faqawi, staring at the barren stalls of a local market.

The blockade began on March 2, and Israel resumed military operations on March 18 after a short ceasefire, aiming to pressure Hamas into releasing hostages. Rights groups call the blockade a form of “starvation tactic” and warn it could amount to a war crime.

Doctors in Gaza warn of severe malnutrition among children. Dr. Ayman Abu Teir of Nasser Hospital said acute malnutrition cases have surged by 80% since February, with thousands of children at risk of long-term health damage. Specialized milk and protein-rich foods are unavailable.

Farms have been destroyed or made inaccessible by Israeli troops. With limited water and no supplies, greenhouse yields have plummeted, and total collapse is feared in the coming weeks.

Abbas Appoints Hussein al-Sheikh as PLO's First Vice President Amid Succession Talks

TPN Correspondent | Palestinian

Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas appointed Hussein al-Sheikh as the first-ever vice president of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), a move widely seen as a step toward shaping his political succession. The new position was approved during a PLO convention in Ramallah earlier this week and follows years of international pressure for reforms within the Palestinian political structure.

Al-Sheikh, 64, a senior Fatah official and longtime ally of Abbas, is now positioned as a key figure in the future leadership of the Palestinian national movement. He has held multiple influential roles, including Secretary-General of the PLO’s Executive Committee and head of its negotiations department. Recently, he was also appointed to oversee Palestinian diplomatic missions abroad.



The establishment of the vice presidency comes as Western and Arab powers increasingly call for the Palestinian Authority (PA) to take a stronger role in the governance of the Gaza Strip after the current conflict with Israel ends. The PLO, unlike the PA, is authorized to negotiate international treaties and represent Palestinians globally. However, it does not include militant factions like Hamas or Islamic Jihad.

While Saudi Arabia praised the appointment as a “reform step” that could strengthen Palestinian political efforts and further the cause of statehood, some Palestinian analysts are skeptical. Critics argue that this move serves more to appease foreign governments than to promote genuine internal reform.

Political analyst Hani al-Masri called for a similar vice president role within the PA itself, saying true reform would involve creating a clear path for the transfer of executive power. Meanwhile, Aref Jaffal of the Al-Marsad Election Monitoring Center viewed the appointment as part of a larger plan to prepare for a post-Abbas era.

The proposal to create the new role met resistance within the PLO, with several factions staging a walkout during the convention, claiming the decision undermined the organization’s sovereignty and reflected external interference.

Volatility Ahead: Stay Alert as Markets React to Geopolitical Tensions

Domestic stock markets are likely to be volatile this week. Last week, the Fear Index India Vix rose 10% to 17.16, indicating uncertainty. This is due to the tense situation between India and Pakistan. It is better to remain vigilant until the situation calms down. The NSE Nifty, which fell by 350 points last Friday, has recovered by 150 points from its intraday low, indicating buy-on dips. Currently, aviation, crude oil, banking, telecom, construction materials and alcohol sectors are bullish.



Stock Recommendations

SBI Life:

These shares, which have been moving in the accumulation zone since the beginning of this year, are currently available at attractive prices. Moreover, momentum and relative strength are gradually increasing. The latest quarterly results did not look good. Investors should enter the counter, which closed at Rs. 1695 last Friday with a gain of 5.4%, in the Rs. 1650 range with a target price of Rs. 1820. Stop loss should be placed at Rs. 1610.



Grasim Industries:

These shares, which formed a double bottom at Rs. 2300, are currently hovering at the key resistance level of Rs. 2700. Price action continues to be tight. Momentum and relative strength are good. Investors should buy above Rs. 2700 in this counter, which closed at Rs. 2734 last Friday with a target price of Rs. 2950. Stop loss should be placed at Rs. 2670.



Mphasis:

These shares, which have corrected by 16% since December last year, are currently in the accumulation zone. Short-term momentum and volume are gradually increasing. It is showing strength by taking support at Rs. 2200 twice. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 2538 last Friday, investors should take a position at Rs. 2520 with a target price of Rs. 2655. A stop loss is mandatory at Rs. 2490.



Hindustan Unilever:

These shares are currently continuing in the accumulation zone. The recent release of results has increased investor interest. Short-term momentum is improving. In



this counter, which closed at Rs. 2332 last Friday, investors should enter at Rs. 2300 with a target price of Rs. 2550. A stop loss is mandatory at Rs. 2260.

