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KCR's Back To Sentiment

- Congress always Telangana's biggest villain
- BRS decade: Telangana's massive transformation
- KCR: Fought alone for Telangana
- Blasts Congress for false promises
- Warns BJP, calls for change



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In a powerful and emotional speech at BRS Silver Jubilee Celebrations in Elkathurthy, Warangal, former Chief Minister and BRS chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) launched a no-holds-barred attack on the Congress party, labelling it as “Telangana’s Number One Villain – then, now, and forever.” Addressing a gathering of lakhs of supporters, KCR recounted the long and painful history of Telangana’s betrayal by the Congress — from Jawaharlal Nehru forcibly merging Telangana with Andhra in 1956 to Congress suppressing the 1969 Telangana movement. KCR passionately reminded that even after promising a separate state, Congress cheated Telangana’s people for 14 years until the BRS fought and succeeded. He proudly highlighted the tremendous development Telangana witnessed during BRS’s decade-long rule — from tripling per capita income to completing major irrigation projects. KCR emphasized BRS’s governance legacy: Mission Bhagiratha, KCR Kits, Kanti Velugu, Kalyana Lakshmi, and creating 7 lakh IT jobs. Drawing sharp contrasts, he ridiculed the current Congress government for failing to fulfill election

promises like free gold for girls, enhanced pensions, and free bus travel — calling the schemes “juttu pattukoni kotladaniki free bus” (buses meant for hair-pulling fights, not benefits). He accused the Congress of reversing Telangana’s growth, warning that within just 1.5 years, power cuts, farmers’ struggles, and economic slowdown have returned. KCR also slammed the BJP government at the Centre, alleging discrimination against Telangana and demanding an immediate halt to “Operation Kagaar” against youth in Chhattisgarh, warning Prime Minister Modi that dialogue, not violence, is the solution. Ending his roaring address, KCR issued a stern warning: “Write it down — 100% BRS will return to power. I’m entering the battlefield again!” He also cautioned government officials not to misuse their power, reminding them that “no one stays in authority forever.” The speech, filled with nostalgia, fiery attacks, promises, and a call to action, has re-energized BRS cadres and set the tone for a fierce political battle ahead in Telangana.

Chhattisgarh: Major Blow to Maoists in Karregutta



- Massive bunker unearthed by forces
- Maoist escape foils full capture
- Karregutta search operation continues
- Security forces face heat challenges
- Battle clouds loom over border

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The central security forces have made a major breakthrough in Karregutta, a Maoist stronghold on the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border. In a five-day-long search operation, forces discovered a massive underground bunker, reportedly large enough to shelter around 1,000 Maoists, complete with water facilities. The Maoists, sensing the approaching forces, fled before the troops could reach them. However, the forces seized crucial infrastructure, including the bunker and several hidden caves, posing logistical challenges for the security teams amid the rugged terrain. Operations under ‘Operation Kagar’, launched by the central government with a mission to eliminate Naxalism by March

2026, continue aggressively. Intelligence inputs suggested that key Maoist leader Hidma and over a thousand cadres were camping in Karregutta. Security forces from Telangana, Chhattisgarh, and Maharashtra coordinated efforts, encircling Karregutta from three sides. Violent exchange of fire rocked the area, with reports suggesting that around 28 Maoists may have been killed, though no official confirmation has been issued yet. Amidst the heavy gunfire, nearby villagers have been gripped by fear. Search operations revealed hidden camps, a printing press, medical units, and weapon caches. Human rights groups have raised concerns about the civilian

Revanth Govt Moves Toward Maoist Peace Talks



- Peace committee urges ceasefire immediately
- Talks with Maoists suggested to Centre
- Revanth promises decision after advice
- Jana Reddy's experience to guide
- Maoism seen as social issue

The peace committee, led by Justice Chandra Kumar, Prof. Haragopal, Prof. Anwar Khan, Durga Prasad, Jampanna, and Ravi Chander, handed over their appeal to CM Revanth. They stressed that the first step towards dialogue should be an immediate ceasefire. Responding to the request, CM Revanth Reddy assured that his government views Naxalism primarily as a social issue, not merely a law-and-order problem. He said that former senior leader Jana Reddy, who has previous experience handling peace negotiations with Maoists, would be consulted before taking any official decision. The CM stated that based on Jana Reddy’s advice and suggestions, the government would soon finalize its stand on this crucial issue.

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In a major development, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has been urged by peace committee leaders to halt all operations against Maoists immediately and initiate efforts for dialogue. On Sunday, during a meeting at the CM’s residence in Jubilee Hills, peace committee members submitted a formal representation requesting the Telangana government to convince the Central Government to start peace talks with the Maoists.

Telangana Announces Key Administrative Reshuffle; K. Ramakrishna Rao Appointed Chief Secretary

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In a significant move, the Telangana government has appointed K. Ramakrishna Rao as the new Chief Secretary (CS). This decision comes ahead of the retirement of the current CS, Shanti Kumari, on April 30. Rao, a 1991-batch IAS officer, is currently serving as the Special Chief Secretary for Finance and has played a pivotal role in managing the state’s finances. With over three decades of administrative experience, he has prepared multiple state budgets and has a strong background in the state’s financial management. Alongside this key appointment, the state government has executed a major reshuffle of IAS officers. A total of 20 senior officers have been transferred to various departments, aiming to strengthen governance and ensure smooth administration under the new leadership. Notable appointments



include Smita Sabharwal as Secretary of the Finance Commission, Shashank Goel as Vice Chairman of Good Governance, and R.V. Karnan as the new GHMC Commissioner. Other significant changes involve S. Venkata Rao as Executive Officer of Yadagirigutta Temple, and Harish as CMD of Telangana



GENCO. The reshuffle is seen as a strategic step towards improving efficiency and achieving the government’s administrative goals. The reshuffle also reflects a push towards administrative reforms in the state, strengthening key sectors such as finance, urban development, and industry. These moves are expected to streamline governance and pave the way for the state’s future development.