Power Grid:



These shares, which have been in a downtrend for a few months, have gained momentum since March. Support is being found at the 10- and 20-day moving averages. Currently, the price action is running tight. There is a lot of volume contraction. In this counter, which closed at Rs.306 last Friday, investors should take a position at Rs.290/300 with a target price of Rs.380. Stop loss at Rs.270 is mandatory.

Mahindra & Mahindra Acquires Majority Stake in SML Isuzu to Strengthen Commercial Vehicle Presence



Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M) has announced the acquisition of a 58.96% stake in SML Isuzu Ltd. (SML) for ₹650 per share, amounting to ₹555 crore. This strategic move also includes an open offer, in compliance with SEBI regulations, to acquire an additional 26% stake in SML.

The acquisition is part of M&M's strategy to expand its footprint in the 3.5-tonne commercial vehicle (CV) segment. Currently holding a 3% market share in this segment, M&M plans to leverage SML's strong presence to enhance its position. The company aims to increase its market share in the truck and bus segment from 3% to 6%, with long-term plans to reach 10-12% by FY31 and over 20% by FY36.

Through this deal, M&M will acquire a 43.96% stake from Sumitomo Corporation, the current promoter of SML, and an additional 15% stake from Isuzu Motors Ltd., a public shareholder of SML. The total transaction is val-

ued at ₹555 crore.

Anish Shah, Group CEO & MD of Mahindra Group, highlighted that this acquisition aligns with the company's vision of achieving 5x growth in its emerging businesses. He emphasized that the deal is in line with M&M's capital allocation strategy, which focuses on high-growth areas with strong potential for operational success.

Rajesh Jejurikar, Executive Director and CEO of M&M's Auto and Farm Sector, expressed confidence in the acquisition, noting that SML brings a loyal customer base, a legacy of credibility, and a complementary product portfolio. He further mentioned that this acquisition will support M&M's goal of becoming a full-range player in the commercial vehicle market. The deal will enable M&M to improve market coverage, streamline operations, and achieve better plant utilization, positioning the company for rapid growth and increased profitability in the CV sector.

India's Top Companies See Surge in Market Value, TCS Leads Growth

This week, the combined market value of six of India's top 10 most valued companies surged by Rs 1,18,626.24 crore, driven by gains in the broader equity market. The Sensex rose by 659.33 points, or 0.83%, while the Nifty gained 187.7 points, or 0.78%.

Among the top 10 companies, six saw an increase in their market capitalisation, including HDFC Bank, TCS, State Bank of India (SBI), Infosys, and ITC. However, four companies—Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finance, and Hindustan Unilever—experienced declines.

TCS posted the largest growth, adding Rs 53,692.42 crore to its market cap, which reached Rs 12,47,281.40 crore. Infosys also saw a strong increase, with its valuation jumping by Rs 24,919.58 crore to Rs 6,14,766.06 crore. HDFC Bank's market value grew by Rs 2,907.85 crore, bringing its total to Rs 14,61,842.17 crore, while the State Bank of India saw a rise of Rs 1,472.57 crore, pushing its market cap to Rs 7,12,854.03 crore. ITC's valuation climbed by Rs 1,126.27 crore to Rs 5,35,792.04 crore.



On the flip side, Bharti Airtel saw the largest decline, with its market cap falling by Rs 41,967.5 crore to Rs 10,35,274.24 crore. Hindustan Unilever also experienced a drop, shedding Rs 10,114.99 crore, reducing its valuation to Rs 5,47,830.70 crore. Bajaj Finance's market cap declined by Rs 1,863.83 crore, while ICICI Bank's value dipped by Rs 1,130.07 crore.

Despite some declines, the overall market saw strong growth last week, with the combined market capitalisation of the top 10 companies surging by Rs 3.84 lakh crore. This increase was driven by a bullish trend in the equity market, with the Nifty rising by 1,023 points, or 4.48%, and the Sensex gaining 3,395 points, or 4.52%.