Mahesh Babu's Letter Twists ED Probe

- Superstar skips ED questioning citing shooting
- Sends letter requesting alternative appearance date
- ₹5.9 crore received from developers
- Allegations link endorsements to public fraud
- ED to decide further action soon

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In a sudden twist, Tollywood superstar Mahesh Babu has formally informed the Enforcement Directorate (ED) that he could not appear for questioning today (April 28) due to prior shooting commitments. Mahesh Babu sent a letter to the ED officials, explaining his situa-



tion and requesting a new date for his appearance. Mahesh Babu had been summoned regarding the ongoing probe into financial irregular-

ities involving Sai Surya Developers and Surana Group. He was allegedly paid ₹5.9 crore — ₹3.4 crore via cheque and ₹2.5 crore in cash — for endorsing these

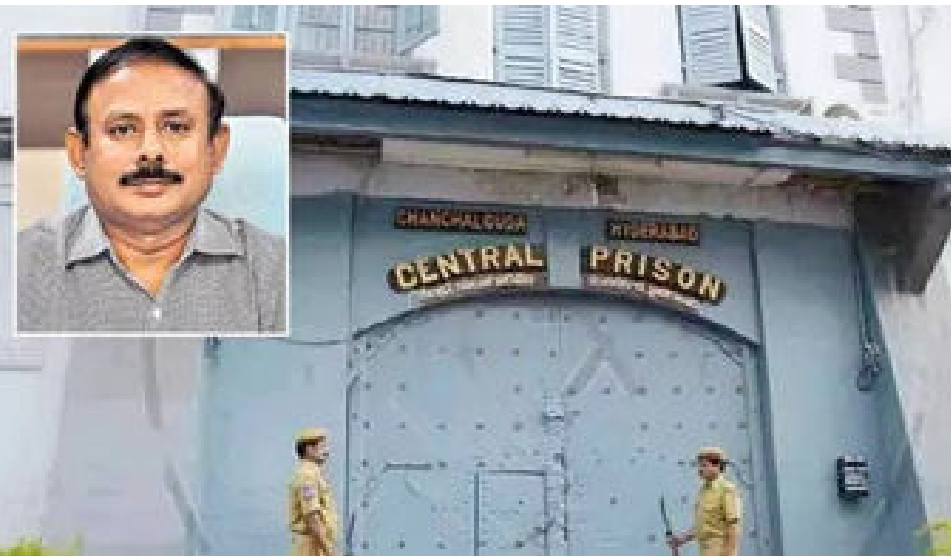
companies. ED suspects that his promotional association influenced public investments into these firms, which later faced money laundering allegations. Despite widespread media reports anticipating his appearance today, Mahesh’s absence and his subsequent letter requesting postponement have created fresh suspense around the case. Sources suggest that Mahesh has consulted with his legal team and is willing to cooperate fully, even hinting he may return the endorsement fees if needed. Meanwhile, the ED is yet to officially respond to

ACB Found ₹200 Cr Illegal Assets Unearthed

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In a major crackdown, Telangana's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) conducted simultaneous raids at 14 locations linked to Kaleshwaram former ENC Chief, Hari Ram, uncovering illegal assets worth approximately ₹200 crore.

The raids took place across his properties and those of his relatives, including luxury villas in Shaikpet, Kondapur, and flats in Srinagar, Narsingi, and Madhapur. ACB officials also identified commercial land in Amaravati, agricultural land in Markook and Pathancheru, mango orchards, a farmhouse, and multiple open plots across Khammam, Quthbullapur, and Miryalaguda. High-end assets including BMW cars, gold ornaments, property documents, and bank deposits were seized. Notably, the market value of these properties is reportedly ten times higher than their official registration values.



Hari Ram, who played a key role in the Kaleshwaram project during the previous BRS government, was arrested after the raids. Following his arrest, he was produced before a magistrate late at night and was sent to 14 days judicial remand. He has now been shifted to Chanchalguda jail. ACB investigations are still ongoing at several other properties linked to him, signaling deeper probes into corruption in high-profile infrastructure projects.

Harish Rao Celebrates BRS Foundation Day, Criticizes Congress for Development Stagnation

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On the occasion of the BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) foundation day, former minister Harish Rao unveiled the party flag at the Housing Board Command in Siddipet. In his address, Rao celebrated the party's 25th anniversary, emphasizing its significant role in achieving Telangana's statehood and self-respect. He credited KCR for leading the struggle for a separate Telangana and safeguarding its culture and traditions.

Rao praised the BRS party as the champion of Telangana's progress, highlighting its welfare schemes such as Kalyana Lakshmi, Rythu Bandhu, and Mission Bhagiratha that have benefitted millions. He took a jibe at the Congress party, accusing them of failing to fulfill their promises, including the 420 commitments and the much-anticipated farmer loan waivers. Rao criticized the Congress for neglecting the development of Siddipet, pointing out the transfer of key projects like the veterinary college to Kodangal and the delay in Shilpara-



mam and other infrastructure projects. Rao asserted that despite the current government's inefficiency, the BRS will return to power, continuing the state's developmental journey. He expressed confidence that the public will reject Congress and support BRS for a prosperous Telangana. The celebrations included a large turnout, with many people attending the rally by foot and on carts to hear KCR's address, marking the party's resolve to keep striving for the welfare of the people.

MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy's Sensational Remarks on BRS Celebrations

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In a bold social media statement, Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has raised questions over the funding of the BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) party's 25th Anniversary celebrations. Speaking out on the platform 'X' (formerly Twitter), Reddy criticized the exorbitant costs involved in organizing such large-scale events. He remarked that organizing a political gathering of such magnitude would financially strain even the wealthiest leaders, and questioned how a party with limited resources could pull off such an expensive affair.