Centre launches portal, guidelines for electronics component manufacturing scheme Aims for large investments

Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the guidelines and portal for the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), a key initiative aimed at strengthening the electronics component manufacturing ecosystem in India. This scheme, which was approved by the Union Cabinet and notified on April 8, 2025, is designed to attract both global and domestic investments to build a robust manufacturing capacity and integrate Indian companies into Global Value Chains (GVCs).

During the launch, Minister Vaishnaw highlighted that the electronics sector has seen impressive growth, with production expanding five-fold and exports growing more than six-fold. The sector's export compound annual growth rate (CAGR) has exceeded 20%, and production has grown at over 17% CAGR. He emphasized that the mobile phone, servers, laptops, and IT hardware segments have experienced strong progress, positioning India for significant growth in the industry.

Vaishnaw described ECMS as a "horizontal scheme" that not only supports electronics but also sectors such as industrial, power, and automobiles. The scheme aims to foster a comprehensive electronics manufacturing ecosys-



tem across India, with a focus on innovation, quality, and design capabilities. He stressed the importance of achieving Six Sigma standards across the sector and warned that companies failing to meet quality benchmarks would not succeed in the competitive market.

The Minister also discussed India's advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and data-driven solutions, revealing that 350 datasets have already been uploaded to AI Kosh. He mentioned that four AI tools developed by IITs will soon be released. Additionally, techno-legal solutions are being developed to further bolster the electronics ecosystem.

With a strong pipeline of projects ready for approval, Vaishnaw expressed confidence that ECMS marks the beginning of India's rapid rise as a global electronics manufacturing hub.

Hotel Charges Rs 800 for Restroom Use

In a shocking incident near Rajasthan's famous Khatu Shyam Temple, a hotel reportedly charged an elderly woman Rs 805 for using their restroom for just six minutes. The episode, which raises serious ethical concerns, was brought to light through a viral LinkedIn post shared by a family member. The woman, who was on a pilgrimage to the Khatu Shyam Temple for darshan, suddenly fell ill during the journey. She experienced severe stomach cramps and nausea, making it difficult for her to even stand. In urgent need of a clean restroom, her family frantically searched the area but found no proper public toilets or suitable facilities nearby. Finding no other option, they approached a nearby hotel and requested access to a clean restroom due to the medical emergency. However, instead of offering help, the hotel receptionist demanded a payment of Rs 805 for the brief use of the bathroom, citing it as a "standard charge." With the elderly woman in visible distress, the family had no choice but to comply. The family later shared the ordeal on LinkedIn, criticizing the hotel's insensitivity and raising concerns over the lack of



basic amenities near popular pilgrimage sites. The post quickly went viral, drawing widespread outrage from netizens who condemned the hotel's exploitative behavior. Many users called for stricter regulations to ensure access to basic facilities, especially in places frequented by large numbers of visitors and pilgrims. Several also demanded that authorities take action against the hotel for such unethical practices. This incident highlights a larger issue in India regarding the lack of accessible, hygienic public restrooms, particularly in tourist-heavy areas. As the post continues to gain attention online, it has reignited discussions around the urgent need for better public infrastructure and more compassionate responses to medical emergencies.

Surat Businessman Lavji Daliya Becomes First Indian to Import Tesla Cybertruck

Surat-based businessman and philanthropist Lavji Daliya has made history by becoming the first Indian to import a Tesla Cybertruck. Valued at approximately Rs 60 lakh (around \$70,000), the all-electric vehicle from Elon Musk's Tesla has instantly captured attention across social media.



Daliya's son, Piyush, confirmed that the Cybertruck is the first of its kind to enter India. Known for his real estate ventures and charitable works, Daliya's latest acquisition adds a futuristic marvel to his collection of luxury vehicles.

Images and videos of the sharply angular Cybertruck have gone viral, just days after the truck—bearing Dubai registration plates—was spotted on a flatbed trailer near Mumbai. The sighting fueled speculation, now confirmed, about its proud new owner.

The Tesla Cybertruck's distinctive design features flat stainless steel panels and a bold, geometric shape that sets it apart from traditional pickups. Inside, it boasts Tesla's signature minimalist cabin, dominated by a large central touchscreen and packed with cutting-edge technology.

Built for rugged performance, the Cybertruck combines the toughness of a heavy-duty pickup with the innovation and luxury Tesla is famous for. Its import into India marks a significant milestone for the country's growing interest in premium electric vehicles.