Reddy specifically pointed out the BRS Rajotsav celebrations in Elkathurthy, Warangal, claiming that the scale of the event suggested the spending ran into hundreds of crores. He expressed disbelief at how the party managed such an extravagant display, with the venue, decorations, and arrangements clearly costing a fortune. He went on to make pointed remarks about



several schemes and projects in Telangana, suggesting that the money spent on the event might have been siphoned from funds meant for development projects. He sarcastically mentioned projects like Mission Bhagiratha, Kaleshwaram, and others, accusing the government of diverting public money for personal and political gain. Reddy also questioned the manner in which land deals and infrastructure projects, like the Outer Ring Road, were handled, suggesting that large sums were spent on the event instead of public welfare. His comments have sparked a fierce political debate, with many wondering about the transparency of funds used by the ruling party for such high-profile events.

High Court Receives Sensational Petitions Challenging SC Categorization Act

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In a significant legal development, two petitions have been filed in the Telangana High Court, challenging the recently notified SC Categorization Act by the state government. Malmahanadu and SC Unity Platform filed separate petitions, arguing that the one-man commission responsible for categorizing SC sub-castes did not follow the appropriate legal framework. The petitions state that the categorization was based on 2011 census data, which is outdated and does not reflect the current socio-economic conditions. The petitioners argue that the state failed to collect relevant data as per the Supreme Court's guidelines and did not implement the "affluent class" criteria, as per earlier court instructions. They also highlighted that the one-man commission's report lacked legal sanctity, as it was not based on comprehensive and accurate data. Malmahanadu President Chennayya and SC Unity Platform Vice-President Gaddam Shankar both filed separate petitions questioning the legality of the categorization. The bench, led by Justice Sujoyal and Justice Renuka, raised concerns over whether



the categorization process adhered to the Supreme Court's guidelines and whether it was legally sound. The court has issued notices to the central and state governments for their response and has sought further arguments. The petitioners argue that without proper data and following the court's directives, the categorization is flawed and unconstitutional. In Andhra Pradesh, a similar petition challenging the SC Categorization Ordinance was also filed, with a hearing scheduled for the next day. The petition claims the state's survey and subsequent recommendations violate Supreme Court guidelines, demanding a fresh, expert-led commission for an accurate assessment. The court will decide on interim orders in the coming days.

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impact of these combing operations, questioning the high-intensity approach under Operation Kagar. Meanwhile, extreme summer heat and water scarcity are creating new hurdles for the forces operating deep within the forests. Cases of dehydration and heat-stroke among soldiers are being

reported, with supplies from Telangana reaching only partially, and logistical challenges persisting on the Chhattisgarh side. Despite proposals for a ceasefire from Maoist groups, the government appears determined to pursue complete eradication, intensifying the ongoing battle for Karregutta.

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Mahesh Babu's request. Speculation is rife about whether the ED will grant an extension or tighten its investigation into the superstar's role. The investigation stems from FIRs against Narendra Surana (Director, Bhagyanagar Properties Ltd.) and K. Satish Chandra Gupta (Owner, Sai Surya Developers), who are accused of selling unauthorized plots, committing

double sales, and fraudulently collecting crores from unsuspecting buyers. ED believes that Mahesh Babu's endorsements may have indirectly bolstered public trust in these firms. With the probe intensifying and financial documents indicating suspicious transactions worth over ₹100 crore, all eyes are now on Mahesh Babu's next move.

Key Announcement on Indiramma Houses: Govt. Assistance Limited to 600 Sq. Ft.

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The Telangana government has introduced a new condition in the Indiramma Houses scheme, which has caused concern among beneficiaries. The Managing Director of Housing Corporation, Gautam, clarified that government assistance will only be provided if the house is built within 600 square feet. Any construction exceeding this size will be ineligible for the scheme. This new regulation has raised concerns, especially among those who had already started building homes larger than the specified area. As of now, 2,832 base-level constructions have been completed, and during inspections, it was found that 285 beneficiaries had constructed homes larger than 600 sq. ft. These beneficiaries now face difficulties in receiving government assistance, as payments for these larger homes will be withheld. The government had previously assured financial assistance of up to Rs. 5 lakh in installments for those eligible. In response to the growing dissatisfaction, the Minister for Housing, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, has instructed officials to release payments only for homes that comply with the size restrictions. For homes under construction, payments will be made every Monday to eligible beneficiaries. The



government has also made it clear that those who built homes larger than 600 sq. ft. are not considered "poor" and will not receive assistance under the scheme. Minister Srinivas Reddy emphasized that the process of selecting Indiramma House beneficiaries must be expedited, with one gazetted officer being assigned for every 200 applications to ensure that only eligible individuals are chosen. The final date for the LRs (Land Records) submissions is April 30, and there are no plans to extend this deadline.

Ponguleti Challenges KCR: "Face Debate on Governance Mistakes"



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Telangana Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy launched a sharp attack on former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), questioning his governance during the BRS regime. Ponguleti challenged KCR to fix a date for a full debate in the Assembly on all governance issues. He criticized KCR for failing to appoint a Dalit Chief Minister and at least not giving the Opposition Leader post to a Dalit. Ponguleti accused KCR of looting the state treasury, misleading people by blaming Congress for lack of funds, and burdening Telangana with ₹8 lakh crore debt despite being a wealthy state initially. Highlighting KCR's administrative flaws, Ponguleti said pending contractor bills and sarpanch dues originated during KCR's term. He accused KCR of portraying Congress as a villain after saluting Sonia Gandhi during Telangana formation. Ponguleti ridiculed KCR's "knowledge" claim, saying he neither visited the Secretariat nor the Assembly regularly, and that his governance isolated even family ties through illegal phone tapping. He asserted that Congress would enhance Rythu Bandhu support to ₹15,000 and criticized BRS for corruption scandals like the Kaleshwaram Project. Ponguleti concluded that Congress is committed to transparent governance, including rightful implementation of the Indiramma Housing Scheme after halting local body elections.

Minister Joopalli Krishnarao Slams KCR's Legacy, Predicts Congress Return



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Telangana Minister Joopalli Krishnarao launched a fierce attack on former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), accusing him of bankrupting the once-rich Telangana state. Speaking to the media, Joopalli recalled that KCR once praised Sonia Gandhi as a "goddess," yet later betrayed the Congress spirit. He questioned why KCR failed to properly implement loan waivers for farmers during his 10-year rule, noting that the repayments barely covered the interest amounts. Joopalli alleged that KCR sold valuable state assets like the Outer Ring Road, treating them like personal property. Criticizing KCR's attitude even after losing power, Joopalli likened him to "sour tamarind that never sweetens." He demanded KCR reveal how his party raised ₹1,500 crores in funds, suggesting large-scale corruption. He also highlighted that BRS spent ₹3-4 lakh per village to mobilize crowds for KCR's meetings. Joopalli pointed out that an Irrigation CE during KCR's era was found with assets over ₹100 crores, and hinted that searches at KCR's properties would uncover massive illegal wealth. Confident about the public mood, Joopalli concluded, "The Congress government will return to power once again."

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Demands Apology from KCR, Slams BRS Leadership

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Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar strongly criticized former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), demanding that he withdraw his remarks portraying the Congress party as a villain in Telangana's history. Speaking at a press meet, Ponnam reminded KCR that it was only Sonia Gandhi who made the Telangana dream possible, something KCR himself is fully aware of. He condemned KCR's attempts to blame low attendance at his public meetings on the Congress government and the police, calling such accusations baseless. Ponnam questioned whether KCR had ever truly paid respects to the countless Telangana martyrs who sacrificed their lives for statehood. Highlighting the autocratic nature of KCR's leadership, he pointed out that in the BRS party, KCR was both the president and the legislature party leader, leaving no space for democracy. Referring to the poor turnout at KCR's recent meeting, Ponnam noted that despite arriving at the venue, KCR hesitated to take the stage for nearly half an hour, visibly unsettled by the thin crowd. He concluded that the people of Telangana have moved past KCR's rhetoric and are standing firmly with the Congress.



Minister Seethakka Slams KCR's Speech, Questions His Democratic Values

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Minister Seethakka launched a scathing attack on former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), calling his recent speech the outburst of a dictator mourning the loss of power. She pointed out that KCR's comments reflected deep internal family rifts and personal frustrations.



Seethakka challenged KCR to reveal how many jobs he had created during his tenure, contrasting it with the Congress government's achievement of providing 59,000 jobs within just ten months. She criticized the lavish lifestyles of KCR's children while poor girls still rely on RTC buses for transport.

Accusing KCR of misusing police forces more than anyone else in Telangana's history, she also slammed him for leaving ₹60,000 crore unpaid in power bills. Seethakka alleged that KCR conducted his recent public meeting after filling farmers' irrigation canals, showing disrespect to farmers' livelihoods. She also criticized KCR for demeaning the Assembly by calling it "useless chatter" yet sending his son and son-in-law to contest from it. Finally, she questioned whether a leader who insulted democratic institutions like the Assembly had any moral right to step into it again.

KTR Pays Tributes to Telangana Martyrs, Hails Party's 25-Year Journey

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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao, along with senior party leaders, paid floral tributes at the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial and the statue of Prof. Konda Laxman Babuji at Tank Bund, Hyderabad. Speaking on the occasion, KTR said that leaders like Konda Laxman Babuji and Prof. Jayashankar were the pillars of inspiration for the Telangana movement and the formation of the party. He emphasized that the leadership of KCR was the key driving force behind the 25-year journey of the party. Recalling the party's humble beginnings, KTR mentioned that it was exactly 25

years ago at Jaladrushyam that the party, founded under KCR's leadership, took its first steps with a single individual and has now grown into a massive movement that achieved Telangana statehood. He expressed happiness that the party's silver jubilee celebrations are beginning at the same place where it was born. KTR paid deep respect to Konda Laxman Babuji for supporting the party during its initial struggling days. He reiterated that Telangana has always been the sole agenda of their party and reaffirmed their commitment to working for the state's progress. KTR expressed confidence that with the blessings of the mar-



tyrs and elders, the party would continue serving Telangana for the next 25 years and beyond.

Telangana Showcased to the World Through Bharat Summit: TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud

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TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud stated that the two-day Bharat Summit-2025 held in Hyderabad was a grand success. Speaking to the media, he said the summit proudly showcased Telangana's achievements and highlighted the state's welfare and development programs to a global audience. He emphasized that organizing the Bharat Summit was a matter of great pride for the Telangana government. The summit served as an important platform

to present the state's initiatives to the world. Over 450 delegates, including government heads, MPs, national party leaders, and corporate giants from more than 100 countries, participated and shared their experiences. The summit witnessed in-depth discussions on key global issues like world peace, justice, climate change, and terrorism. Goud said Rahul Gandhi, during his address, touched upon the hopes and struggles of the people he encountered during

his Bharat Jodo Yatra. He mentioned that the summit passed resolutions to protect labor rights, oppose the suppression of progressive movements, and condemn attacks on media freedom. During the summit, the Hyderabad Declaration was also introduced by Rahul Gandhi and leaders of other progressive parties. The event reinforced Congress's core principles — non-violence, truth, justice, and democracy — and provided direction to the youth about the country's future transformations.

Public Turning Towards BRS Amid Confusion Over Congress Schemes: Former MLA Ala Venkateswar Reddy

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Former MLA Ala Venkateswar Reddy stated that public support for the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) is growing due to dissatisfaction with the Congress government in Telangana. Speaking at Bhutpur, where a large number of BRS leaders and workers gathered before heading to the BRS Silver Jubilee celebrations at Elkathurthy, Reddy emphasized that people are increasingly

looking towards BRS for leadership. At Bhutpur crossroads, Reddy hoisted the BRS flag and addressed the media. He criticized the welfare schemes of the Congress government, calling them "meaningless," and said that the public appreciates the BRS's 14-year-long struggle for Telangana statehood, its 10 years in governance, and its role as a responsible opposition over the past year and a half.