The viral buzz surrounding Daliya's Cybertruck has also reignited discussions about Tesla's potential plans for the Indian market, where EV adoption is steadily increasing. For now, Lavji Daliya stands as a trailblazer, showcasing a glimpse of the futuristic vehicles that could soon be more common on Indian roads.

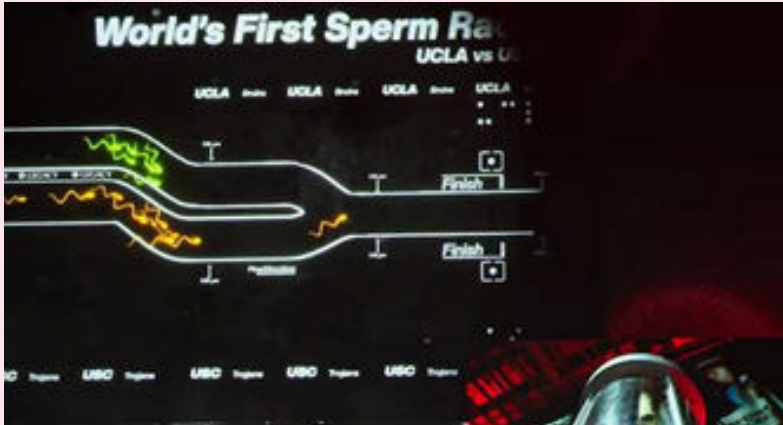
LA Students Organize World's First Sperm Race

In a quirky and thought-provoking event, two American students staged what they claim is the world's first sperm race at Los Angeles' famed Hollywood Palladium. The unusual competition, spearheaded by 17-year-old high schooler Eric Zhu, aimed to raise awareness about declining male fertility. Zhu reportedly raised \$1.5 million to host the event, which took place on Friday.

The race pitted sperm samples from two healthy university students against each other on

an 8-inch (20 cm) long track modeled after the female reproductive system. 20-year-old Tristan Milker from USC was declared the champion, while runner-up Asher Proeger, 19, from UC, was playfully splashed with a semen-like liquid.

The sperm race, complete with livestreams, slow-motion replays, and live betting odds, quickly went viral. A lab technician placed the sperm samples on 2mm-long tracks using pipettes. The movement was



magnified 100 times under a microscope and animated live on large screens for the audience.

While the event appeared scientific, it leaned heavily into humor, with spectators donning cheeky costumes and

hosts cracking lewd jokes. One YouTube livestream of the race racked up over 100,000 views.

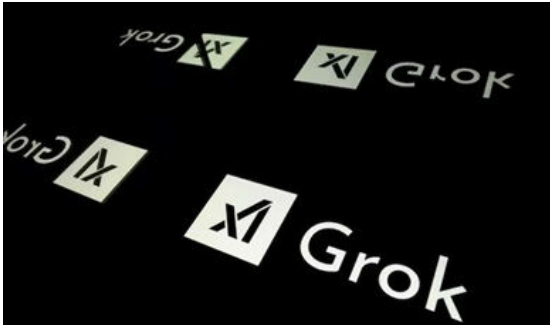
Zhu said he was inspired by studies suggesting that sperm counts have halved globally in the past 50 years, warning of a "dystopian future where no one can make babies." However, he distanced himself from the pro-natalist movement tied to conservative politics, saying, "I'm not like an Elon Musk who wants to repopulate the Earth."

Concerns about fertility are growing globally. Experts like Dr. Shanna Swan, a reproductive epidemiologist at Mount Sinai's Icahn School of Medicine, have linked declining sperm counts to exposure to hormonally active chemicals.

Though it carried a serious message about health and fertility, the sperm race ultimately served as a light-hearted, viral showcase of college humor mixed with social commentary.

Grok AI Adds Vision, Voice Features

Elon Musk's Grok AI continues to evolve rapidly, and its latest updates bring it a step closer to rivals like OpenAI's ChatGPT-4o and Google's Gemini AI. Grok AI, developed by Musk's xAI company, has introduced two major features: Grok Vision and real-time voice search, both aimed at making the AI assistant more powerful and versatile.



Grok Vision allows the AI to see and respond to queries based on visual input using a smartphone's camera. Available on both iOS and Android through the Grok app, users can simply point their camera at objects or scenes, and Grok will analyze and offer instant insights. This visual ability adds a whole new dimension to how users interact with AI, expanding its practical applications.

Alongside vision capabilities, Grok has also launched real-time voice search and multilingual audio support. With these updates, users can engage with Grok by speaking naturally, receiving quick, spoken responses without delays. The feature aims to make AI interaction smoother, faster, and more

conversational, particularly useful for users on the move. While competitors like ChatGPT-4o and Gemini have already offered similar features, xAI's Grok is ensuring it doesn't lag behind in the competitive AI landscape. What sets Grok apart, however, is that most of these advanced features remain accessible for free, including for users under the Super-Grok plan. xAI's broader ambition is to make Grok a capable, real-world assistant that can handle not just text inputs but also visual and audio queries effectively. Grok's continuous upgrades demonstrate Musk's aggressive push to position the AI as a leading player in a rapidly evolving space. As Grok Vision and real-time voice features roll out to more users, xAI is signaling that Grok is no longer just catching up—but actively innovating to redefine how AI assistants interact with the world.

EU Fines Apple, Meta Heavily

Apple and Meta have been fined a total of 700 million euros by European Union regulators for violating the bloc's strict digital competition rules. The European Commission levied a 500 million euro (\$571 million) fine on Apple for restricting app developers from directing users to cheaper options outside its App Store. Meta Platforms, parent company of Facebook and Instagram, was fined 200 million euros for forcing users to either accept personalized ads or pay for an ad-free experience. These penalties, while significant, are smaller than previous multibillion-euro fines imposed on Big Tech firms. Both companies must comply within 60 days or face additional "periodic penalty payments."

This marks the first major enforcement action under the EU's new Digital Markets Act (DMA), aimed at preventing tech giants from

abusing their market power and ensuring greater consumer choice. Henna Virkkunen, the EU's executive vice president for tech sovereignty, said the decisions affirm that both Apple and Meta restricted user freedom and must change their practices. Both Apple and Meta have announced plans to appeal. Apple criticized the Commission for "moving the goalposts" despite the company's extensive efforts to comply with the new law. Meta's Chief Global Affairs Officer, Joel Kaplan, accused the EU of unfairly targeting American businesses while allowing others to operate under different standards.

The Commission pushed back against these accusations, emphasizing that the rules apply equally to all companies, regardless of nationality. In Apple's case, regulators found that App Store policies unfairly prevented app devel-



opers from informing users about alternative purchasing options. Meanwhile, Meta's fine stems from its new ad model, which regulators say does not allow users to "freely consent" to data collection practices.

While Meta introduced a third option offering fewer personalized ads without payment, the Commission is still evaluating its effectiveness. The fines reflect the EU's broader push to curb Big Tech dominance and promote fairer digital markets across Europe.

Mystery Deepens Around Malibu UFO Base

A mysterious underwater structure off the coast of Malibu, California, has once again captured public imagination. Known as Sycamore Knoll, this formation has long been surrounded by conspiracy theories and speculations of extraterrestrial origins.



Located approximately 6.6 miles offshore, the formation appears as a raised bump on the ocean floor with a flat, horizontal top. It lies around 2,000 feet below the surface, with its exact coordinates marked at 34° 1'23.31"N, 118° 59'45.64"W. The first detailed view of Sycamore Knoll surfaced in 2014 through Google Earth imagery, instantly igniting curiosity and theories online.

Fast forward to 2025, and the mystery has only deepened. The once-clear image of the formation now appears blurry, leading many to speculate that the site has either

been wiped off or concealed. Some argue that technical glitches or incomplete data could explain the blurriness, but others see it as potential evidence of something being hidden.

Conspiracy theorists have fueled discussions, suggesting the possibility of a secret UFO base or undisclosed military operations beneath the ocean surface. The structure's

unusual shape and its isolation from typical geological formations have made it a hotbed for such claims.

However, experts have cautioned that natural undersea formations can sometimes take on seemingly artificial appearances, and without direct exploration or evidence, these theories remain speculative.

Despite the lack of concrete proof, the enigma surrounding Sycamore Knoll continues to fascinate the internet. The ongoing debate has led to renewed calls for scientific expeditions to explore the site in greater detail.