Reddy expressed happiness that the public turnout for the Silver Jubilee celebrations had exceeded expectations, showing their eagerness to see and hear KCR speak. The event was attended by BRS Mandal President Sattur Baswaraj Goud, Single Window Chairman Ashok Reddy, former MPPs Sattur Chandrasekhar Goud and Rachuri Chandramouli, former sarpanches and other BRS leaders from the region.

KCR's Speech Was Old Wine in a New Bottle: MLC Addanki Dayakar

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MLC Addanki Dayakar criticized BRS Chief K. Chandrashekar Rao's (KCR) speech at the BRS Silver Jubilee celebrations, likening it to "old wine in a new bottle." Speaking to the media, Dayakar said that while KCR claimed Congress derailed Telangana's development, it was the BRS government that pushed the state into ₹7 lakh crore debt, burdening

the people. He accused KCR of ignoring key welfare initiatives like farmer loan waivers, free electricity, free bus travel, and the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme. Dayakar also highlighted that the Congress government implemented BC reservation bills and SC categorization, and questioned why KCR failed to address such issues.

He asserted that the current Congress government under Revanth Reddy is correcting the financial destruction caused by BRS. Mocking KCR's claims, he challenged BRS leaders to acknowledge the successful implementation of free bus travel and free gas schemes by the Congress government. Dayakar further remarked that KCR's speech was nothing more

than a self-praise exercise, lacking substance. Comparing KCR's tone to that of "Hinsaraj" (a historical figure known for aggression), he said the international community is now recognizing Revanth Reddy's leadership, a reality KCR is unable to accept. He concluded by criticizing BRS and BJP, claiming both are essentially aligned despite their public disagreements.



Women and Child Rights Commission Members Meet CM Revanth Reddy



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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy met with Minister Seethakka and members of the Women's and Child Rights Commissions at his residence on Sunday. During the special meeting, the Chief Minister congratulated and felicitated Seetha Dayakar Reddy, Chairperson of the Child Rights Commission, along with other members. CM Revanth Reddy encouraged them to work diligently for the protection of child rights and to bring good recognition to the Commission. Earlier in the day, Chairperson Seetha Dayakar Reddy and Commission members also paid a courtesy visit to Minister Seethakka at Praja Bhavan, where they felicitated her with a floral bouquet and a shawl. The government recently appointed the new Chairperson and members to the Child Rights Commission, and this was their first meeting with Minister Seethakka after taking charge. Minister Seethakka extended her best wishes to the new team. Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Jupally Krishna Rao were also present at the meeting.

30 Kgs of Ganja Seized in Lorry; Three Arrested

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In a significant drug bust, the Hyderabad STFB team of the Excise Department seized 30 kilograms of ganja from a lorry at the ITC Company parking yard in Bhadradri Kothagudem on Sunday. The ganja, estimated to be worth Rs. 15 lakhs, was being transported by three individuals, including the driver of the lorry, Shiva, and a ganja dealer, Arjun from Odisha. The lorry, valued at Rs. 20 lakhs, was also seized. The lorry was reportedly bringing goods needed for the ITC Paper Mill when the Excise team, led by SI Nagaraju, received information and intercepted the vehicle. Upon searching the lorry, they found 30 kgs of ganja hidden inside. During the investigation, it was revealed that Arjun had been repeatedly transporting ganja from Odisha to Bhadradri, where he and his associates would sell the illicit drugs. This time, as with previous instances, the STFB team successfully intercepted the drugs, bringing the illegal ganja transportation operation to light. The arrested individuals, Shiva, Arjun, and Prahlad, were handed over to the Bhadradri Excise Station. The seized ganja is valued at approximately Rs. 15 lakhs, and the lorry's value is estimated at Rs. 20 lakhs. Excise Enforcement Director V.V. Kamalhaasan Reddy and B-Team In-Charge Pradeep Rao have commended the STFB team for their efforts in uncovering this illegal drug trade.



Youth Arrested for Riding Bikes Drunk in the Middle of the Night under Operation Chebutra

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As part of the Operation Chebutra initiative, the Meerpet Police Station within the Rachakonda Commissionerate has arrested several young individuals who were found riding their bikes in a drunken state in the middle of the night, causing trouble to others without any valid reason. Under the directions of Rachakonda Commissioner Sudheer Babu, a special drive was carried out in areas including Nandanavaram, R.N. Reddy Nagar, and several other localities. Around 110 youths were detained for indulging in anti-social activities while being intoxicated. These individuals were later counseled by the police. Meerpet Inspector Nagaraju stated that special attention was given to those youths who were involved in reckless be-

havior on the roads late at night, especially under the influence of alcohol. He urged the youth to avoid going out unnecessarily during late hours to prevent any further disturbances. This drive is part of ongoing efforts by the Rachakonda Police to ensure safety and curb the growing nuisance of anti-social behavior in the area.