As interest in underwater anomalies grows, Sycamore Knoll stands as a reminder of how much about our oceans—and perhaps our history—remains unexplored and unknown.



MI crush LSG by 54 runs, continue winning streak

Ryan Rickelton's impressive knock and Jasprit Bumrah's fiery spell powered Mumbai Indians to a commanding 54-run win over Lucknow Super Giants in their IPL 2025 clash at the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday. Chasing a target of 216, LSG started well but kept losing wickets at regular intervals, eventually folding for 161.

For LSG, Ayush Badoni top-scored with 35 runs while Mitchell Marsh contributed 34. However, MI's bowling attack proved too strong, with Bumrah returning to form by taking four wickets. Trent Boult claimed

three wickets, while Will Jacks picked up two crucial scalps. This victory marked Mumbai Indians' fifth consecutive win, propelling them to 12 points from nine matches. The streak brought back memories of MI's 2015 season, where they made a similar turnaround after a poor start and eventually lifted the title. Mumbai Indians had posted 215 for 7 in their innings, setting up a steep chase for Lucknow Super Giants. Despite a promising start, LSG crumbled under pressure and suffered a heavy defeat, boosting MI's playoff hopes.

Barcelona beat Real Madrid to win Copa del Rey

Barcelona claimed a thrilling 3-2 victory over Real Madrid in extra-time to lift the Copa del Rey on Saturday in Seville, with defender Jules Kounde striking the decisive blow. In a dramatic Clasico final at La Cartuja, Kounde's late goal secured the Catalans a record-extending 32nd Spanish Cup and the first major trophy under new coach Hansi Flick.

Pedri had put Barcelona ahead with a stunning strike in the first half, only for Madrid to rally in the second period. Kylian Mbappe, coming off the bench, fired home a free-kick to equalize before Aurelien Tchouameni's header turned the tide in Madrid's favor. However, Ferran Torres brought Barcelona level once more in the 84th minute, forcing extra-time where Kounde eventually settled the contest.

"It was a good time to bring joy to our fans," said Torres after the match. "We have to enjoy it but without forgetting the Champions League semis are coming." Barcelona will now prepare to host Inter Milan in a crucial European clash on Wednesday.

Madrid started cautiously, resting Mbappe due to a recent ankle injury, and lost Ferland Mendy early on to a thigh problem. Barcelona took advantage of their early dominance, with Pedri's precise strike into the top corner giving them a deserved lead after a swift break involving Pau Cubarsi and Lamine Yamal.



Barcelona, undeterred, found a way back through Ferran Torres, who latched onto a delightful pass from Yamal to beat both Rudiger and Courtois. Controversy surrounded a late penalty decision that was awarded to Barcelona but overturned after VAR review, adding to the tension.

In extra-time, Barcelona dominated, and Kounde capitalized on a rare Luka Modric error to drive home the winner past Courtois. The celebrations were wild, as Barcelona moved a step closer to a potential quadruple under Flick, who remarkably maintained his perfect record in finals.

The Clasico drama isn't over yet – the two rivals are set to clash again in May in a La Liga match that could decide the title.

Djokovic falls to Arnaldi in Madrid opener



Novak Djokovic admitted he might have played his last-ever match at the Madrid Open after a shock defeat in his opening round on Saturday. The fourth-seeded Serb fell 6-3, 6-4 to Italy's Matteo Arnaldi, ending his bid for a 100th career title. It marked Djokovic's second consecutive opening-round loss, following his early exit at Monte Carlo two weeks ago.

When asked if this would be his final appearance in Madrid, Djokovic said, "It could be. I'm not sure if I will come back. I hope it's not, but it could be." The 37-year-old, who has won three Madrid titles, acknowledged he is adjusting to a "new reality" of approaching tournaments with lower expectations. Arnaldi, ranked 44th in the world, notched just the second top-five win of his career. "He's my idol. Playing him on a stage like this was already a victory for me," said a thrilled Arnaldi, who wrote "OMG" on a TV camera lens after his triumph.

Djokovic struggled throughout the match, firing 32 unforced errors and appearing unable to find rhythm against Arnaldi's aggressive and athletic play. "I was hoping I could play one more match than in Monte Carlo," Djokovic said. "But that's the circle of life and career; eventually it was going to happen."