Efforts for Welfare of Retired RTC Employees: Minister Ponnala Prabhakar

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Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnala Prabhakar emphasized the state government's commitment to supporting retired RTC officials and staff for their welfare. He assured that the government is taking steps to resolve the pending issues of RTC employees in phases. Speaking as the chief guest at the 5th Annual Meeting of the TGSRTC Retired Officers Welfare Association, held at a hotel in Lakdikapul, Hyderabad on Sunday, Minister Ponnala Prabhakar honored retired RTC employees who had turned 90, along with the MD of the corporation, VC Sajjanar. Minister Ponnala Prabhakar appreciated the significant contributions of retired RTC officials



and employees towards the betterment of public transportation. He clarified that the main priorities for the corporation include employee welfare, providing convenient transport facilities to the public, and ensuring the preservation of the organization. He also mentioned that within the past year, significant efforts have been made for employee welfare, along with the procure-

ment of new buses. He highlighted that the state government's Mahalakshmi scheme is helping improve the financial stability of the RTC, and steps are being taken to make Telangana RTC the top corporation in the country. VC Sajjanar also spoke about the love and admiration that retired RTC officials and employees have for the corporation, often continuing their efforts for the

betterment of RTC even after retirement. He noted that many innovative programs have been introduced in the organization based on suggestions from retired staff. Additionally, he highlighted the transformation of the TSRTC Tarnaka hospital into a super-specialty hospital, offering a wide range of medical services. During the meeting, retired RTC officers raised various concerns, which Minister Ponnala Prabhakar and MD VC Sajjanar assured would be addressed promptly. The meeting was attended by Retired Officers Welfare Association President Nagavendra Rao, Vice President Nagaraju, Secretary Vijay Kumar, Joint Secretary Sitaram Babu, Treasurer Venkat Reddy, and others.

Minister Tummla Meets Jharkhand Agriculture Minister Shilpi Neha Tirkay in Hyderabad

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On Sunday, Telangana's Agriculture Minister Tummla Nageshwar Rao met Shilpi Neha Tirkay, the Agriculture Minister of Jharkhand, in a cordial meeting at the Taj Krishna Hotel in Hyderabad. This meeting comes as part of Tirkay's official visit to Telangana, where she is scheduled to stay until the 30th of this month. During her visit, Shilpi Neha Tirkay will participate in several important discussions and meetings, including those at Fish

Farms, NMRI, NFDB, and related to IIMR. The meeting aims to strengthen ties between the two states in the agricultural sector. The meeting was also attended by senior officials including Raghunandan Rao, the APC & Secretary (A&C), and Yaseen Pasha, the Director of Horticulture, who were present to discuss various aspects of collaboration in agriculture. This visit is expected to open avenues for better cooperation and knowledge exchange between Telangana and Jharkhand in the



field of agriculture, especially in areas of fish farming, horticulture, and other related sectors.

Ex-Minister Mallareddy Sets the Stage on Fire with Mass Dance Steps at BRS Event



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In a lively display of energy and enthusiasm, former minister and BRS MLA Mallareddy once again stole the spotlight with his signature dance moves. On the occasion of the 25th foundation day celebrations of the BRS (formerly TRS) party, held at Shamirpet Mandal's Aliyabad Chowrasta, Mallareddy shook a leg to a popular mass song associated with the party, rallying his supporters and party workers. As part of the celebrations leading up to the Warangal BRS Silver Jubilee event, Mallareddy's performance was aimed at boosting the morale of party workers and creating excitement ahead of the major event. His impromptu dance, known for its catchy rhythm and vibrant footwork, energized the crowd, as several party leaders and followers gathered in large numbers at the venue. This lively event, filled with mass appeal and fervor, was captured on video and has since gone viral across social media platforms. Mallareddy's dynamic performance, filled with high-energy steps, created a festive atmosphere and further fueled the excitement for the upcoming rally. His dance moves were not just a spectacle but a symbol of the vibrant spirit and unity of the BRS party, bringing together the leaders and workers in celebration of the party's progress and history.

CM Revanth Reddy Congratulates Osmania Doctors

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has congratulated the doctors and staff of Osmania General Hospital for successfully performing a life-saving intestine transplant surgery. The surgery was conducted on a 40-year-old man suffering from Short Gut Syndrome (SGS), a condition that had left him unable to benefit from treatment at various hospitals. After trying multiple medical facilities without success, he turned to Osmania Hospital for help. In a remarkable achievement, Osmania Hospital's medical team performed the first-ever intestine transplant surgery in India. The operation was a success, and the patient is currently recovering well. The individual is now able to consume liquid food items with ease, marking a significant im-



provement in his quality of life. This surgery is not only a ground-

breaking success for Telangana but also a historic milestone in the medical field of India. CM Revanth Reddy praised the achievement, calling it a matter of great pride for both the state and the nation. He acknowledged the medical team's dedication and skill in achieving this remarkable feat, which has set a new benchmark in public healthcare. The Chief Minister further lauded the Osmania Hospital doctors for their selfless service, commitment, and exceptional skills, which have contributed to this historic achievement in the medical field. He expressed his admiration for their contribution to human welfare and commended them for their role in advancing healthcare in the state and country.

Hyderabad Deputy Mayor and TITUCCI State President Visit Komaravelli Mallanna Temple



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Greater Hyderabad Deputy Mayor Smt. Mote Srilatha Shobhan Reddy and TITUCCI State President Sri Mote Shobhan Reddy visited the Komaravelli Mallanna Temple in Siddipet district and performed special prayers to Lord Mallikarjuna Swamy. After the prayers, they received the blessings of the deity. During the visit, Deputy Mayor Smt. Mote Srilatha Shobhan Reddy expressed, "It is our privilege to visit the Komaravelli Mallanna Swamy temple. With the blessings of the deity, we will gain more strength to serve the people." They also discussed the steps the government is taking to enhance the development of the temple and its divine beauty. She expressed happiness over the cleanliness and the improved facilities in the temple surroundings. Local public representatives, temple officials, and a large number of devotees participated in the event.