Meanwhile, Iga Swiatek continued her strong form, advancing to the women's last-16. Among other men's results, Lorenzo Musetti defeated Tomas Etcheverry 7-6 (7/3), 6-2 to set up a clash with Stefanos Tsitsipas, who battled past Jan-Lennard Struff 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. Sixth seed Alex de Minaur eased past Lorenzo Sonego, while Jack Draper overcame Tallon Griekspoor 6-3, 6-4.

Are KKR underutilizing Andre Russell's bowling?

Andre Russell's devastating power-hitting often takes the spotlight, but it was his bowling that made a major difference during Kolkata Knight Riders' (KKR) triumphant IPL 2024 campaign. Bagging 19 wickets – his highest in a single season – Russell not only impressed with the ball but also recorded a jaw-dropping strike rate of 9.26, the best among all bowlers who have taken 15 or more wickets in an IPL edition.

Despite such a historic performance last season, KKR's usage of Russell with the ball this year has been puzzling. Across nine games, he has bowled in just five matches, delivering a total of 10.3 overs and still picking up seven wickets. Remarkably, among the 102 bowlers who have bowled at least 10 overs since IPL 2024, Russell boasts the best strike rate of 9.2, having taken 26 wickets.

On Saturday, Russell once again underlined his bowling value. Introduced only in the 12th over against Punjab Kings, he immediately broke a 120-run opening partnership and finished with figures of 1/27



in three overs, despite a dropped catch and an inside-edged boundary. His intervention helped KKR restrict Punjab to just 40/2 in the final five overs, after they had scored heavily during the middle phase.

The story was similar in KKR's previous outing when he dismissed Sai Sudharsan in the only over he bowled, breaking another crucial 114-run opening stand. These impactful moments have intensified the debate over why Russell hasn't been handed the ball

more often, especially when KKR's campaign is hanging by a thread.

In IPL 2024, KKR dominated the middle-overs phase, claiming 49 wickets at an average of 20.93 and maintaining a striking dot-ball percentage of 36.9%. Russell was the only seamer among the six bowlers who took 10 or more wickets in this period, contributing 12 wickets alongside the spin duo of Varun Chakravarthy and Sunil Narine, who shared 30 wickets.

This year, however, while KKR still rank second for middle-overs bowling average with 25 wickets at 27.16, the contrast between wins and defeats is glaring. In victories, they have taken 14 wickets at an average of 12.57 with an economy rate of 6.51. But in losses, those numbers slip dramatically to nine wickets at 44.22 with a high economy of 9.29. Given these numbers and Russell's proven ability to make breakthroughs, it raises a pertinent question: are KKR missing a trick by not utilizing their star all-rounder's bowling more consistently?

RCB Clinch IPL 2025 Top Spot With Dominant Win Over Delhi Capitals

Royal Challengers Bengaluru secured the top spot in IPL 2025 with a six-wicket win against Delhi Capitals at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Sunday. Chasing 163, Krunal Pandya starred with a brilliant 73* off 47 balls, guiding RCB to victory with nine balls to spare. Virat Kohli contributed with a steady 51 off 47 deliveries, briefly reclaiming the Orange Cap. Earlier, DC posted 162/8, with KL Rahul scoring 41 from 39

balls. However, regular wickets hurt their momentum, despite a late 34-run burst from Tristan Stubbs. Bhuvneshwar Kumar (3/33) and Josh Hazlewood (2/36) were among the wickets, while Krunal Pandya and Yash Dayal also chipped in with one each. RCB's comprehensive performance ensured their place at the top of the points table heading into the final stages.



AIFF's Premature Trophy Handover Sparks Embarrassment

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) landed itself in controversy after awarding the I-League trophy to Churchill Brothers despite an interim stay by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The ceremony took place in Cavelossim, Goa, on Sunday. Earlier, Inter Kashi had approached CAS challenging a January match against Namdhari, alleging the opponents fielded an ineligible player. The AIFF Disciplinary Committee had ruled in

Inter Kashi's favour, but the Appeals Committee stayed the decision, leaving standings unclear. Despite Inter Kashi's request to delay the trophy presentation pending the CAS interim order, AIFF proceeded. Churchill Brothers topped the league with 40 points, one ahead of Inter Kashi. This mishandling could invite scrutiny from FIFA, further embarrassing Indian football's governing body.





Sarangapani Jathakam Struggles At Box Office

Sarangapani Jathakam, directed by Indraganti Mohana Krishna, released on April 25, 2025. Despite receiving positive reviews, the film has struggled to attract audiences to theaters. The occupancy was low on the first two days and remained largely the same on Sunday, though day three saw a slight improvement compared to earlier days. Starring Priyadarshi and Roopa Kouvayur, the movie narrates the story of a man who strongly believes in astrology and decides to commit a murder based on astrological predictions. What follows forms the crux of the story. With the weekdays approaching, the situation is expected to worsen, making the coming days crucial for the film's fate at the box office. Sarangapani Jathakam appears to be facing its last chance to make an impact commercially.



Mega Fans Have Exciting May Ahead



May 2025 promises to be an exciting month for Mega fans, with several major events lined up! On May 9, 2025, Chiranjeevi's iconic Jagadeka Veerudu Athiloka Sundari will be re-released in celebration of its 35th anniversary. Fans can enjoy the classic in both 2D and 3D formats, making it a nostalgic treat. On the same day, Ram Charan's wax statue will be unveiled at Madame Tussauds in London. Charan will attend the ceremony with his family and will also participate in a live orchestra performance of RRR at The Royal Albert Hall. Meanwhile, Pawan Kalyan is set to complete the shooting and dubbing for Hari Hara Veera Mallu, and there are reports of his upcoming film They Call Him OG starting soon.

Nayanthara in Talks for Chiranjeevi's Next?



The pre-production for Mega-star Chiranjeevi's highly anticipated film with director Anil Ravipudi is progressing well, with plans for a Sankranti 2026 release. Exciting rumors are circulating that Nayanthara may be roped in to play the romantic interest opposite Chiru. This would mark her third collaboration with him after Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy and Godfather. Reports indicate that Nayanthara has reportedly demanded a substantial Rs. 18 crore as her remuneration, which has left the filmmakers surprised, leading them to consider other options. The movie will be produced by Sahu Garapati and Sushmita Konidela under Shine Screens and Gold Box Entertainment. Music will be composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, adding to the anticipation for the project.

NTR's Dragon Begins Action-packed Shoot

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Jr NTR has officially joined the sets of Dragon (working title), directed by Prashanth Neel, adding to the excitement for fans. The film stars Rukmini Vasanth as the female lead.

The latest buzz reveals that the shoot has focused on intense action sequences, with Jr NTR, Nasser, Prabhas Srinu, and others participating in these high-energy scenes. Social media reports

suggest that the team is set for a series of night shoots over the next five days to complete the action-packed portions.

Produced by Mythri Movie Makers with NTR Arts as a co-producer, Dragon is expected to be a big-budget spectacle, with Ravi Basrur handling the music. The makers are eyeing a summer 2026 release, raising expectations for the film.



Rakul Preet Flaunts Glamorous Cruise Look



Rakul Preet Singh is enjoying a stylish summer break, sharing photos from her cruise vacation. Dressed in a black embroidered thigh-slit dress, she exudes glamour as she poses with a smile, sunglasses on, and her hair in a high bun while enjoying the boat's waves.

Known for her fun moments with her Tollywood girl gang, including Manchu Lakshmi and Pragya Jaiswal, Rakul is seen solo in these pictures, radiating confidence and joy. The actress has been in the spotlight recently, despite her previous film Mere Husband Ki Biwi not performing well at the box office. Fans are eagerly awaiting her next move this year, hoping it's filled with exciting projects and, of course, more stunning looks like this one.

Sunny Deol to Appear in Akhanda 2?

Akhanda 2, one of the most anticipated films in Telugu cinema, will see Balakrishna reunite with director Boyapati Sreenu after the massive success of Akhanda. The film is gearing up for a new schedule in Georgia, and Bollywood star Sunny Deol is set to join the shoot.

Reports suggest that Sunny Deol will make a cameo appearance, potentially setting the stage for a third installment of the Akhanda series. Though an official confirmation is awaited, this news has generated significant excitement among fans.

Sunny Deol is currently enjoying the success of his latest film, Jaat, which has crossed the ₹100 crore mark at the box office. Fans are eagerly waiting to see how his cameo will unfold in Akhanda 2.