MLC Dr. Balmoor Venkat Slams KCR for Broken Promises and Arrogance

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MLC Dr. Balmoor Venkat has sharply criticized Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) for his recent speech at the BRS Silver Jubilee celebrations, accusing him of arrogance, broken promises, and undermining Congress' role in Telangana's formation. Addressing the media, Dr. Venkat began by highlighting that the Telangana people's long-standing dream was fulfilled by the Congress party. He pointed out that it was Congress that made the formation of Telangana a reality, and KCR's position as Chief Minister was "given by Congress." The MLC criticized KCR for calling Congress the villain, labeling it a display of arrogance and forgetting the past. Dr. Venkat also questioned KCR's governance over the last decade, accusing him of ruining the state after receiving power. He reminded the public of KCR's pre-statehood promises, such as providing one job per household, making Dalits the Chief Minister, and working without seeking personal positions. Dr. Venkat argued that after securing power, KCR abandoned these promises, shifting his stance and betraying the trust of the people. In his final remarks, Dr. Venkat warned that despite KCR's arrogance, the people of Telangana had already given him a chance in the opposition, and if he continued with his deceptive tactics, they would not grant him another opportunity to rule. The counter-speech highlights the growing tension between the ruling BRS and the opposition, as KCR's leadership continues to come under scrutiny for his handling of Telangana's growth and promises.



Good News for Hyderabad: Thin Rice Distribution to Begin from May 1

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In a major relief for Hyderabad residents, the Telangana government is set to begin the distribution of thin rice (sanna biyyam) from May 1. The state government had announced the Thin Rice Scheme to provide free rice to the poor, which was launched on April 1 across the state. However, the implementation in Hyderabad was delayed due to the MLC election code of conduct, preventing the distribution of rice in the city until now. With the election code concluding on April 25, the government has now cleared the way for the scheme's rollout in Hyderabad. Officials have already started transporting the rice to 653 ration shops across the city. Under the scheme, each eligible family member will receive 6 kilograms of rice. In addition, the state government has initiated a new round of applications for fresh ration cards, with around 3.5 lakh people statewide applying for new cards under the Congress government's directive. The distribution of thin rice will begin in the city through ration shops starting May 1, bringing much-needed relief to the underprivileged.



Controversial Findings in NDSA Report: Construction of Barrages Against DPR Recommendations

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A recent report from the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) has raised significant concerns over the construction of barrages in areas not recommended by the Detailed Project Report (DPR). According to the report, the construction of the Annaram and Sundilla barrages deviates from the areas originally specified in the DPR, leading to various technical issues. The NDSA report has highlighted that the decision to build these barrages in locations other than those outlined in the DPR raises serious questions. Despite the original recommendations, the barrages were constructed at different sites, including the Annaram barrage, which was built 2.2 kilometers downstream from the DPR-specified location, and the Sundilla barrage, which was placed 5.4 kilometers downstream. The report mentions that before construction, a thorough study of geological and geotechnical aspects should have been carried out. However, no such tests were reportedly conducted at the new sites. The decision to shift the locations of these barrages without consulting geological and technical experts has been criticized. In the case of the Annaram barrage, the water storage capacity increased from



11.81 TMC to 13.56 TMC, while the Sundilla barrage's storage capacity rose to 3.27 TMC. However, these changes have led to technical challenges at both sites, with the NDSA attributing these problems to the deviation from the original plans. The NDSA report also raises the critical question: who made the final decision to alter the locations of the barrages? The report notes that a meeting had decided on the location changes, but it fails to specify who made the final call. There is

growing curiosity about whether the engineers independently made the decision or if it was influenced by external directives. The NDSA's findings suggest that such significant deviations from the DPR should have been backed by consultations with geological and geotechnical teams. The lack of such consultations before proceeding with the construction has raised doubts about the overall planning and decision-making process in the project.

Millers' Demands Create Trouble for Farmers in Telangana's Rice Procurement

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The ongoing rice procurement process in Telangana has become a source of major concern for farmers, as millers are reportedly imposing additional deductions on the rice brought to the procurement centers. Millers are allegedly demanding a deduction of 5 to 6 kilograms per bag of rice, citing the need to remove the "tarluga" (husk) before accepting the grain, causing frustration among farmers. Despite instructions from ministers, collectors, and public distribution officers to avoid any deductions during procurement, millers are reportedly continuing to remove husks from the rice before considering it for procurement. This practice is especially problematic for farmers, as it results in a significant loss of weight, with reports



stating that for every quintal of rice brought to the millers, only 67 kilograms of rice is accepted, instead of the usual 70 kilograms. Farmers argue that the excessive heat has caused rice to lose moisture, resulting in decreased weight, and that millers' insistence on husking the rice before weighing it only adds to their losses. They also point out that the lack of proper coordination between the procurement centers and the

availability of transport vehicles is further delaying the entire process. The state government set a target of collecting 75 lakh metric tons of rice this season. So far, 7.60 lakh metric tons have been procured, including 5.10 lakh metric tons of thin rice and 2.50 lakh metric tons of coarse variety. The procurement is expected to continue until June 30, with around 7,500 centers operational across the state. However,

many farmers are complaining that the lack of proper bags, along with the removal of husks, is causing delays in the procurement process. Farmers have also warned that if these unfair practices continue, they may refuse to supply rice to the government centers. Reports indicate that in several regions, including Khammam, Suryapet, Kamareddy, Gadwal, and Wanaparthy, there has been a shortage of gunny bags, which is further delaying the procurement and causing distress among farmers who are already dealing with the aftermath of untimely rains. Farmers are urging the government to take immediate action to address the issues of unjust deductions and inadequate resources at the procurement centers to ensure a smooth and fair process for all stakeholders involved.

Unseasonal Rains Destroy Rice Stocks in Nalgonda, Farmers in Distress

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Unseasonal rains in the Nalgonda district have caused widespread damage to the harvested rice stocks, leaving farmers in distress. As farmers eagerly awaited the sale of their crops, heavy rainfall in several regions of the erstwhile Nalgonda district, including Choutuppal, Sansthan Narayanapuram, and Bhudan Pochampally, led to their paddy stocks being submerged in water. The rains, which began early on Sunday morning, soaked the paddy in various agriculture markets and IKP centers, render-

ing the crops unfit for sale. Farmers were seen desperately lifting their wet rice from the flooded areas, trying to salvage whatever they could. These heart-wrenching images of farmers battling the floodwaters have since gone viral on social media. The loss has caused immense sorrow among the farmers, who had hoped for a successful sale season after a hard year of work. The rain-induced devastation has left them with no choice but to watch their produce deteriorate in the water, further intensifying the challenges they face during the harvest season.



Heatwave Grips Telangana: Orange Alert Issued for 16 Districts

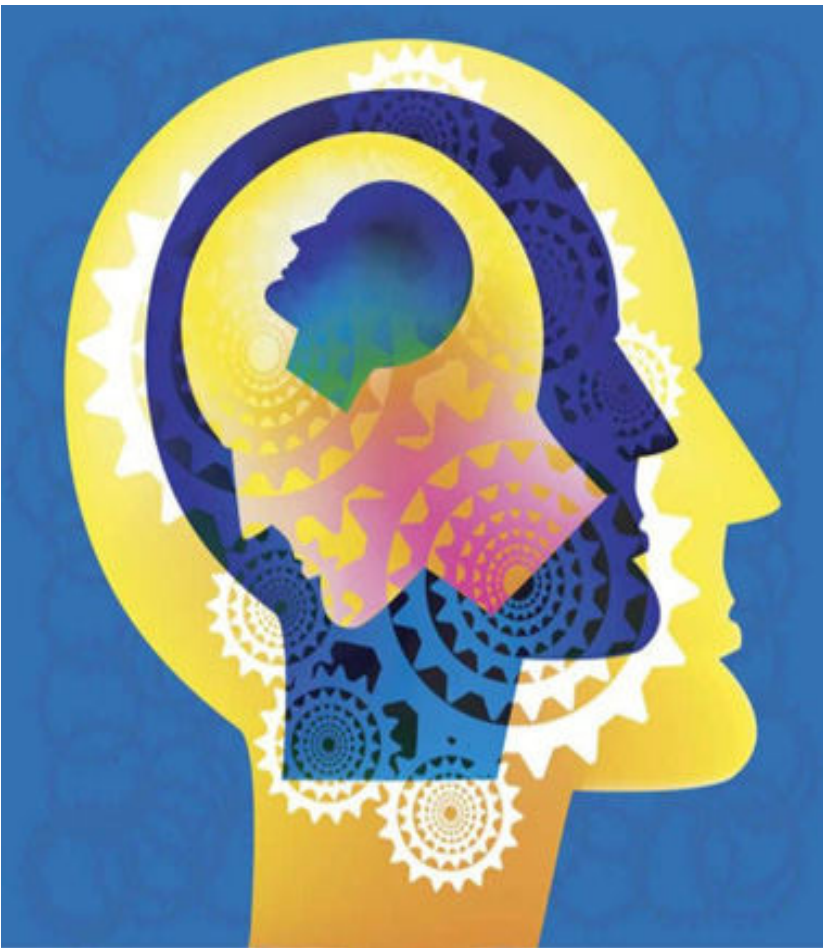
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Telangana is currently experiencing a severe heatwave with temperatures rising daily. The scorching heat has prompted the state meteorological department to issue an Orange Alert for 16 districts, advising residents to take necessary precautions. The affected districts include Adilabad, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Bhopalpal, Jagityal, Karimnagar, Khammam, Asifabad, Mancherial, Mahabubabad, Mulugu, Nalgonda, Nirmal, Peddapalli, Nizamabad, Sircilla, Rangareddy, and Suryapet. The weather department has warned that the heat will persist for the next five days, urging people in these areas to remain cautious and take steps to stay hydrated. For the remain-

ing districts, a Yellow Alert has been issued, suggesting slight changes in temperature, with the possibility of a slight reduction in the heat in some regions.



In an unpredictable turn, sudden weather changes have also been observed, with unexpected rain showers occurring in some parts, adding to the uncertainty of the situation. People are advised to stay updated on weather conditions and follow safety guidelines during this intense heatwave.



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



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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.

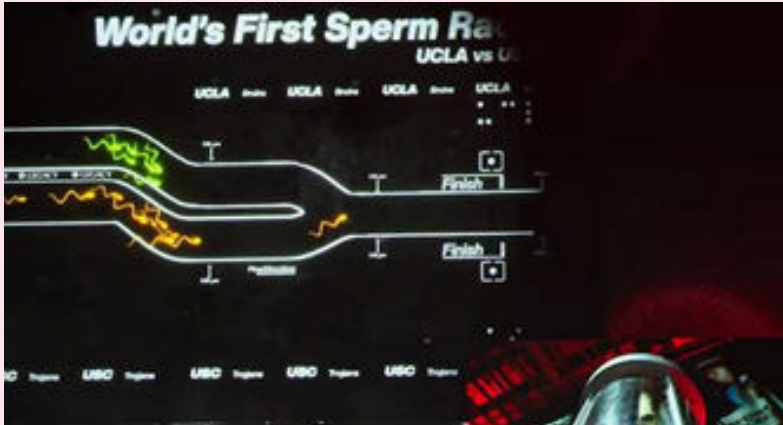
LA Students Organize World's First Sperm Race

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.

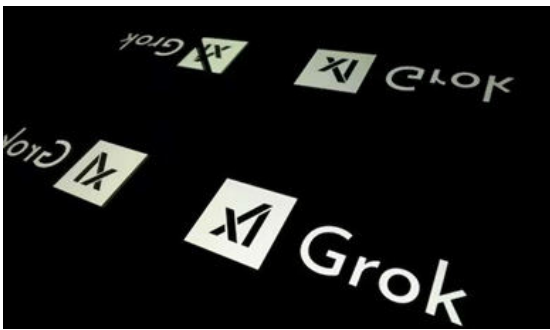
Zhu said he was inspired by studies suggesting that sperm counts have halved globally in the past 50 years, warning of a "dystopian future where no one can make babies." However, he distanced himself from the pro-natalist movement tied to conservative politics, saying, "I'm not like an Elon Musk who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

ran'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.

